



# Newsletter

Issue 1 – January 2015

## THE JOURNEY BEGINS - LACE HILL ACADEMY

Happy New Year and welcome to Lace Hill Academy's first ever newsletter!

### Headteacher Appointed!



We are delighted to announce that Mr. Gareth Griffiths has been appointed Headteacher of Lace Hill Academy and will join the Trust in April 2015. We asked him to write a few paragraphs about himself:

I have been teaching for 13 years and have greatly enjoyed my career. I was born and raised in South-East London before moving to Bedfordshire for university. I trained at DeMontfort University, Bedford where I graduated with a BEd Honours degree with QTS, specialising in Science and PE.

During my career I have worked in a variety of primary schools of differing sizes from 120-850 pupils. For the last 6 years I have held senior leadership roles; I am currently Deputy Headteacher of a large junior school in Milton Keynes.

I feel enormously privileged to have

been appointed to the post of Headteacher of Lace Hill Academy and as part of the BMET team. I'm looking forward to meeting all the pupils and their families in the upcoming months as we work in partnership to shape the future of education within the Windsor Park community.

### Wrap-around Care Confirmed!

We can now confirm that Lace Hill will offer before and after school care from day one of the Autumn term. Our provision will supply endless fun and excitement in a safe and secure environment.

Children will be able to relax and enjoy creative and stimulating activities in a friendly, disciplined, safe and relaxed atmosphere. We will provide structured activities for all ages and daily feedback to our parents at an affordable price.

### Build Update ... progressing nicely

The build is progressing nicely with the foundations currently being laid and steels due to arrive later this month. We'll keep you posted with more pictures as we go along.



### Admissions deadline for Reception 2015

Don't forget to submit your preferences to Bucks County Council by the 15<sup>th</sup> January if your child is due to start school in Reception this September. Bucks CC can be contacted on 01296 383250

For all other year groups including Nursery please complete an In-Year Admission Form which can be found on the Admissions page of our website [www.lacehillacademy.co.uk](http://www.lacehillacademy.co.uk) and send it to [lacehill@bourtonmeadow.bucks.sch.uk](mailto:lacehill@bourtonmeadow.bucks.sch.uk) or call us on 01280 823374

### Interim Governing Body Formed

An Interim Governing Body has been formed to help manage the opening of Lace Hill Academy.

Members consist of local residents, Governors from Bourton Meadow Academy and Directors from Bourton Meadow Education Trust.

Governors had an introductory meeting in December with another planned for the end of January.

## Sod Cutting Ceremony



Construction work is now well underway, following a sod cutting ceremony on Wednesday 12th November in which pupils from Bourton Meadow Academy were joined by representatives from Barratt Homes and Directors of BMET, including Executive Head Martyn Kitson, to 'cut the sod' at the six hectare school site, located on the consortium's 700-home Windsor Park development on London Road in Buckingham.

Children from Pupil Voice and others who live on Windsor Park attended the ceremony and enjoyed wearing high visibility jackets and hard hats as well as helping with the spade work!



## Ismael lends a helping hand



Thirty children from Bourton Meadow Academy were given a special treat when the site manager for national house builder Bellway Homes carried out a demonstration to show them what was involved in building a wall.

The event coincided with the development of Lace Hill Academy and also gave the Year 2 children help with a Grand Designs topic they are doing this term.

Commenting on the demonstration Sales Manager for Bellway Homes, Lindsey Davenport, said "The arrival of the new primary school in the town has been much anticipated, and we were delighted to be able to give the children an idea as to what is involved in building. We all had a great afternoon, and the children found the demonstration very interesting and asked some fabulous questions."

Executive Head Teacher for Bourton Meadow Education Trust Martyn Kitson added "It is always wonderful when children are working on a topic for them to have some practical experience. The demonstration by Bellway tied in wonderfully well with next term's topic, and of course has added to the excitement of the development of Lace Hill Academy."

## What we've been up to and what we plan to do

Here's what we achieved last term:

- Appointed solicitors
- Registered with Ofsted
- Formed Interim Governing Body
- Launched Marketing Campaign
- Built website
- Held information sessions
- Attended pre start meeting with Bucks CC and builders
- Appointed Headteacher
- Met with ICT providers
- Met with furniture providers
- Drew up draft budget
- Established Admissions Policy

Here's what we plan to do this term:

- Finalise budget
- Continue to liaise with Bucks CC and builders on project build
- Appoint ICT provider
- Appoint furniture provider
- Continue to market Lace Hill Academy
- Monitor admissions
- Begin to develop key policies, procedures and strategic plans
- Continually monitor progress against project plan

## Further Information

If you would like to find out more about Lace Hill Academy please visit our website at

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