



Dear Parents and Carers,
What a busy term we having! My apologies for not writing a newsletter sooner but I am going to take this opportunity to update you with some of the activities and events that have happened at Lancastrian and are going to happen before Easter.

Book week

We refused to let the cold weather stop us from enjoying our book week. The children had a great time becoming immersed in some traditional stories as well as sharing their books. The week ended on such a high note with the Book Carnival and we were delighted to see so many of you there to celebrate with us- so thank-you

Visit to The Lifeboat Centre

Owls, Badgers and Hedgehogs had a great day out in Littlehampton finding out about the lifeboats and the amazing work that the RNLI do. We were very impressed with the children's behaviour on this visit- they made us feel very proud.

Infant Agility and Huff and Puff

As part of our involvement with the Chichester locality Sports partnership we have joined in several events to encourage the children to be as active as possible. The Year 1 children all took part in a fantastic Infant Agility event at The Westgate Centre where they tried out lots of different activities organised by local teenage sports leaders. The Year 2s had a visit from 'Bee Active' last week and were all given an activity bag with some ideas of things they can do with you at home to encourage active activity. On 3rd May they will go to the Westgate Centre to show off their skills and celebrate their achievements (parents are invited to join this event).

Dancehouse and Sing Up Events

This week the Year 2 children are going to Jessie Younghusband School to join with children from other local schools in a morning of singing. They have been learning some songs that they will perform as a school and as a collective group. I am sure this will be a very exciting and fun event. On 27th March we are taking 10 children to perform their dance 'Reach for the Stars' at The Alexandra Theatre in Bognor. This is part of an area event involving over 60 schools on a number of evenings. I am sure you will join me in wishing them luck with their big night!

Outside Learning Day

This **Friday (23rd March)** is the day for our postponed Outside Learning Day this term. Last term's autumn event was a fantastic success and the children loved exploring the grounds and the local area. This time we are going to go back to Bishop's Gardens to see the effects of Spring, investigate the mini-beasts that live amongst us and do some outside maths. Squirrel Class are going to do some active learning linked to their 'Keep healthy' topic (separate letter). All children will need to wear trousers suitable for getting mucky with their school jumper or cardigan and suitable footwear. **Consent has already been given for local walks and covers this visit.** If you have any queries please see your child's teacher. If you can help out on this day please let your child's teacher know.

Easter Service

On Wednesday 28th March we will be going to St Paul's Church for an Easter service. The children have learned some songs for this event and will be preparing some prayers and poems to read. You are warmly invited to join us for this service. Please let your child's teacher know if you will be doing this.

Easter WWO Event

This year we are combining our Friends Easter Event with a Working with Others afternoon on Thursday 29th March. Friends of Lancastrian will be organising an Easter Egg hunt for the children and they will be working together to solve some Easter problems. There will be a cake sale after school so please send in some Easter cakes to be sold at this event.

If you have any queries or comments about your child or the school in general please do not hesitate to come and see either myself or Mrs Seymour.

With warm wishes,

Zoe Gordon
Headteacher

Dates for your Diary...		
Date	Event	Comments
22nd March	Little Big Sing- Year 2s to Jessie Younghusband School	Details to follow
27th March	Dancehouse Event- selected group of Year 2s	Details to follow
28th March	Easter service at St Paul's Church	Details overleaf
29th March	Squirrel Class assembly Break up Easter Easter event	
16th April	Return from Easter break	
3rd May	Year 2 Huff and Puff event- Westgate Centre 1.30-3.30	More details to follow
18th May	May Fair	More details to follow
26th May	NSPCC Sponsored Walk	More details to follow
25th May	Break up half term	
4th June	INSET	
5th June	Return from half term	
24th July	Break up summer	
New dates added in red		