



Newsletter

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THE JOURNEY BEGINS - LACE HILL ACADEMY

Welcome to Lace Hill Academy's second newsletter. In this edition you can read about all the exciting developments and see how Lace Hill Academy will be a small school that will offer big opportunities.

KS1 Teacher Appointed!



We are delighted to announce that Mrs Sally Sheridan has been appointed KS1 Teacher of Lace Hill Academy and will join the Trust in September 2015. We asked her to write a few paragraphs about herself:

I feel very lucky to be joining Lace Hill Academy in September. The thought of being part of this brand new school, built in the heart of a brand new community, was simply irresistible.

My name is Sally Sheridan. I am married to Mike and we have two children; Jess, aged 12 and Daisy, aged 6. I've taught for 16 years in all sorts of schools. I have a passion for the performing arts and I hope to help Lace Hill develop an enviable reputation for music,

dance and drama.

I was raised in Milton Keynes before leaving to attend St Martin's College in Lancaster. I completed my degree in Performing Arts and then studied at post graduate level to obtain my PGCE, specialising in music. I returned to full time teaching 5 years ago after relocating back to Milton Keynes. Before this, I taught part time and owned a children's theatre school in Cumbria.

I currently work in a large junior school in Milton Keynes where I am Team Leader for Year 3. I am looking forward to meeting you all in September and planning an exciting curriculum for your children to enjoy and learn through.

Uniform Bundles Available from T Kings

We have negotiated a discounted uniform bundle with T Kings which provides the essentials your child needs to start school, see the website for further details www.lacehillacademy.co.uk/uniform



Admissions

Lace Hill Academy will open in September 2015 for pupils in the following year groups: Nursery (F1), Reception (F2), Year 1 and Year 2. If you would like to apply for a place for your child to attend Lace Hill Academy this can be done in the following ways, dependent on the year group.

If your child is due to start school in Reception (F2) this September, please contact Bucks CC on 01296 383250.

If you are applying for a place in all other year groups (Nursery, Year 1 & Year 2) please complete an In-Year-Admission Form which can be found on the Admissions page of our website www.lacehillacademy.co.uk

Governing Body

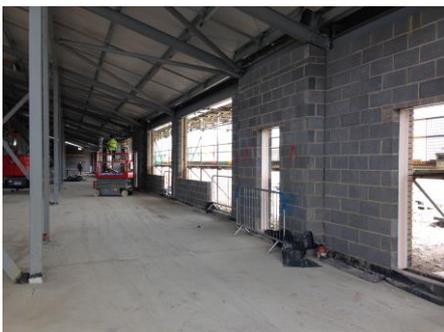
The current Governors consist of local residents, parents of children who will be attending Lace Hill Academy, Governors from Bourton Meadow Academy and Directors from BMET (Bourton Meadow Education Trust).

The Governors met in January and March to discuss building updates, recruitment and staffing, furniture and resources suppliers and publicity of the Academy in the local community. The Governors will hold their next meeting in May.

The Build Continues



The construction work is progressing well. Two weeks ago, Mr Griffiths went on site to view the school build, including the internal structure. He said, "What an incredible building, there is so much space for the children. The opportunities will be marvellous, especially the food technology room and library. Lace Hill will truly be a school with big opportunities." More photographs of the building can be seen on the Lace Hill Academy website, latest news pages www.lacehillacademy.co.uk/latest-news



The classroom designs are planned



We have been working hard with an educational furniture supplier to design the classroom layouts. The school will have a real 'wow' factor to it, with spaces in the school having been designed to be flexible. Each room is being fitted with fabulous and funky furniture which will allow the children to learn in a fantastic environment.

Mr Kitson, Executive Head Teacher for BMET, commented, "The children have been put at the heart of the design. The classrooms will allow the teachers to teach the curriculum well and the pupils to learn in fantastic modern spaces."

What we've been up to and what we plan to do

Here's what we have achieved since our last newsletter:

- Weekly liaison with Bucks CC and builders on the project
- Appointed classroom furniture provider
- Appointed teaching staff
- Confirmed admissions
- Finalised budget
- Confirmed ICT requirements and gone out to tender

Here's what we plan to do in the next half term:

- Develop key policies and procedures
- Appoint suppliers for educational equipment and resources
- Appoint ICT provider
- Finalise plans for wrap around care
- Appoint outdoor play equipment provider
- Appoint support staff
- Continue to market Lace Hill Academy
- Continue to monitor progress against project plan

Further Information

If you would like to find out more about Lace Hill Academy please visit our website at

www.lacehillacademy.co.uk

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