



Newsletter

30 June 2016

Message from the Headteacher

Last week we held our first school trip. The children had a wonderful trip to Woburn Safari Park, where they displayed good behaviour and a great level of knowledge about all the animals they saw. I'm sure your child has told you all about the day. The staff were very proud of the children. We have been working hard over the last few weeks and the children have continued to develop their knowledge, skills and understanding in a variety of curriculum areas. We are currently writing the children's school reports ready for the end of the academic year. I'm sure you are very impressed, as I am, at how much more confident the children have become over the year as well as knowledgeable about so many things!

I am delighted to announce that Miss Tracey Adams has been appointed as our Catering Assistant. She will be serving the children their lunch each day and will be supported by the team of Teaching Assistants who have previously been carrying out this role. This is a great development for the staff team and the children at Lace Hill Academy.

Safety on site

Please can we remind parents that children are not to ride their bikes and scooters on the school site for the safety of all the children. Once the children are inside the green fence line, they need to walk and push their scooter or bike to the storage area. This will enable all of the site users to stay safe. Thank you for your cooperation.

Diary dates

- Monday 11th July 6pm** – Formal Welcome meeting for parents with new class teachers
- Tuesday 12th July AM** – Transition morning for children to meet their new teachers
- Friday 15th July AM** – Sports day (more details to follow)
- Tuesday 19th July AM** – *Reserve Sports day in case of bad weather*
- Wednesday 20th July 2:45pm** – Welcome Picnic (more details to follow)
- Thursday 21st July** – Last day of the academic year

Congratulations to...

A big well done to the following children for achieving nominations in their classes Golden Books.

Reception

- Anchal
- Laila
- Eryn
- Phoebe
- Pandora
- Liliana

Year 1 & 2

- Jessica
- Veronica
- Hayden
- Imogen
- Connor
- Ruby

Sports Day –Request

Please can children have a pair of trainers to wear for sports day.

Parentmail – Update

As detailed in the letter sent out on Monday 27th June We will be upgrading to PMX – ParentMail's latest platform. The benefits to this are that we now have more applications to use, meaning we can use ParentMail for Forms, Permissions and Payments. More details will follow.

Nursery News

We say a warm welcome to our new volunteer, Miss King who will be working with us until the end of term. Miss King is currently a student at Nottingham Trent University about to embark on her final year before training to be a teacher and we hope she will continue to work with us over the next 12 months. We also said a sad Goodbye to volunteer, Miss Marsden and wish her all the best in her studies at University in September.

The children are currently enjoying an "Under the Sea" topic through their messy play, cooking, stories and craft activities. If anyone has any objects or books relating to the theme their child would like to share during Tell Me Time then please encourage your child to bring them in. The children are really enjoying building their confidence and communication skills talking to their peers.

The mud kitchen and large sandpit in the nursery playground are proving very popular and it is vital your child has wellies in school each day that can be stored on the rack for the children to access independently. We use the outdoor space whatever the weather and so your child also needs a coat in nursery every day. It is important that all uniform and belongings are clearly named, so that we can reunite identical items of clothing with their owners!

The children have been busy practicing for Sports Day and Mrs Toomey has been amazed by their ability to follow her instructions and enjoy their lessons on the field. It would be helpful if your child could bring trainers into school on PE days for the rest of term as their plimsolls are proving slippery on the grass. PE bags are stored in the main school corridor therefore children need a separate bag for their kit.

Parking

Please can we remind parents to use the parking spaces provided. The roundabout is a drop off zone only and cars should not be parked in this area. Please can we also ask that the coach bay near the Nursery entrance is not used for parking as this is a potential risk to our children entering and leaving the school site. Attached is a map showing which areas are for parking. The areas marked in yellow are identified as safe parking areas. The red areas are not to be used for parking. Please can we ask parents to bear this in mind as the safety of our children is paramount. Where possible please can we encourage parents to walk to school with their children. Thank you for your support and for helping to keep all the children safe.

Spare clothes and uniform

Has your child been sent home with a change of clothes provided by the school?

Please can you return them to us please once you have washed them – our stocks are now running very low!

Do you have any uniform that your child has grown out of?

We would appreciate any unwanted items that are still in a suitable condition.

Sun Safety

As we are now getting some better weather please can we remind parents to ensure their child is protected for being in the sunshine. Children need to have had sun cream administered before they attend school, staff are unable to administer this. Children should have a cap or legionnaire style cap in red these can be purchased from T King Associates Ltd at the cost of £3.50 Only prescription sunglasses can be worn

Uniform

Children may wear the Summer uniform – please refer to the uniform checklist if you are unsure as to the requirements for summer uniform.

Please can you ensure all uniform is named; we are unable to return unnamed items to their correct owners.

Head lice Policy

Our policy is to inform only the parents of those children whom we notice are infected with head lice. It is the responsibility of all parents to check their child's hair regularly and treat them accordingly.

We have been informed by parents of the Lace Hill Academy community that they have had to treat their child(ren) for head lice over the last few weeks. We would like to stress the importance of all families checking their children's heads on a regular basis and treating accordingly. Many thanks in advance for your support.