



25th May 2017

NEWSLETTER

Message from the Headteacher

This half term has passed by quickly with the children successfully completing lots of new learning. It has been wonderful to receive so much positive feedback from the series of open mornings that were run for each class. We are pleased that parents enjoyed this opportunity to learn alongside their children. Please find enclosed in this newsletter a short summary of the feedback received. We are now coming towards finalising our plans for the staffing of the Academy for the 17/18 academic year, details will be shared with parents in late June. During next half term there are several events, including Sports Day, taking place; please see the diary dates below for all the details. I hope all the children enjoy their restful break for a week. We will welcome everyone back to school on Monday the 5th June, when the class photographs will be taken.

Feedback from open mornings

We had 59 parents attend these events of which 38 provided feedback. Question 1: What is your overall impression of LHA? Comments referred to the school being well organised and welcoming. The learning environments are calm and positive. The children are happy and well behaved.

Question 2: What did you find useful? Comments referred to seeing how the children learn and then apply their learning. It was felt that it was helpful to see the teaching methods used. Being given ideas of activities that children could do at home was also helpful.

Question 3: Were the teachers/staff welcoming, professional and helpful? Parents felt that the staff team are welcoming, professional, and helpful and that they explain things well.

Question 4: What could we have done better to improve the open morning? Comments referred to the following:

- The session was too short / too long.
- The amount of space available in the classroom for all the children and parents.
- The availability of a crèche for younger siblings.
- The availability of tea/coffee and an opportunity for parents to chat to each other.

Our next steps and actions...

We will review the times of days that these sessions are run and managed. Session times were limited so as to provide parents an opportunity to see the school in operation whilst having minimal impact on usual lessons and school systems e.g. break time/lunchtime. Due to safeguarding regulations, we are unable to provide crèche facilities. We welcome younger siblings to these events also, so that all families are able to attend.

We will liaise with the Friends of LHA regarding the possibility of providing refreshments in the hall prior to the start of future events. For Health and Safety reasons, we are unable to have refreshments within classrooms.

Well done certificates

It has been brought to our attention that the recording of the Golden Awards in recent Newsletters has been inaccurate. We are currently reviewing our internal administration processes. Notification of Golden Awards will be resumed after the half term break. Apologies for the miscommunication.

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/>



Happy Birthday to...

Isabelle, Harrison, William, Neriah, Ella, Luca and Millie.

Diary Dates

Monday 5th June – All children back to school. Class photographs.

Wednesday 21st June 17:00 – Maths Workshop for parents

Tuesday 27th June 09:00 – Year 3 and Year 4 Showcase

Friday 30th June 15:15 – Friends of LHA Cake Sale

Week beginning Monday 3rd July – This will be the last week of homework

Week beginning Monday 10th July – Home Reading books will be collected this week

Monday 10th July 09:15 – Years 1, 2, 3 & 4 Sports day. *Reserve date **Monday 17th July**.*

Wednesday 12th July 09:15 – Nursery and Reception classes Sports day. *Reserve date **Wednesday 19th July**.*

Wednesday 12th July – School Reports published for all year groups. *Optional parents evening for parents who wish to discuss their child's school report **Tuesday 18th July 15:45-16:30**, please contact the Main Office to book an appointment.*

Wednesday 12th July 17:00-17:40 – Welcome to Lace Hill Academy meeting. This meeting is for all families whose children will be starting in Reception class in September 2017 and for families new to LHA.

Wednesday 12th July 17:45-18:15 – Meet the new Class Teacher. This meeting is for all families to meet their child's new class teacher and find out about the learning and systems in the next academic year.

Thursday 13th July 09:15-11:10 – Children spending time with their new class teacher

Thursday 20th July 14:15-15:00 – Welcome coffee and cake. An opportunity for all families to get together and meet other families, including our new families, whose pupils will be in the same class. Further details to follow.

Thursday 20th July 15:15-16:15 – Welcome Picnic. An opportunity for all families to get together and meet other families, including our new families, whose pupils will be in the same class. Please note that during this time parents are responsible for the safety and welfare of their own children. Further details to follow.

Friday 21st July – Last day of term. Parents may collect pupils from 14:15 if they wish too.

Chicken Pox

A number of pupils in the school community have had chicken pox. Can we please remind parents that you child should not attend school until all spots have crusted over.

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.