



24<sup>th</sup> March 2016

# Newsletter

## Message from the Headteacher

We have had a busy few weeks of learning, I'm sure your children have been telling you about all the amazing things they have been doing at school. Everyone enjoyed Sport Relief last Friday and there were some wonderful learning opportunities for the children. It was lovely to see so many parents taking part in our 'Welly Walk'. We raised £97.27! Hopefully you have received an invite to our official opening by Sir Robin Boshier on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> April at 09:30. If you would like to attend please RSVP via email to

[kherring@bourtonmeadow.bucks.sch.uk](mailto:kherring@bourtonmeadow.bucks.sch.uk)

Children from across the Trust Academies will be performing at the opening. I look forward to celebrating this special event with you. I would like to wish a Happy Easter to all our families.

## Dates for the Diary

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April INSET day** – Academy closed to pupils

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> April** – Summer term starts - **09:30 Official Opening**

## Celebration Assemblies

Our Celebration Assembly, which we currently hold on a Friday is changing day for the Summer term. These will now be held on a Monday. The reason for this change is that our Year 1 & 2 children will be having dance lessons as part of our Sports Premium funding work.

## Staffing update

We would like to welcome Mrs Gallimore and Mrs Rhodes to the Lace Hill Academy team. Both members of staff have joined us at LHA Nursery in preparation for our expansion to 24 children in the morning session after Easter.

## Uniform

After the Easter break children may wear the Summer uniform – please see the attached 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.

## Congratulations to...

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

### Reception

- Lara
- Anchal
- Eryn
- Lewis
- Pandora
- Matilda

### Year 1 & 2

- Ryan
- Connor
- Theo
- Veronica
- Jessica
- Indee

## Congratulations to...

The staff and pupils of Lace Hill Academy would like to congratulate The Buckingham School for their outcome of 'Good' in their recent OfSTED inspection. This is a tremendous achievement and the inspectors recognised that the school has improved greatly over the past few years. Students are now learning well and making good progress. For more details visit <http://www.buckinghamschool.com/Ofsted-Inspection-Outcome--We-are-a-Good-School>

## Nursery News

It's been a busy few weeks in which we have enjoyed exploring the traditional tale, Little Red Riding Hood and the children have been busy in the children's kitchen baking flapjacks, decorating fairy cakes and this week making some yummy chocolate Easter nests. During our phonics lessons the older children have been starting to blend the 12 letters and sounds they have learnt so far and the younger children are exploring the letter and sound "i" and "n". It has been wonderful to share their excitement and enthusiasm in these newly acquired skills!

Can we ask that all children in Nursery on Tuesday and/or Friday mornings have a pair of plimsolls in a PE bag, both of which must be clearly named. The plimsolls now need to be in a separate bag to your child's Book Bag as we will be hanging the PE bags in the main school building after the Easter holidays.

All children who are due to start in Reception class in September will also need named PE kit as we will be practicing getting changed for our PE lessons as part of our "School Ready" programme. Details of kit requirements can be found on the attached uniform list.

Finally can we ask that all clothing is very clearly labelled. We are unable to return unnamed items to the correct owner.

## Nursery Questionnaire

All Nursery parents were sent a ParentMail last week with a weblink for a questionnaire about the Nursery. The deadline for submitting responses has passed, if you were unable to complete the questionnaire and would still like, please contact the Academy office. The overall survey outcomes will be shared with parents once the results have been collated – I'm sure you will agree that the Nursery at Lace Hill Academy is a fantastic place for your child to start their education.

## 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.

## Happy Easter to all our Families



## Parent questions.....

Several families have asked who their child's class teacher will be next year. At present we have not confirmed the staffing arrangements for next September. We have successfully recruited new class teachers for September 2016 when we will be expanding with our first Key Stage 2 class for Years 3 & 4 pupils. All children will take part in transition activities throughout the summer term to get them used to their new classes for September. We will be holding a formal transition day on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July. Class teachers for the next academic year will be confirmed prior to this date.

## Parent Workshops

We recently ran workshops for our Y1 and Y2 parents. The FAQ's information shared during these sessions can be found on our website [www.lacehillacademy.co.uk/parents-workshops](http://www.lacehillacademy.co.uk/parents-workshops)

## Hall bookings

The LHA Governing Body have extended their trail until the end of the Summer term, which allows the premises to be hired to community members who live on the Windsor Park development.. For prices please contact Mrs Barson, Office Manager, on 01280 823747

## Sport Relief

Thank you for all your support for Sport Relief, the school collected £97.27 for this fantastic charity.