



12th May 2017

NEWSLETTER

Message from the Headteacher

The children are working hard this term. The teaching staff are getting towards the time in the academic year when they start writing school reports and making assessment judgements. Currently Year 2 pupils are completing their National Key Stage 1 assessments.

Thank you to all the families that came to support the pupils of LHA at the May Day festival celebrations held at St Peter's and St Paul's church. The pupils in Years 2, 3 & 4 displayed their fabulous country and Maypole dancing skills that they had been practising during their PE lessons. Within this newsletter is an article written by the pupils about the event – well done to everyone.

It was lovely to have so many Year 3 and 4 parents come and enjoy learning in class with their children last week during our open mornings. The feedback from these events has been positive. Please check the diary dates for information relating to similar session for EYFS year groups – we look forward to seeing you. If you would like to know more about the children's learning please see our recently updated webpage <http://www.lacehillacademy.co.uk/welcome-to-our-classes->

Homework

An action from our Annual Parents Questionnaire was to share the educational research regarding effective homework practices and also to publicise our current working practices.

Our approach to homework is based upon the findings from the Education Endowment Foundation in the Teaching and Learning toolkit.

As a teaching team, we are aware that...

- * It is certainly the case that schools whose pupils do homework tend to be more successful.
- * The quality of the task set appears to be more important than the quantity of work required from the pupil.
- * There are few costs associated with homework, though there are implications for staff time for preparation and marking.

As a teaching team, we have also considered the following...

- * The evidence base suggests that short focused tasks or activities which relate directly to what is being taught, and which are built upon in school, are likely to be more effective than regular daily homework.
- * The purpose of homework must be clear to the children.
- * Effective homework is associated with greater parental involvement and support.

If you would like to read more about our approach to homework please see <http://www.lacehillacademy.co.uk/homework>

Well done...

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

Reception

- Logan
- James

Year 1

- Kane
- William

Year 2

- Casey

Year 3 and Year 4

- Cory
- Satkrit

Maypole Report

On Tuesday 2nd May 2017, years 2, 3 and 4 went to St Peters and St Paul's Church in Buckingham along with Bourton Meadow and George Grenville Academy. The Year 2s performed a country dance and years 3 and 4 performed a maypole dance. We danced in time together and we worked hard as a team. We really enjoyed it and it was a successful morning. *By Mylee and Imogen*



Happy Birthday to...

Anchal, Alfie and Russell.

Feedback

Following our recent Annual Parents Questionnaire, it was identified the areas of the schools work that we were developing and the actions we are taking. The table below is a short summary.

We are developing...	Actions we are taking...
Homework	Publicising our current working practices for homework. Sharing with parent's educational research regarding effective homework practices.
Behaviour	Providing additional staff training to ensure our policy is implemented consistently. Reviewing our policy to ensure it reflects our practice and caters for growth in pupil numbers and age of pupils.
Bullying	Educating pupils as to what the different types of bullying are. Continuing to investigate rigorously all incidents of negative behaviour Promoting anti-bullying initiatives.
Leadership and Management	Regularly meeting as committees and a whole Governing Body to work alongside Headteacher to provide support and challenge so there is an understanding of the strengths and areas for further development in the school.
Responding to concerns	Clarifying for all stakeholders the processes to follow and use when raising concerns. Providing additional staff training when dealing with parental concerns.

If you would like to read more about the Parents Questionnaire please see <http://www.lacehillacademy.co.uk/ofsted-parents-view>

Diary Dates

Tuesday 16th May 10:45-11:45 – Reception class Open Morning; focusing on Self-Initiated Learning as well as Phonics.

Thursday 18th May 10:44-11:30 – Nursery Open Morning; focus on Self-Initiated Learning in both the indoor and outdoor environment.

Tuesday 23rd May 15:00-15:45 – LHA Nursery Play & Stay in association with Buckingham Children Centre – PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE

Thursday 25th May – Year 3 and Year 4 School Trip

Friday 26th May – INSET day. Children do not attend school on this day.

Monday 5th June – All children back to school

E-Safety

This is an important part of the work that the Academy does to keep all children safe.

The children cover E-Safety lessons as part of their Computing curriculum. It is vital we all work together to keep children safe online. As part of our lessons we have discussed a video with our pupils. Please use this link to view the video; <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-nMUbHuffO8>. If parents would like additional advice, please refer to <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>

Sickness

If your child has diarrhoea and/or vomiting they must be kept off school until 48 hours has passed since the last episode of vomiting and/or diarrhoea.

Please report all absences by 8:30am by phoning the Academy main office on 01280 823747. We are unable to accept absence information via email or text.

Medicines

We are unable to administer prescription drugs within the school setting unless the medicine is to be given 4 times per day. The prescribed medicine must be handed into the Academy main office in a clearly labelled small cool bag. A permission form must be completed by the child's parent.

Headlice

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.