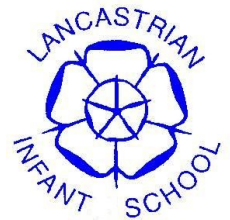


LANCASTRIAN NEWSLETTER

SPRING TERM 2018



Dear Parents and Carers,
Happy New Year and welcome back to school. I hope that you have enjoyed a good festive period with your families. The children have come back to school in excited spirits and are keen and ready to get the new term underway. In Squirrel Class they are going to be looking at traditional fairy stories and in Key Stage 1 the children are about to be launched into a topic all about the sea.

Parents' Evening- missed appointments

If you were unable to make your appointment for parents' evening last term please make sure that you see your child's teacher in the next few weeks. It is vital that you do this in order to ensure that we have a strong partnership with you and that we can support each other to ensure that your child is happy and makes the best possible progress at school.

James and the Giant Peach

We have been offered a very exciting experience for the children in **Year 1 and Year 2**. Chichester College students are performing James and the Giant Peach and we have been given the opportunity to go next Thursday 11th January in the afternoon. For this we are asking for a voluntary contribution of £3. We are sorry for the short notice but hope you will agree that this is a great chance for the children to see live theatre in action. **Please complete the form attached so that your child can attend.**

Dates

Overleaf you will find dates for this term- these have also been added to the school website. We try to give you plenty of warning about events and activities that involve you and your children but this is not always possible. New dates will be added in subsequent newsletters so please make sure that you check these.

Reading

At Lancastrian we aim to promote a love of reading and include many different reading based activities in pupils' daily lives. This term we are having a book week which includes a bedtime story session and we have also planned visits to Chichester library to increase your child's awareness and reading experiences.

To support your child's reading, please make sure you hear them read everyday even just for a short while as this will improve their reading skills. Children who read at home will be given a raffle ticket which means they enter a book raffle at the end of term. The more you read the more chance there is of winning. Please make sure you sign their yellow reading records.

We are also continuing with our 'Everybody Read' sessions every Friday so please try and join us to share a book with your child.

Parentview

We welcome your comments and feedback on the school and would like you to complete a questionnaire on the Ofsted Parentview website.
<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk> (link on our website).
Many thanks. On 2nd February there will be a chance to come into school after Everybody Read and complete Parentview.

Absence and Illness

This time of year there are lots of coughs and colds about. We are doing our best in school to encourage good handwashing and hygiene. Please support us with this at home. Please make sure that you contact the school on the first day of your child's illness.

Without confirmation from you the absence may remain unauthorised. Please also keep any time to a minimum. Whilst occasionally children suffer from bugs and longer illnesses, the majority are able to cope in school with a minor cough, cold or fever. If your child has sickness and/or diarrhoea then they must be kept of school for 48 hours to stop this spreading.

Please note we can give liquid paracetamol in school and many of you have given your permission for this. Please make sure you contact the office if you no longer wish to give permission for this. Even when permission has been given, we will still phone you.

Visits this term

Teachers are organising a number of visits to the local area this term and further afield. These visits are linked to the curriculum and are planned to enhance the learning of the children. You have already given permission for local walks and for any other visits permission will be sought separately along with a request for a voluntary contribution.

Clubs

We are planning a number of extra curricular clubs this term so look out for a separate letter with details for these. Most will start at the end of January and run for 6 weeks. The clubs include; ukulele, singing, Maths detectives, dance, games and kung fu. Some will be available for all children and some may be for particular year groups.

West Sussex Music Service

If your child is a budding musician, please see below for details of a great opportunity:

Music Club is an inclusive music-making session led by

West Sussex Music specialists intended to introduce young children to group music-making in a relaxed, informal and practical way. The first half-term uses percussion instruments from around the world and young musicians then have the opportunity to try a variety of orchestral instruments. Starting on Saturday 6 January, sessions will be at 10.00-10.45am weekly and the cost is £50 per term which is made up of a £45 subscription charge plus a £5 activity charge for the term. Led by tabla and world percussion specialist Steve Morley, with follow-on sessions and support provided by other West Sussex Music specialist staff, Music Club is designed to be a first introduction to music-making and is essentially intended for pupils of KS1 and early KS2. Parents of KS1 pupils are required to remain in the session to support their children. To apply please visit the West Sussex Music website; www.westsussexmusic.co.uk

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.

Zoe Gordon
Headteacher

	Dates for your Diary...	
Date	Event	Comments
4th January	Return to school	
9th January	Open Day afternoon for new parents	
9th January	Forest School for Hedgehog Class	
11th January	James and The Giant Peach	Year 1 and Year 2 ONLY. Please complete attached form
31st January	Drama for All workshop	All pupils involved
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 Safer internet meeting—parents	
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	
19th February	Book Fair in school all week	
22nd February	Hedgehog Class assembly	
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	