



4th March 2016

Newsletter

Message from the Headteacher

The children have continued to work hard with their new learning since their return from the half term break. Everyone enjoyed World Book Day and there were some wonderful costumes; I'm sure your children have told you all about the day. It was lovely to talk to so many families during our Parents Evenings. Thank you for completing the online survey about the Academy, a survey for Nursery will be carried out over the next few weeks. The surveys will be an annual process as feedback is important so we can reflect on the work we do at the Academy. I would ask any parents who have questions or worries to please book a face to face meeting with myself so we can address matters before they become a concern. The overall survey outcomes will be shared with parents once the results have been collated – I'm sure you will agree that Lace Hill Academy is a fantastic school for your children's education and that the pupils and staff are very happy.

Dates for the Diary

Friday 18th March 14:00 – Sport relief – a parent mail containing all the details for this day has been sent home today. We hope to see you all at 2pm to enjoy your child's learning and our 'Wellie Walk'.

Wednesday 16th March 14:15 – Year 2 Parents information session regarding National Tests for the end of Year 2. Year 2 parents should have already received a ParentMail with details of this session.

Wednesday 23rd March 14:15 – Year 1 Parents information session regarding Phonics Screening assessment. Year 1 parents should have already received a ParentMail with details of this session.

Tuesday 12th April 9:30 – Official Opening. Please RSVP to Mrs Karen Herring by emailing kherring@bourtonmeadow.bucks.sch.uk

Staffing update

We would like to welcome Mrs Cammas to the Lace Hill Academy team. Mrs Cammas has joined us at LHA Nursery on a temporary basis until our Nursery Teaching Assistant recruitment processes are fully completed.

Your children may have been taught by Mrs Scott and Mrs Pollock over the last fortnight. Both members of staff are teachers who provide cover when the children's usual class teachers or Mr Griffiths are unavailable

Congratulations to...

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

Reception

- Sophia
- William
- Joshua
- Zach

Year 1 & 2

- Imogen
- Marinella
- Pet Jethro
- Elysia

Feedback

Please could we ask Parents to provide feedback comments on their child's report via the form that is attached with this Newsletter. As this is the first time you have received a mid-year report from Lace Hill Academy and Nursery for your child we are interested in your thoughts.

Reminder

Tuesday 8th March - The site will be very busy at the morning drop off time as Lace Hill Academy is hosting an event for Buckinghamshire Headteachers. Parking on the site will be extremely limited.

Nursery News

The nursery children have had so much fun this week exploring the fantastic Supertato book as part of our World Book Day celebrations. We have enjoyed our supermarket and practised our counting, weighing, sorting and number recognition through our shopping as well as creating a brand new Supertato display in our book corner. The children have experimented with vegetable tasting, decorated fairy cakes and spent time hunting out the naughty peas around school each day.

It has been great to see that one of the exclusive World Book Day books is a sequel to the Supertato book so I'm sure the children will be excited to exchange their voucher for this story.

Can I remind everyone that ALL uniform especially sweatshirts and Plimsolls MUST be clearly named as our sessions are now so much busier and it proving challenging to ensure each child has the correct clothing unless it is clearly named.

Can we also ask that PE and book bags are also easily identifiable as it is difficult to tell 16 bags apart as they all look the same!

Request from Nursery

Nursery are putting together a Maths activity over the next few weeks and need lots of socks in a variety of sizes, colours and designs. The brighter the better! So if anyone has any old socks of any size adult or child sized, any type - pairs or odd ones that would be great- all donations appreciated. Just need to make sure they don't have any holes in and preferably clean. Thank you for your support.

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.

Parking

Thank you to all our parents who are parking in the designated parking bays. This is helping to ensure that the children at the Academy remain safe. We have seen a real improvement in safety over the last fortnight and the number of comments from parents regarding concerns for their child's safe route to school has significantly reduced, which is pleasing. We would always recommend that all pupils who live on the Lace Hill estate walk to and from the Academy.

If you are unsure as to where you can park please see the attached map with this Newsletter.

Years 1, 2, 3 and 4 September 2016

Do you know any parents who would like to have a tour of the Academy and find out about the work we do with the children at Lace Hill Academy? Tours with the Headteacher can be arranged by contacting Mrs Barson, Office Manager, on 01280 823747

Hall bookings

Do you live on Windsor Park / Lace Hill? Do you need a hall for a birthday party or another event? The LHA Governing Body are currently running a three month trial which will allow the premises to be hired to community members who live on the Windsor Park development. Our fabulously large hall can accommodate 120 people. We can provide tables and chairs. We have a commercially fitted kitchen area that can be used for food preparation. For prices please contact Mrs Barson, Office Manager, on 01280 823747

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.