



LING MOOR

A PRIORY ACADEMY

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October is always a wonderful month at the Academy as the children settle into their new routines and become familiar with the expectations of them as they change year group. We are delighted with the start the pupils have made to the academic year. The children's work ethic, focus and behaviour is simply amazing. It promises to be a year full of outstanding progress, high quality learning and lots of fun!

Our Year 6 pupils really set the tone at the start of the year and they have quickly become the important role models that the Academy needs them to be. Their recent visit to the International Bomber Command memorial was a highlight of their learning so far and we were delighted that the staff at the memorial took time to praise them publicly for their behaviour, empathy and focus. This means so much to the Academy and it shows that they really understand what it means to be part of the Ling Moor Family and the local community.

We are also really pleased with our new Foundation Stage children who have settled in so well.

They are full of independence, engagement and enquiry – a super bunch who are really thriving.

The Year 5 children had a wonderful visit from the Tudor pedlar who shared a range of artefacts from the Tudor period. They found it fascinating learning about this period of history. They are following up the Tudor pedlar with a visit to Gainsborough Old Hall.

We hope that you were impressed with the quality of the children's learning that was on show at parent's evening. Thank you for attending.

Reading, reading, reading

We cannot stress the importance of regular reading enough. Reading is the highest priority in the Academy this year and we want to make sure that all of the children have a passion for reading, love of books and an ability to read some rather challenging texts. We have released extra funds to improve the reading areas in each classroom and ensure that the books available are the best they can be. At the upcoming parents evening, please do talk to

your child's teacher about the reading expectations.

In Key Stage 2 the children should be accessing MyBookBlog – please make sure that your child is doing this and we recommend at least 15 minutes of reading every day.

In Key Stage 1 the children should be bringing books home regularly and we would please ask you to listen to them read every evening. Some children in Year 2 will move onto MyBookBlog through the course of the year.

Ling Moor Parliament

The Academy has had a thriving school council for many years and it has acted as a wonderful vehicle for the children's voice in how we can make the Academy better. This year we have decided to give the children a greater voice by launching the Ling Moor Parliament. Elections have already taken place and those elected are now organising themselves into their various ministerial roles. We are hoping that this gives the children access to a real understanding of how democracy works.

Friends of Ling Moor

We are delighted to be teaming up with the Friends of Ling Moor to raise funds for another exciting new project that will enhance the learning for all of the children at the Academy. Last year, the Friends group raised an amazing £4000 to fund the outdoor play equipment on the Key Stage 2 playground. This year we are aiming for the same amount to help fund an outdoor classroom that will go next to the pond area. This will give the children the perfect place to learn outside, explore the habitats provided and experience such things as den building and fire lighting (we are already planning marshmallow moments!). It will provide an excellent space for us to fulfil our new curriculum. Please support them.

Upcoming Friends dates:

Disco – 21st November.



Christmas Fayre – Monday 16th December after school.

Open Afternoon & Evening

We will once again be opening the doors to families of those children who will be starting reception in September 2020 for them to visit Ling Moor. Our open afternoon and evening is on the 6th November. The afternoon session will run from 1.30pm to 3.00pm with the evening from 5pm to 7pm. Please spread the word to any friends, family or members of the local community. We are also able to show families around the academy during the school day by appointment.

Aldi sports stickers

Thank you to those of you who have already sent in the Aldi sports stickers. If we complete our chart, we are guaranteed a new sports kit for the school and also a chance of winning twenty thousand pounds. If you spend over £30, please do ask for the stickers at the checkout.

Food Ordering

Please can you ensure that food orders for the school lunches are placed on time. The kitchen is an increasingly popular choice for our families but we are struggling to process late orders – there simply is not enough time to order the food and have it delivered if orders are not received on time. We appreciate your support with this.

FSM

Please do check whether you are able to claim a Free School Meal (FSM) for your child. All children in Key Stage 1 are entitled to a free meal, but we would urge you to still check the link as it can provide the Academy with access to increased funding that benefits the outcomes of the children.

<https://lcc.cloud.servelec-synergy.com/parentportal>

The link can also be found on the Academy's website.

Twitter and email

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