



LANCASTRIAN NEWSLETTER END OF TERM SUMMER 2020



Dear Parents and Carers,
What a strange year it has been! On the 20th March we had a whole school assembly and had no idea that it would be the last time that we would be seeing everyone together and how our world was going to change.

When I reflect back on the last few months, it is quite amazing what we have all achieved. It has been very challenging for everyone for lots of different reasons but I am incredibly proud of our school community and grateful to you all for your support.

Thank-you

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you parents for your amazing efforts with remote learning over the last few months. We know that it has been very difficult at times for you but you have risen to the challenge and we have been amazed with what you have achieved. The children who have been back to school have learnt so much while they were at home- from building walls, the names of plants and knowing how to ride their bikes without stabilisers. Some of the things that they have learnt are unique experiences to this year and things they will never forget.

I would like to thank the amazing staff and governors here at Lancastrian for their tireless work throughout the lockdown. I know that I could not have done my job without them all and I know that you appreciate how hard they have worked for your children.

I would also like to thank the children. As always they have shown resilience, creativity and determination in their capacity to accept change and learn new things. All of the children, whether they have been at home or at school have worked hard in their individual ways. For some, September will bring new challenges but we are here to support, help and offer nurture to all the children in our care.

Year 2

This year has been especially hard for our Year 2 children. I am so glad we were able to see most of them this week but it has been very strange not seeing them complete their last year with us as normal. We wish them all lots of luck as they move to their new schools and hope that they will stay in touch as they move on.

September

You will have received a letter this week about our plans for a whole school reopening in September. We know it will continue to be an uncertain time and hope that you will support us if we have to make further decisions about organisation at the school. As always, the safety, health and well being of the children, staff and their families is at the forefront of any decisions we make.

We will be planning a 'Recovery curriculum' for

September. This will incorporate ways of assessing the children to ascertain any gaps in their learning as well as ensuring that we support their mental health and well being. We will base much of this on our core values of Listening, Learning, Caring, Resilience and Friendship. You will be given more information about this in September.

Please note from the previous letter that school will finish at 2.30 on a Friday to accommodate the additional cleaning that is required..

Online Safety

During lockdown, we have all been online more than ever and this includes the children. I just wanted to take this opportunity to remind you how important it is to remain vigilant and ensure that your children are not using the internet unsupervised. This includes making video calls, playing games and watching videos on sites like Youtube. The [NSPCC](#) and [Internet matters](#) have some good advice about this.

The children have been taught about online safety but it is always good to remind them about this.

Parking in school

Reminder: you cannot park in the school car park unless you have a valid disabled badge. You can ask at the school office for a parking voucher that enables you to park locally for free at drop off and pick up times. We would be very grateful if you could try to avoid driving into Orchard Gardens as it gets very congested at busy times. Thank-you for your patience with this matter.

Foodbank

I know that this time has been difficult financially for many families. We have some vouchers available from Chichester Foodbank. If you would like us to organise a delivery please contact me so that I can sort that out.

Please see our [School website](#) for information regarding all aspects of school life.

And finally, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a lovely few weeks over the summer holidays. I hope that you are able to take some family time, enjoy the sunshine and relax together. Stay safe and keep well.

If you have any concerns about the school or your child, please make an appointment to see me or your child's teacher.

With my very warmest wishes
Zoe Gordon
Headteacher

Dates for your Diary...		
Date & Time	Event	Comments
3rd September	INSET Day- school closed to pupils	
4th September	INSET Day- school closed to pupils	
7th September	First day back for most pupils	See separate arrangements for Squirrel Class
23rd February	Break up for half term	
2nd November	INSET Day- school closed to pupils	
3rd November	First day back for pupils after half term	
18th December	Last day of Autumn term	
4th January	First day back after Christmas holidays	
12th February	Break up for half term	
22nd February	INSET Day- school closed to pupils	
22nd July	Last day of summer term	
23rd July	INSET day- school closed to pupils	