



LANCASTRIAN NEWSLETTER

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SPRING TERM 2019



Dear Parents and Carers,
Happy New Year to you all. I hope that you had a lovely holiday. It has been great to hear about all of the things that the children have been doing with their families. They have settled back in to their learning well and are enjoying the challenges that the new year is bringing.

News...

Slippers

There is a lot of research into the wearing of slippers in school and the positive effects it can have on the children's behaviour, attitudes and the learning environment. We would like to trial this in school. Please could your child bring in a pair of **named** slippers that he/she can wear inside. No novelty slippers please and ensure that your child's shoes are also named. We hope that the children will get used to changing quickly and so it should not impact on the learning time. From Monday 28th January we will conduct a trial and let you know in due course if it will continue.

Homework

Children in Year 1 and 2 have been given a homework book today. They will have learning tasks given to them each week, which will link to the learning that they are doing in school. Whilst this is not compulsory, it will really help support your child to make progress if you can ensure that it is done each week. In addition to this please read **every day** with your child and make a note of this in the reading record. Children make great progress with reading if they read regularly.

Nut free

We have a number of children in school with food allergies, including to nuts. In order to avoid any reactions, we are now a 'nut free' school. Please **DO NOT** send any nut products with your child to school. This includes peanut butter and cereal bars that have nuts in. Many thanks for your co-operation.

Solar Panels

This week has seen much excitement with the installation of solar panels on two of our roof areas. The installation has gone very smoothly and the panels are already in operation. This has been funded by West Sussex County Council and will, hopefully, save us money on electricity.

Bad Weather

At this time of year there is always a risk of more severe weather such as snow. We will make every effort to keep the school open. However, if it is deemed to be unsafe because of the weather, we may have to make the decision to close the school. If this is the case we will send you a text message, inform Spirit FM and post a message on our website and Twitter.

Miss Camp

Miss Camp has had an operation and will be absent until the 22nd January. I'm sure you will join me in wishing her a speedy recovery. We are making every effort to cover her absence but please bear with us in the meantime.

Upcoming Events. Reminders...

Squirrels and Year 1 Theatre visit

Squirrel Class and year 1 will be visiting Chichester College Theatre on 22nd January to see Alice in Wonderland. If you haven't paid yet, please do so as

soon as possible.

Year 1 Infant Agility

We will be taking Year 1 to Infant Agility at the Westgate Centre on 15th January 2019 in the afternoon. **Please note you will need to collect them from there at 3.30.** A letter came home with this information yesterday.

Year 2 West Sussex Music Service Concert

We will be taking Year 2 children to Chichester Festival Theatre on 15th January to a concert by West Sussex Music Service. This will form part of their music learning for next half term. This has been paid for by Friends of Lancastrian. Pupils will return to school in time to be collected as usual.

Pallant House visits

Please see the separate letter that explains about the visits to Pallant House. Dates are on reverse of this letter.

Friends' Meeting

Please come along to a Friends of Lancastrian Meeting on **Monday 21st January at 2.45** to discuss plans for this term.

Reminders:

Headlice

Please check your child's hair for headlice and treat it as soon as you notice any. If left untreated it can become a menace and they do spread very quickly.

Toys

There is now a ban on bringing in toys and other items from home. Please help us with this but not allowing your child to bring in things unless it has been specifically requested.

Parking

As I'm sure you are aware, parking in Orchard Gardens is very limited. Please use our road safely and respectfully. Remember that you can obtain a permit from the office for Northgate car park which is in easy walking distance to the school. Our school council have been doing a project on air pollution and have found out that we need to try and reduce the amount of pollution in the roads next to the school. Fewer cars will definitely help this.

Uniform

Please ensure that your child is in the correct uniform every day. This includes a school sweatshirt or cardigan, black school shoes (not boots or trainers) and black or grey trousers, skirts or dresses. Please also ensure that long hair is tied back and that head bands are simple design **without** protrusions (e.g. unicorn horns!). It is important that the children are smartly dressed to represent the school and to be ready to learn.

If you have any concerns about the school or your child, please make an appointment to see me or your child's teacher. Alternatively, please see our complaints policy which is available on the school website.

With kind regards,
Zoe Gordon

Dates for your Diary...		
Date & Time	Event	Comments
19th December	Break up Christmas holidays	
3rd January	Return to school	
15th January 1.30-3.30pm	Year 1 infant agility	Parents pick children up from Westgate Centre
15th January pm	Year 2 West Sussex Music Service Concert	See separate letter
17th January	Badger Class visit to Pallant House	See separate letter
21st January 2.45pm	Friends of Lancastrian meeting	
22nd January	Year 2 Dance Club starts	More details to follow
22nd January-pm	Squirrel and Year 1 visit to Chichester College- Alice in Wonderland	More details to follow
29th January -pm	Owl Class visit to Pallant House	More details to follow
5th February	Safer Internet Day—parents' meeting	More details to follow
6th and 7th February	Work sharing mornings Owl and Badger Class	Parents and carers welcome to come and share pupils' work with them..
14th February	Languages day	More details to follow
14th February	Badger Class assembly	Badger Class parents and carers welcome
15th February	INSET- break up half term	
25th February	Return from half term	
7th March	World Book Day	More details to follow
14th March	Owl Class assembly	Owl Class parents and carers welcome
21st March	Squirrel Class assembly	Squirrel Class parents and carers welcome
26th March	Dance house 2019- small group Year 2	Details to follow
28th March	Little Big Sing- all year 2	Details to follow
29th March	Outside Learning Day	Details to follow
5th April	Easter WWO	More details to follow
5th April	Break up Easter	
23rd April	Return from Easter break	
24th May	Break up half term	
3rd June	Return from half term	
19th July	Break up summer	
New dates added in red.		