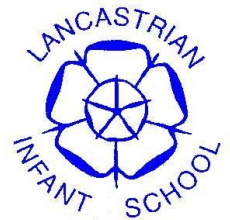


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SPRING TERM 2019



Dear Parents and Carers,
Kung Hei Fat Choy! This week we have been celebrating Chinese New Year in Squirrel Class and they have amazed us with all of the things that they have learnt. If you haven't seen it, the Chinese dragon they have created is also very impressive. Tuesday was Safer Internet Day and we have been discussing how to stay safe online. The children are becoming much more aware of this very important aspect of their safety.

News... Slippers

Our trial into the wearing of slippers inside continues. Thank-you to those of you who have provided slippers for your children. We will be continuing with this trial after half term and would be very grateful, if the children all had a pair. If this is not possible, please speak to a member of staff. By the end of term, we will be presenting our findings to the governors. The children have been very sensible about changing in and out of their slippers and in general it is quieter as we move around the school. Your comments and feedback are also much appreciated.

Newsletter by email

This newsletter should be sent to you by email. We would be very grateful for feedback on whether you found this a better way to receive the email. We made the decision not to print out the newsletter to save on wasting paper. However, if you would like to receive a paper copy, please let Ms Camp know.

Squirrels and Year 1 Theatre visit

Squirrel Class and year 1 visited Chichester College Theatre on 22nd January to see Alice in Wonderland. The production was lively and amusing. The children enjoyed the experience and were very well behaved.

Year 1 Infant Agility

The Year 1 children took part in the Chichester locality Infant agility event. They tried out lots of different activities and were very enthusiastic about it.

Year 2 West Sussex Music Service Concert

The Year 2s had a very musical afternoon at Chichester festival theatre on 15th January when they listened to a variety of pieces played by a full orchestra. The children listened and took part in the event in a very respectful and joyful way.

Pallant House visits

Both Owl and Badger class had the opportunity to go to Pallant House gallery for free last month. The children took part in a workshop and then were able to spend some time exploring the gallery. This was a wonderful experience and it really inspired their creativity as well as developing their skills. On both visits, members of the public noted how well the children behaved which made us all feel very proud.

Online safety- Parents' responsibility

I am sure that you are all aware how very important it is to know about online safety from a parents' perspective. On Tuesday we hosted a very informative talk on the subject. I know many of you were unable to come so I am attaching a leaflet with some helpful information on. The website www.internetmatters.org is a really good place to start looking as well. There is a lot of advice and relevant up to date information.

Some key pointers:

- Know what your child is doing online.
- Encourage them to ask you for help/advice when they are online.
- Go online with them and explore together.
- Take time to understand what they are doing (play games together).
- Know that the internet is evolving all of the time (for good and bad).
- Limit screen time but also don't ban it (if it's banned they will be more likely to find a way without you knowing about it).
- Ensure that they know they **MUST NOT** divulge any personal information online before they have checked with an adult.

Upcoming events

INSET day

Please remember that next Friday 15th February is an INSET day and the school will be closed. We return after the half term on Monday 25th February.

Badger Class Assembly

All parents and carers from Badger Class are welcome to come and watch the assembly. Marwell Zoo
On Friday 1st March badger and Owl classes are going to Marwell Zoo. A separate letter has come home about this. Please ensure that the money and consent form are returned for this visit as soon as possible.

Reminders:

Headlice

Please check your child's hair for headlice and treat it as soon as you notice any. If left untreated it can become a menace and they do spread very quickly.

Items from home

Please help us by ensuring that your child does not bring in toys or other items from home. It is very difficult to keep things safe and they can often be very distracting for the child.

School Clothes

Occasionally, we have to change a child during the school day. On these occasions they might be given some school clothes to borrow. Please ensure that these clothes are brought back to school clean as soon as possible. If you have any items at home that belong to the school please return them.

Attendance

Please ensure that your child attends school as regularly as possible. Our current whole school attendance is below national average. I am aware that there have been many illnesses this half term. However, we also know that some children are kept off school without a valid reason. This is not acceptable and has a very negative impact on their education, even at this early stage.

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 February	Languages day	More details to follow
14th February	Badger Class assembly	Badger Class parents and carers welcome
15th February	INSET- break up half term	
25th February	Return from half term	
1st March	Marwell Zoo	Visit for Year 1 and Year 2
7th March	World Book Day	More details to follow
14th March	Owl Class assembly	Owl Class parents and carers welcome
21st March	Squirrel Class assembly	Squirrel Class parents and carers welcome
26th March	Dance house 2019- small group Year 2	Details to follow
28th March	Little Big Sing- all year 2	Details to follow
29th March	Outside Learning Day	Details to follow
5th April	Easter WWO	More details to follow
5th April	Easter Raffle and Cake Sale- Friends of Lancastrian	
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	
New dates added in red.		