



Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to take the opportunity to wish you all a very Happy Easter. I hope that you have a peaceful and restful time with your children. The children have all been working very hard this term and are growing their brains, expanding their ideas, developing their creativity and trying out their resilience and positive mindsets in so many different ways. The summer term is always exciting, busy and brings with it a hint of sadness as we prepare to say goodbye to our Year 2s. However, before that, we have much planned to stimulate their minds and enhance their learning experiences.

Future Newsletters

We have made the decision that this will be the last paper copy newsletter sent out to the whole school. As you know, school budgets are tight and any way we can save money helps. Our plan is to continue to publish a newsletter every fortnight but this will be posted on the website rather than sent home. You will receive a text letting you know this. If you still prefer to have a paper copy, please can you let Ms Camp know and she will provide you with one.

Little Big Sing

Last Thursday all of the Year 2 children went to Jessie Younghusband School to sing as part of an Infant locality singing festival. The children were a real credit to the school. They behaved incredibly well and sang beautifully. The 'Be the Change' song has become a firm Lancastrian favourite. Many thanks to Mr Murphy and the other staff who helped organise this event to make it successful.

Outside Learning Day

We had another very successful Outside Learning day last Friday. The weather was kind to us and we had lots of fun investigating the school environment and the local area. Squirrel Class explored Priory Park and visited the café and the play area as part of their Growing and Keeping Healthy topic. Years 1 and 2 found lots of signs of Spring in Bishop's Gardens and the surrounding areas and we even discovered some frogspawn in our school pond.

Dancehouse

10 of our Year 2s performed their 'Reach for the Stars' dance on stage at the Alexandra Theatre in Bognor Regis. They had been practising since January and worked hard to perfect the moves. They were amazing and both staff and parents were very proud of their achievement. The organisers of the event were so impressed that they have asked them back to perform as part of the 'Highlights' evening in May. Well done everyone!

Easter Service

Thank-you to the parents who attended our Easter service at St Paul's Church on Wednesday. It was a lovely service which combined our thoughts about the meaning of Easter with the hopefulness of Spring at this time of year.

Easter WWO Event

Thank-you to Mrs Turner who organised our WWO event today. The children have been making some amazing Easter bonnets and nests and using all of their skills to work carefully together. Thanks also to The Friends of Lancastrian for arranging the Egg hunt and the cake sale after school.

Book Fair

Thank-you to everyone who supported our book fair in February. The school made £60 commission which we will be putting towards books for the children to enjoy.

New Governors

We would like to welcome two new governors to Lancastrian. Mother Martha Weatherill, curate at St Paul's church and Victoria Davey will be joining us next term. The governors of our school are all volunteers from the local community. They support and challenge the school in order to ensure that we continue improving in all ways. There is more information about the governors on our website,

Dojo Points

After Easter we are going to try out a new behaviour incentive to continue to encourage good behaviour both in play and in learning. This is an electronic system where teachers create a class page with each individual child having a profile and points being added to this. You can find out more at www.classdojo.com. There is the ability to link with home through this system so once we have set it up we will let you know how to do this.

Reminders

PE Kit- we will be doing more outside PE next term so please ensure that your child has the correct footwear and kit in school.

Attendance- we have awarded 18 children with attendance awards today, which is fantastic. Please continue to ensure that your child only misses school when they are too unwell to attend. If you are unsure then contact us for advice about this. Also please note that holidays in term time are **NOT** permitted and if your child misses more than 10 sessions (5 days) you will be referred for a fixed penalty notice and fine.

Reading- We have awarded 4 Reading Raffle prizes today for pupils who have been regularly reading at home. Thank-you to everyone who is making the effort and please continue over the holidays to read together and talk about what you are reading.

Batons- If you have a Working with Others baton at home please return it. These are expensive and are an important part of our WWO home-school liaison.

Next term topics

You will be receiving more information about the topics after the holidays but next term all year groups are going to be thinking about travel and transport but looking at different aspects. As you enjoy your time over Easter please make the effort to discuss different forms of transport together. As part of this topic the Year 1s and 2s will be conducting a survey in Chichester about the traffic. (This is a local walk and you have already given permission for this). There will also be a visit to Amberley Museum which you will receive more information about after the holiday. Squirrel Class are hoping to visit Goodwood farm as part of their topic.

With warm wishes for a safe and Happy holiday,
Zoe Gordon, Headteacher

	Dates for your Diary...	
Date	Event	Comments
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	