



# Newsletter

## Message from the Headteacher

I hope you feel that this half term has been a success for your child settling into a new school and starting off their learning for the new academic year.

The staff are delighted with the number of positive comments received from parents, it's a great encouragement to them as they put in many hours of additional work. As Headteacher I would like to thank the staff for their incredible level of dedication that they have shown in getting Lace Hill Academy started as a new school, I'm very proud of their professionalism.

Next half term will see several more developments, building links between the Academy and the local community; a karate club for pupils, a one week Science Fair for Year 2 pupils from all the local schools, a number of volunteer helpers starting and the Academy facilities being used by outside groups such as a Rock Choir and a Pilates group. We will also be supporting charity work by children participating in Children in Need – further details are given later in this newsletter.

During half term should you wish to use the facilities of the holiday club provided by Mind the Gap please contact Leah on

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07584 309496 or email [info@mind-thegap.co.uk](mailto:info@mind-thegap.co.uk). I hope you have an enjoyable half term break and look forward to welcoming all the freshly refreshed children back to school on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November at 08:40.

## Nursery News

Over the last two weeks in nursery the children have been exploring autumn and Harvest and enjoying the traditional tale: The Little Red Hen. We have begun to decorate the walls with our artwork and photographs now that all our furniture is finally in place and hopefully you will all have a chance to see how this has developed when we see you at Parents evening.

This week we have even tried our hand at cooking in the children's kitchen and so far have made tasty flapjacks and bread (just like Little Red Hen).

Can we ask that ALL clothing especially sweatshirts/jumpers are named and that you check that your child has the correct sweatshirts, as we are missing a smaller 3 – 4 year top. If you have lost an unnamed 5 – 6 size then please speak with Mrs Welham or Ms Gray.

We hope you all have a wonderful and restful half term break and look forward to hearing about what the children have been up to when they return.

## Congratulations ...

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

### Nursery

- Kenandra
- Michael

### Reception

- Tayah
- Joshua
- Zach
- Sophia

### Year 1 & 2

- Connor
- Jessica
- Pete-Jethro
- Elysia

## Dates for the Diary

### Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October

- School closed to pupils

### Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November

- School reopens

### Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November

- Year 2 Science fair  
Details to follow

### Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> November

- School Photographs

## Lace Hill Academy Telephone Number

We now have our own landline number. Please use this number to contact the Academy.

**01280 823747**

## Children in Need 2015

On Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November we will be taking part in Children In Need day. The children are welcome to come to school dressed as their hero. **It is essential that the clothing the children wear is suitable for daily school life.** During the day we will continue with core learning activities such as Phonics, Maths & English as well as provide opportunities for the children to take part in specific activities linked to the charity of Children In Need such as cookery in our new children's kitchen. We suggest a donation of £2 for the day to cover a minimum £1 charity donation and all activity costs. Due to the arrangements for activities during the day, the weekly celebration assembly will be held on Thursday not Friday.

## Governors

We are pleased to announce our Full Governing Body;

David Black - Parent Governor  
Jen Bright - Parent and vice chair of Governors  
Andi Brown - Staff Governor  
Penny Croucher - Community Governor  
Patrick Fealey - Community Governor  
Chris Garlick - Vice Chair of Governors  
Gareth Griffiths - Headteacher  
Gemma Hopkin - Parent Governor  
Tom Stephen - Community Governor  
Karen Wolstenholme - Chair of Governors

If you need to contact a governor, please contact the school office.  
[office@lacehillacademy.co.uk](mailto:office@lacehillacademy.co.uk) or telephone 01280 823747.

## Science Fair

Between the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> of November, Lace Hill Academy will be hosting the Year 2 Science fair run by the Royal Latin School. All local schools are invited to attend during the week. Please be aware that this event is extremely popular and therefore the Academy site will be very busy both before and after school.

We strongly suggest that all children walk to and from school as parking will be very limited due to the large number of visitors and coaches on site. The hosting of this event is planned in such a way that it does not impact on the quality of education or the use of facilities by the Lace Hill Academy children.

Lace Hill Academy year 2 children will take part in this fantastic event on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November. There is no charge for this event.

## Afterschool Club

We still have a few places available at the NeeHi Ninjas afterschool club starting on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November. This is for Reception, year 1 and year 2 children. Please book your child's place through the school shop on ParentMail at [www.parentmail2.co.uk](http://www.parentmail2.co.uk)

## Shoe Boxes

Children have come home today with a leaflet regarding the Samaritan Purse Shoebox scheme. Should you wish to take part in the scheme, please follow the instructions found within the leaflet.

## Job

Currently we have job vacancy for a Teaching Assistant - please see the school website for details [www.lacehillacademy.co.uk/jobs](http://www.lacehillacademy.co.uk/jobs)

## Question from parents

Why is the Academy so busy on a Friday? As part of BMET, the Teaching School uses some of the facilities at Lace Hill. This means that approximately 30 student teachers arrive for 9:00 training.

Therefore the Academy site including parking becomes very busy. Should you have any further comments, questions or concerns, please contact the main Academy office.

## PE Kit

As the weather is turning colder, please could you make sure that your child has a pair of track suit bottoms in their PE bag.