



Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that this letter finds you well considering all of the bugs and illnesses about. We have had our fair share of it here at Lancastrian but hopefully we are over the worst of it now. The children have settled back into the term and are working in all of the different areas of their learning. We have been focusing on 'Resilience' a one of our Lancastrian 5 and thinking about the ways that we can build up our resilience in all different parts of our lives. I have been very impressed by how the children have been accepting new challenges and trying hard to keep going even in the when they find things tricky. Please help by encouraging this positive attitude at home.

James and the Giant Peach

We had a fantastic time when we took years 1 and 2 to see James and the Giant Peach at Chichester College. It was performed by the students and they really were impressive. Our pupils were exceptionally well behaved and we were very proud of them.

Book Fair

We have organised for a book fair at school from 21st to the 28th February (please note slight change in date). There will be opportunities during this time to come and buy reasonably priced books that the children will enjoy reading at home with you. The school receives some commission from sales which we will then put towards new quality texts for the children. Please support this event.

Reading

Don't forget to sign your child's reading record when they have read with you so that they can win a raffle ticket in their class for the end of term draw.

Your comments count

On 2nd February after 'Everybody Read' please come along to share a cuppa and have the opportunity to complete an online survey about the school. We are always looking for ways to improve and value your input on this. You can also complete this online via the link on the website.

Medication in school

Many children have been suffering from mild illnesses, which we can treat with paracetamol in school. Unfortunately, we can't administer any non-prescribed medication as this is against our medicine policy (see website). If your child is suffering from a stomach bug or more serious illness please contact the office for advice about absence. Please note we can administer

liquid paracetamol in school, many of you have given your permission for this. Please make sure you contact the office if you wish to withdraw this permission. Even when permission has been given, we will still phone you.

Visit to The Lifeboat Centre

Years 1 and 2 are visiting the Lifeboat & Look & Sea Centre in Littlehampton on 26th Feb. Please make sure that you have completed the permission form with the suggested voluntary contribution and return this to Miss Camp in the office.

Library Visits

Badgers and Hedgehogs will be visiting the library on 2nd February and Owls and squirrel classes will be visiting the library on 7th February. This will be a great opportunity for the children to get to know about the library and hopefully you will be able to join them.

Safer Internet Week

This is a very important national focus week and we will be talking to the children about the dangers of being online as part of their learning that week. The Chichester locality schools have organised a parent event as part of this week on Thursday 1st February at Fishbourne Primary School from 6-7pm. We have invited a nationally renowned speaker, Alan Mackenzie to speak with you for the evening. Alan has worked in the area of internet safety for many years and speaks in hundreds of schools around the UK annually. As part of his talk, Alan will take away the fear of the technology and make clear that internet safety is a behaviour issue, not a technology issue. He will bust a lot of the myths that are out there and give a clear, practical and upbeat talk with plenty of opinion and advice including examples from the thousands of children he speaks to every year. You will have the opportunity to ask questions as part of the talk or after the talk if you wish.

This promises to be very informative and I urge you to take the opportunity to go if you are able. Please ask at the office if you want more details.

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
31st January	Drama for All workshop	All pupils involved
1st February	Parent Safer internet session at Fishbourne School	See over for details
2nd February	9.05- Parent coffee morning	Opportunity to meet other parents and complete Parentview.
2nd February	Hedgehog and Badger Class to Chichester Library	Parents can collect children from the library- further details to follow
5th February	Safer Internet Week	
6th February	Safer Internet Day	
7th February	Phonics Parent workshop	Details to follow
7th February	Owls and Squirrels Classes to Chichester Library	Parents can collect children from the library- further details to follow
9th February	INSET- break up half term	
19th February	Return from half term	
21st–28th February	Book Fair in school all week	
22nd February	Hedgehog Class assembly	
26th February	Year 1 and 2 visit to Littlehampton Lifeboat Centre	Details previously given to parents
26th February	Book week- all week	Details to follow
28th February	Bedtime Story 5pm-6pm	Details to follow
1st March	World Book Day- dress up a book character	Details to follow
2nd March	Sponsored Walk for the NSPCC	Details to follow
5th March	Yellow photographs- class photos	
8th March	Maths Workshop for parents	Details to follow
9th March	Outside Learning Day- Spring focus	Details to follow
15th March	Owl Class Assembly	
16th March	INSET	
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
29th March	Squirrel Class assembly Break up Easter	
16th April	Return from Easter break	
25th May	Break up half term	
4th June	INSET	
5th June	Return from half term	
24th July	Break up summer	