



LANCASTRIAN NEWSLETTER

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AUTUMN TERM 2018



Dear Parents and Carers,
Welcome back to Lancastrian and a special warm welcome to our new parents. It has been lovely to see the children back in school this week and I have been very impressed by how they have settled back into their routines. The teachers and teaching assistants have worked very hard to get the classrooms ready and have created some fantastic learning environments for the children.

I love my role as Headteacher at Lancastrian and I try to get to know all parents and carers as well as the children. I am always happy to talk to parents so please make an appointment with the office if you need to.

I am really excited about the year ahead as we continue our journey of improvement. We have a great staff team who are very dedicated to supporting the learning and emotional development of all children. We work together as a team and that includes all of you who support us as parents to ensure that your children have all the best opportunities at Lancastrian.

Parent Information Sheet

We have provided you with some basic information and a few key reminders - please read this and ask if you have any queries.

Dates

There is a list of dates on this letter with upcoming events this term as well as the holiday dates for the rest of the year.

INSET Days:

3rd September

29th October

15th February

22 and 23rd July

All INSET days are either at the beginning or end of school holidays to allow you to take advantage of cheaper holiday rates where possible. Please note that this year the summer term will end on Friday 19th July for children.

These dates have been agreed with Central School.

Sunrise and Sunset Club

The Sunset and Sunrise club operates from 7.30 in the morning and until 6pm in the evening. It provides quality, nurturing care in a friendly supportive environment.

If you are interested in using the club for your child please contact Miss Camp in the school office or Mrs Clarke the club manager.

jclarke@lancastrian.org.uk.

Class meetings

On Thursday 20th September at 2.45 we will be holding class meetings for Badger and Owl classes. This is an opportunity for you to come and see the class environment and to see what the children will be learning about. Squirrel Class will have a 6 weeks in meeting later in the term (see over for date).

I hope you will be able to come along to these events as we feel it is very important to involve parents fully in the education of their children.

Friends of Lancastrian

Over the years our Friends group have been very active and have organised fund raising events such as summer fair, discos, cake sales, Easter Egg hunts. They have also supported the school in many other

ways. We are definitely in need of some new members so we are holding a Friends meeting on Friday 14th September at 2.45. Please come along and see how you can help to support our school.

Badger and Owl Classes- pupil information

We are updating all of our records with your information. We occasionally need to contact parents urgently and so it is vital that we have the correct information. In line with new General Data Protection Regulation (May 2018) we also need to ensure that we have up to date consent. Please complete this information as soon as possible. Many thanks

Newsletters

I will be writing regular newsletters home. After this first newsletter we will not be sending out paper copies and would like to email them to parents. They will also be available on the school website. If you still require a paper copy please let Ms Camp know as soon as possible.

Bright Starts Day Nursery

We are very excited that Bright Starts Day Nursery will be opening on our site next week. They have an Open Day this Saturday from 10-12. They provide quality pre-school care with flexible sessions. The space looks amazing so please come along if you have pre-school children. If you are unable to make that date but would like some information please contact Ms Camp in the school office.

Attendance

It is **very important** that your child attends school regularly (attached is a leaflet explaining why). Whilst I know that young children catch colds and sickness bugs, and may need to be absent for this, it is important that we keep this to a minimum. Please ensure that routine dental, doctor and optician appointments are made out of school hours. I would be very grateful for your co-operation in this.

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

With kind regards,
Zoe Gordon
Headteacher

	Dates for your Diary...	
Date & Time	Event	Comments
14th September 2.45	Friends Meeting	All parents, carers welcome
20th September 2.45	Badger and Owl Class meetings with parents	
28th September 3.15	MacMillan cake sale	Please provide cake to sell- more info to follow.
2nd and 3rd October 8.40-9am	Work sharing mornings	Details to follow.
11th October 10-11.30	Open morning for new parents (2019 starters)	Please tell anyone you know about this.
18th October	Outside Learning day	Outdoor clothes needed- more details to follow
18th October 9.05	Badger Class Assembly	All Badger Class parents welcome
19th October	Break up for half term	
29th October	INSET day	
1st November 8.30- 10am	Squirrel Class 6 weeks in breakfast and parent meeting	Details to follow
1st November	Year 2 visit to Chichester Festival Theatre- 'Join the Midnight Gang'.	Details to follow
5th November	Sponsored reading week	Details to follow
6th and 7th November	Parents' evenings for all classes	Details to follow
12th November	Owl Class assembly	All Owl Class parents welcome
14th November	Book Fair starts	Details to follow
14th November- am	Yellow Photos- individual photographs	
15th November pm	Whole School Working with Others afternoon	Details to follow
16th November	Children in Need	Details to follow
30th November 3.15	Christmas Fair	Details to follow
6th December 9.05	Squirrel Class assembly	Parents of Squirrel Class welcome
7th December	4-5pm Christmas Disco	Details to follow
10th December	Christmas Play Dress Rehearsal	Parents with toddlers welcome
11th December	Christmas Play—performance 1	Details to follow
13th December	Christmas Play—performance 2	Details to follow
18th December 2.30	Christmas service at St Paul's Church	All parents and carers welcome
19th December	Break up Christmas holidays	
3rd January	Return to school	
15th February	INSET- break up half term	
25th February	Return from half term	
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	