



Issue 3 – June 2015

# Newsletter

## THE JOURNEY BEGINS - LACE HILL ACADEMY

Welcome to Lace Hill Academy's third newsletter. In this edition you can read about all the exciting developments, as we continue to get ready for opening in September.

### EYFS Teacher Appointed!

We are delighted to announce that Mrs Alison Bradford has been appointed as the Leader of the EYFS at Lace Hill Academy. We have asked her to write a few paragraphs about herself:

Mrs Alison Bradford



I am thrilled about my new position of Head of Early Years at Lace Hill Academy. I have been teaching for 10 years at Bourton Meadow Academy in both Key Stage 1 and 2.

More recently I have been a class teacher in Foundation 2 (Reception class). Previous to teaching, I was a textile designer in the studio of Arthur Sanderson and Sons based in London where my responsibilities were to design and colour wallpapers and fabrics.

Art, design and drawing are still a

passion of mine and I am looking forward to developing a multitude of enriching art projects throughout the school as we develop as an Academy.

I really appreciate that starting school is a major milestone in life for both young children and families alike. Through meeting families and children before school starts, we will ensure a smooth and nurturing transition in September.

I am looking forward to meeting all the children and families in the months to come and I am sure I will know lots of you from my time at Bourton Meadow Academy.

### Jobs at Lace Hill

If you are interested in working at the new Lace Hill Academy, we have various positions that are being advertised throughout the month of June.

Please see the Lace hill website to register your interest, view the advertised posts and to download an application form.

So far we have advertised positions for an Office Manager, an Early Years Practitioner and Teaching Assistants.

We will shortly be advertising for other staff including a Caretaker and Cleaners.

### Admissions

Lace Hill Academy will open in September 2015 for pupils in the following year groups: Nursery (F1), Reception (F2), Year 1 and Year 2. If you would like to apply for a place for your child to attend Lace Hill Academy this can be done in the following ways, dependent on the year group.

If your child is due to start school in Reception (F2) this September, please contact Bucks CC on 01296 383250.

If you are applying for a place in all other year groups (Nursery, Year 1 & Year 2) please complete an In-Year-Admission Form which can be found on the Admissions page of our website [www.lacehillacademy.co.uk/admissions](http://www.lacehillacademy.co.uk/admissions)

### Uniform Bundles Available from T Kings

We have negotiated a discounted uniform bundle with T Kings which provides the essentials your child needs to start school, see the website for further details [www.lacehillacademy.co.uk/uniform](http://www.lacehillacademy.co.uk/uniform)



## The Build Continues



The construction work is continuing with fantastic progress having been made in the last month; all the internal walls have been completed. Mrs Bright (Chair of Governors) recently visited the site for the first time. She said, "What a wonderful building, the size of the rooms is fabulous, especially for the youngest children. The layout of the school is marvelous, especially with each classroom having a link to its own outside space." More photographs of the building can be seen on the Lace Hill Academy website, latest news pages [www.lacehillacademy.co.uk/latest-news](http://www.lacehillacademy.co.uk/latest-news)

## Did you see us in the local paper?



Local children were at Lace Hill Academy on the 20th May to paint some welcome boards for visitors to the site.

Buckingham's Mayor, Andy Mahi, was also there along with representatives from the Bourton Meadow Education Trust and Bucks County Council.

## Wrap around care

MIND THE GAP



We have had several enquires about the provision of wrap around care at Lace Hill. We have been working hard with a local provider of care for children to ensure that the children at Lace Hill are well catered for both before and after school. We have asked the company to provide a short profile of their business.

'Mind the Gap' Children's Services will be providing wrap around care for children attending Lace Hill Academy beginning September 2015. Children will benefit from an informal setting where nurture and a gentle yet fun approach is an integral part of the structure. Children will be supported with their interests and will be encouraged to rest as much as engage in play. The wrap around care model reflects the standards you'd expect from a 'world class' education provision. A fresh, welcoming approach which supports the family and its needs, first! Full details are available in the forthcoming information sessions at Bourton Meadow Academy, by calling 01280 469199 or 07584 309496 or by emailing [info@mind-thegap.co.uk](mailto:info@mind-thegap.co.uk)

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

Here's what we have achieved since our last newsletter:

- Weekly liaison with Bucks CC and builders on the project
- Appointed wrap around care provider
- Appointed ICT provider
- Appointed staff for various roles in the school
- Confirmed admissions
- Finalised school finishes e.g. carpets, blinds etc
- Met with various educational suppliers regarding resources
- Appointed office furniture supplier

Here's what we plan to do in the next half term:

- Continue to develop key policies and procedures
- Finalise suppliers for educational equipment and resources
- Finalise outdoor play equipment provider
- Continue to monitor progress against project plan

## Further Information

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

[www.lacehillacademy.co.uk](http://www.lacehillacademy.co.uk)

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