



LANCASTRIAN NEWSLETTER

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AUTUMN TERM 2020



Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we have been talking about harvest traditions and where some of our food comes from. We have celebrated how lucky we are to have food to eat and thought about those less fortunate. The children have been very thoughtful in our discussions about this.

In their learning, Owl Class have had an exciting week thinking about the Great Fire of London and how it started. Fox Class have been making their own superhero journeys and Squirrel Class were very excited to have their first PE lesson this week.

We continue to be amazed at how well the children have settled back into school routine. However, we have noted some inevitable gaps in their learning due to the turbulent year and we are considering how best to address these so that the children are not disadvantaged in any way.

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Harvest breakfast

This was a lovely event yesterday even though we couldn't all join together. Each class enjoyed their breakfast and the atmosphere was really lovely. Thank-you very much for all of your kind donations for Chichester Foodbank, we will be storing them before delivering them so that they can be sorted and passed on to needy families.

Virtual Phonics Meeting

Thank-you to those parents who attended the phonics meeting this week. Mrs Turner has put the [Power-Point](#) with information on the school website if you were unable to make the Zoom call. If you have any questions about this, please email your child's class teacher or contact myself.

Upcoming events:

Parents' Evenings

Due to the current uncertain circumstances surrounding the spread of Covid 19, we are not able to hold the usual face to face Parents' evenings this term. This is a real shame as it's such an important opportunity for teachers and parents to touch base with each other. This year we will be arranging a phone call consultation, which we hope that you will take part in. These will be on the weeks of the 9th and 16th November and we will send out more details nearer the time.

Autumn Walks

For our outside learning day this term, we plan to go for a walk to Bishop's Palace Gardens on Thursday October 22nd. This is always a lovely opportunity to see the autumn colours. It will form part of cross-curricular learning as the children will have a chance to consider the scientific changes in seasons as well as create art and English work linked to the walk. We will take each class separately to keep them in their bubbles. You don't need to sign a separate permission form for this as you have given permission for local walks. If you have any questions, please do ask.

News and reminders:

Remote Learning

We hope that it won't be necessary to close the school or send children home to self isolate due to

Covid 19 but we need to be pragmatic and plan for this in case it happens. We have a responsibility to ensure that children can still continue their learning if they are at home in these circumstances. We plan to do this using the Google Classroom platform. This week teachers have received training on how to set it up and we will be communicating to you soon about how you can access it with your child. Those of you with children at Central CE Academy will already be familiar with it.

To access the platform you will need a computer, laptop, tablet or wide screen phone. If you do not have one of these or you know that it will be difficult for you to access the learning, please let either your child's classteacher or myself know as soon as possible so that we can support you with this.

Student Teachers

We have two student teachers from the University of Chichester starting on Monday for the rest of this term. They will be doing their practice in Owl Class and will remain within that class bubble.

Dance Club

I would like to offer children in Owl and Fox Class the opportunity to come to dance club after half term. In order to keep children in their bubble, I will do two separate clubs. Fox Class on Wednesdays (4th, 11th, 18th Nov and 3rd Dec) and Owl Class on Thursdays (5th, 12th, 19th Nov and 4th Dec). We will practice a dance that we can then film and show you via the website. If your child would like to come please email the [school office](#) with Dance Club in the email subject by Monday 19th October.

End of the school day

Please note that siblings must wait with you when they are waiting for children to come out of school. It is important that we try to keep children in their school or family bubbles as much as possible. In order to reduce any potential cross contamination please do NOT let them touch any of our school equipment including balls, hoops and the mud kitchen. Thank-you for your understanding in this matter.

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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
15th October	Squirrel Class first Forest School Session	Children should come dressed in suitable clothing
22nd October	Autumn Walk Day	Children come in suitable clothing and footwear
23rd October	Break up for half term	
2nd November	INSET day	School closed for children
3rd November	Return to school	
4th November	Dance Club Fox Class	See over for details
5th November	Dance Club Owl Class	See over for details
9th November	Parent phone consultations this week.	Details to follow
11th November- am	Yellow Photos- individual photographs	
13th November- pm	Nasal Flu spray	Please ensure you have completed the form
16th November	Parent phone consultations this week.	Details to follow
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	
New dates in red.		