



LANCASTRIAN NEWSLETTER

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AUTUMN TERM 2020



Dear Parents and Carers,
We have had a busy couple of weeks here at Lancastrian. The children have all settled in very well and are enjoying being with their friends and engaging with their learning. This week we have been thinking about resilience and I have been incredibly impressed with the children's ability to articulate their own and other people's resilience. I always think that children can teach us all how important it is to be resilient- especially at this difficult time.
It has been lovely to welcome the Squirrel Class children for their first full week and they have settled in very well. They are enjoying the inside and outside areas and coping well with lots of new experiences.

Upcoming Events:

Harvest breakfast

This is usually a whole school event but this year we will still be celebrating Harvest in individual classes. On Thursday 8th October, we ask that your child brings in a contribution for [Chichester Foodbank](#). (follow link for an idea of what is needed). We will give them a healthy breakfast and we will be talking about harvest, where our food comes from and being grateful for the food.

Squirrel Class Forest School

Squirrel Class will be starting their Forest School sessions on **Thursday 15th October**. These sessions are led by Ms Camp and supported by class staff. We are also always grateful for any parent help (please see Ms Lazell). Children in Squirrel Class will need to come dressed suitably for Forest School on Thursdays from 15th October until the end of term (we will send a letter out about this separately). Fox and Owl Classes will each have a term of forest school later in the year.

Virtual Phonics Meeting

As you will be aware the Year 1 children did not take the Phonics Screening check this summer. The government has decided that children in this year group (now Year 2) will take part in this check at the end of this term. Mrs Turner has arranged a phonics Zoom meeting on Monday 5th October at 5.30pm for all year 2 parents. A link for this will be sent out by the end of next week. Parents of children in other classes are also welcome to join if they wish.

News and reminders:

Corona Virus Information for Parents

We continue to be on our guard in regard to Corona Virus. Whilst the [number of cases](#) in this area is lower than in other areas of the country, there have been confirmed cases locally in recent weeks. We intend to continue to provide learning for all of the children in school as long as it is safe to do so. We will continue to closely follow guidance from the government and from West Sussex County Council. Please keep us closely informed of your child's health if they are unwell. We have had a number of children with colds etc which is perfectly normal for this time of year. If you are at all worried, do not hesitate to contact us and we will advise you as best we can. Further advice can be found [here](#).

Staff News

We are delighted to announce that Ms Armour (who

currently teaches in Squirrel Class every Monday, is expecting her second baby in the new year. I am sure that you will all join me in wishing her well.

Reading

Reading with your children is a vital part of their early education. We encourage **all** parents to read with their child every day. This can be listening to them read, reading together or you reading to them. When you have completed your reading activity each day, please write in their reading record so school adults can build on this vital work that you are doing at home.

Parking

As the weather changes and more people have to rely on cars to get to school, we would like to remind you that you are NOT allowed to park in the school car park (unless you are disabled) or in the yellow bay to the left of the school gates. This is for the safety of all of the parents and children at Lancastrian and Central CE Academy. If you would like a parking permit for local roads and car parks, please contact Ms Camp in the school office.

Face Coverings

In the interest of reducing the potential spread of Covid 19, we are asking all adult visitors to wear a face covering when they enter the school. We thank-you for your co-operation in this matter.

Email addresses

Thank-you for your understanding that we are not able to allow parents to come and go as freely as previously. The children are coping very well regarding this but we do realise that it can be difficult at times. Please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher, the office or myself if you need to:

Ms Lazell- squirrelclass@lancastrian.org.uk

Mr Mac- foxclass@lancastrian.org.uk

Mrs Turner- owlclass@lancastrian.org.uk

Office- office@lancastrian.org.uk

Mrs Gordon- head@lancastrian.org.uk

General Reminders

PE Days- Please send children in to school in their PE kit this term when they have PE.

Fox Class- Monday and Thursday

Owl Class- Thursday and Friday

Squirrel Class- To be confirmed

Water bottles- please remember to send your child into school with a water bottle. This must only be filled with water please- no squash or flavoured water.

Fruit- children are provided with a piece of fruit in school. They can bring in fruit from home to eat at break time if they wish.

Names in clothing- please ensure ALL items are clearly named.

Many thanks for your understanding and co-operation at this time.

Yours Sincerely

Mrs Zoe Gordon, Headteacher

Dates for your Diary...		
Date & Time	Event	Comments
8th October	Harvest Breakfast- in class	We will provide breakfast for the children and ask for a food donation for the local foodbank.
23rd October	Break up for half term	
2nd November	INSET day	School closed for children
3rd November	Return to school	
11th November- am	Yellow Photos- individual photographs	
13th November- pm	Nasal Flu spray	Please ensure you have completed the form
7th December	Christmas raffle- all week)	More details to follow
14th December	Christingle assemblies in classes	More details to follow
17/18 December	Christmas parties in classes	More details to follow
18th December	Break up for Christmas	
4th January	School starts for all children	