



11TH SEPTEMBER 2020

NEWSLETTER

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Dates for your Diary

Wednesday, 16th September

WELCOME EVENINGS VIA ZOOM

Full details send from each school separately

26th October - 30th October 2020

HALF TERM - No School

Friday 18th December

END OF TERM - EARLY CLOSURE FOR PUPILS

Monday, 4th January 2021

STAFF INSET DAY

Tuesday, 5th January 2021

PUPILS RETURN TO SCHOOL FOR THE SPRING TERM

15th - 19th February 2021

SPRING HALF TERM - No School

Wednesday, 31st March

END OF TERM - EARLY CLOSURE FOR PUPILS

Monday, 19th April

STAFF INSET DAY

Tuesday, 20th April

PUPILS RETURN TO SCHOOL FOR THE SUMMER TERM

Monday, 3rd April

BANK HOLIDAY - NO SCHOOL

31st May - 4th June 2021

SUMMER HALF TERM - No School

Wednesday, 21st July 2021

END OF TERM - EARLY CLOSURE FOR PUPILS

A Message from Sandy

With the first full week behind us, I am happy to advise that pupils across both schools have settled well.

I have taken the opportunity to complete learning walks in both provisions and in every class I visited, I witnessed our young learners on task.

Learning Walks are something I undertake regularly with the Senior Leadership Team of each school. They are a way of ensuring all our learners are receiving the best possible provision, enabling them to progress.

Our **Welcome Evening** for both schools is being held next week - **Wednesday, 16th September**. By now you should have received details of timings. Due to the current climate, this year our welcome is being held virtually and links to the meetings will be sent to you early next week.

Please make every effort to link up and join the meetings, as they will be very valuable - you will be able to meet your child's class teams, learn more about what we are about and also how you are able to support your child in their learning.

Our holistic, empathetic approach and team work between parents and school will aid your child's progress, making sure they not only achieve their full potential, but any barriers they have today, will be overcome to make a brighter tomorrow.

Sandy

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING AT THE LINK?

Over the summer break, the primary school had a bit of a facelift. Our older part of the building has boasts new windows, doors, soffits and cladding. This new look makes the building look far more uniform and up-to-date.

Acorn Class had a new trampoline installed, which is already being enjoyed and used on a regular basis!

Our sensory garden underwent a transformation and thanks to Emma and Lesley's hard work, now provides a wonderful environment for all our children to explore.



Major works have commenced at both schools, updating our IT network and infrastructure.

GENERAL INFORMATION

All parents and carers in both schools have now been added to ParentMail. This is the quickest and most cost-effective way for the school to contact you. We would encourage you to check your ParentMail messages daily and if you have any problems with the system, please do call the school offices - Secondary School 020 8668 7691 and Primary School 020 86885239.

If reporting your child's absence, you will need to phone the school office before 8.40am on **each day** of absence. This is the preferred method, in case our IT system goes down and we are unable to access emails or parentmail.

We would ask that emails regarding lunches/absence and other general enquiries are directed to the school offices and not to teachers or SSAs.

admin@linksec.org.uk - Secondary
office@linkprim.org.uk - Primary

For more confidential messages or messages for the Senior Leadership team, please contact
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If you have a message for the class teacher/SSA regarding homework or class related matters etc, we would encourage you to write in your child's home/school diary.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW STAFF AT THE SECONDARY SCHOOL

Jasmine Cardow
Yates Class Teacher



Jasmine has been working with children for the last 10 years and enjoys seeing the progress they make. She is excited to have join The Link and already feels lucky to be part of such a warm and welcoming community. She is looking forward to exploring a variety of subjects with Yates Class.

Sian Jones
English Teacher



Sian brings with her a wealth of experience. Before joining The Link she work in a large further education college teaching GCSE English language and literature. Having taught Functional Skills literacy at all levels in both mainstream and supported learning environments, she is also CELTA trained, which will help students who learn English as a second or additional language.

Sian's passion for language comes from her love of travel, immersing herself into different cultures and diverse literature, which has allowed her to collect lots of interesting and exciting stories, many of which she is looking forward to sharing with her students.

Sian is enjoying getting to know Wood Class as her tutor group, as well as the wider school community, who she says could not have been more welcoming.

Charlie Norman
Speech & Language Therapist



It is lovely to welcome Charlie back after maternity leave. She has been working the secondary school since 2013.

She will be working with Fuller and Weir Classes for individual therapy sessions and other classes through the Access curriculum.

Charlie said she is really excited to be back working with many new and some old faces - many who are towering over her now!

Sarah Emberson

SSA



Sarah started working at the Link Secondary School in September 2015. Last year, she came to work in Hazel Class at the Primary school and soon became a firm favourite amongst both children and staff.

Sarah says she really enjoyed her time at the Primary and is now happy to be back working at the Secondary in a brand new class.

Tremayne Yarde,

SSA



Tremayne is already well known at the secondary school and is thrilled to be joining us as a full-time member of our team.

Tremayne has a love of learning, in particular History and English. She also loves the outdoors and in her spare time volunteers for the South West London Arm Cadets. She feels this gives her an opportunity to give back to the community and help to make a difference in the lives of young people, inspiring and helping to lead them to achieve things they would never have thought possible.

Susan McFadden
SSA



Susan joins us in Weir Class. She has worked in various settings ranging from mainstream primary school to 16+ colleges. She has a BA in Communication and Law and a Level 3 Teaching Assistant Certificate.

She has been working with students with additional needs since 2016.

Ash Reece
SSA



Asha is really enjoying working in Tomlin Class.

Her passion for drama and applied theatre has led to her running a theatre company, which fills her time outside of working hours,.

Swimming, sports and art are also some of her interests.

Andrea Bonitto
SSA



Andrea has worked within education for the past 7 years. She is excited about her new role and following the warm welcome she has received, is looking forward to working with students and staff.



Shaun Marshall
SSA



In her previous role, as a social worker, she predominantly supported children and families with special educational needs.

Although, only a few days into the term, Patricia loves how each member of staff has spoken about the students in such a positive way.

Shaun previously worked as a therapy assistant within a neurological therapy team, working mainly in the early years and SEN schools.

Caroline Tracey
Lunchtime Supervisor



After 14 years, she decided she wanted to move into education and is looking forward to fusing her skill sets and bringing education, therapy and creativity together.

Patricia Coneelly
SSA

Caroline is delighted to be working at The Link.

Patricia will be based in Tomlin Class and is looking forward to getting to know the students on a more individual basis over the coming year,

She has worked with children for 10 years and has over 20 years experience of SEN. Her passions include travelling.

Natalie Smith
Administration Assistant



And last, but definitely not least, we welcome Natalie, the new Admin Assistant in the school office, who we are sure will become very familiar to you all!

Prior to a career break, raising her family, Natalie worked in a school environment for 5 years.

She is really looking forward to working at The Link and getting to know everyone and all the students.

With a love for anything arty, crafty, baking and cooking, she has promised to bring in some bakes throughout the year.

Next week we will introduce the new staff at the primary school.

OUR WELLBEING THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

This week's thought for the week comes from Caroline, one of our therapists at the secondary school.



AND FINALLY ...

Always keen to celebrate achievement, Sandy was very honoured to share the first 'Hot Chocolate Friday' at the secondary school with this week's winners.

Vipul was our student winner (School Value of Positivity) - for always trying his best in all lessons. Jo S was our staff winner (School Value of Kindness) - for being proactive in support of the new morning and afternoon routine for the students, ensuring this has run smoothly and quickly.

