



LANCASTRIAN NEWSLETTER

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SPRING TERM 2019



Dear Parents and Carers,

What a busy time we have had recently. As always, we can't believe how quickly the time is going and that it is nearly the end of term. The children have been making very good progress in all areas of their learning. I'm so glad that many of you took the opportunity come and find out for yourselves about how your child is getting on at our two parents' evenings last week. If you were unable to attend, please contact your child's teacher to make an alternative arrangement as it is really important that you find out how you can further support your child.

News...

Slippers

We will be continuing to encourage children to wear their slippers inside after the Easter holiday. If your child does not yet have a pair, we would be very grateful if they could bring some in. We have found that the indoor environment is quieter and that children being comfortable in their footwear is, in some cases, helping them to concentrate.

Owl and Squirrel Class Assemblies

Thank-you for coming to these two class assemblies that were well attended. It is always a delight to share with you what the children have been learning. Many of them love the opportunity to talk about their learning as well as use their creative talents. We will continue to plan opportunities such as this next term.

Comic Relief 2019

Thank-you for supporting Comic Relief. The children had a lovely day and also found out about why we were all dressed in red. We raised £82.78 which will go to the excellent charities supported by this event.

Spirit FM

Spirit FM visited the school on the 21st March and filmed the children singing, which was exciting. Some children had a chat with the radio presenter, listen to the recording on <https://www.spiritfm.net/features/small-talk/> as part of their 'Small Talk'.

Book Week

We had a very interesting Book Week, investigating different stories and books. The year 1 and 2 children enjoyed being fully immersed in the Oliver Jeffers' story 'The Day the Crayons Quit' and we had some very creative outfits when it came to dressing up as crayons. Squirrel Class read the books 'The very Hungry Caterpillar', linked to their topic and 'Lost and Found' by our featured author. Thank-you to those of you who came to our Book Carnival- it was a really great celebration to complete the week.

Year 2 and the Creative Arts

Year 2 have had 2 amazing opportunities this week to explore creative arts, which is a very important part of our curriculum. Watching the children shine and develop their talents is a real privilege.

Dancehouse 2019

Our dancers were amazing on Tuesday when they danced at the Alexandra theatre in Bognor. They opened the show with their 'Whatever the Weather' danced with an abundance of energy and fun. They were so good that we have been asked to dance again at the Dancehouse Highlights event in May. (More details to follow for parents of the dancers)

Little Big Sing- Year 2

Thank-you very much to all the parents who took their child to Kingsham on Thursday. We had a really fun morning with two singing coaches from West Sussex music service. We sang songs that we had learnt and learned some new ones. We also enjoyed listening to children from other schools perform their songs. Our children sang 'One and a Million'- a song about how special everyone is and how important it is to work together. The highlight for many was the biscuits though! However, they needed the energy boost for their walk back to school, which they did without any complaints.

Outside Learning Day

How lucky we were on Friday with the weather! The children had a fantastic day exploring the local area for signs of Spring and other natural features. Squirrel Class have enjoyed a healthy snack at Fenwick's Café in Priory park and tried out their fitness skills in the beautiful surroundings there. In the afternoon the children practised their working with others skills and tried out different activities in our school grounds. Please see the website for photos of the day and further information.

Upcoming Events....

Easter Events

We break up for Easter next Friday 5th April. Before that we have a week of learning and some Easter related events (even though Easter isn't for a while yet!). We return to school on Tuesday 23rd April.

Easter Raffle

We will be holding a raffle next week for a luxury Easter Egg. Please purchase tickets from the office from Monday. They will go towards our Friends fund, which is a huge financial support in such economically challenging times.

Easter Egg Hunt

The children will be taking part in an Easter Egg hunt next Friday and will receive an Easter Egg as a gift from Friends of Lancastrian. We know that some children are not able to have chocolate and we will find an alternative for them. If you do not wish your child to take part, please inform the class teacher.

Easter church

On Thursday 4th April we will be holding our Easter service at St Paul's church in Chichester. As previously, all parents and carers are welcome to come and join us. We will leave the school at 2pm for the service to start at 2.15pm. You are welcome to walk with us or join us there. Please let your child's teacher or Miss Camp know either way.

Easter cake sale

On Friday 5th April after school we will be holding an Easter cake sale. Please send in cakes and goodies with your child in the morning and they will be for sale either in the hall or on the playground (depending on the weather). We would be very grateful for anyone who could help sell these after school.

Reminders:

School Website

Please ensure that you are checking our school website regularly. We update it with photos, letters and messages on a regular basis. We also welcome feedback about the website so please email or call in with this.

<https://www.lancastrian.w-sussex.sch.uk/website>

Parentview

Thank-you to those of you who completed a parent survey at Parents' Evening. We would be very grateful if you could complete the online survey. Please follow this link:

<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>

Parking

We have had reports of some parents not parking responsibly around the school. Please remember that dangerous driving or unruly behaviour can have a negative impact on the children's safety and well being.

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
3rd April 2.30pm	Huff and Puff Launch for Year 1 parents and children	See previous letter
4th April 2.15pm	Easter Service at St Paul's Church	
5th April	Easter WWO	In school working with others activities
5th April	Easter Raffle and Cake Sale- Friends of Lancastrian	
5th April	Break up Easter	
23rd April	Return from Easter break	
25th April	Living Streets—Air pollution Day	More details to follow
22nd May 1.30pm	Huff and Puff event for Year 1 children and parents at Westgate Centre	More details to follow
24th May	Break up half term	
3rd June	Return from half term	
19th July	Break up summer	
<p>New dates added in red. Please note more dates for the summer term will be in the next newsletter.</p>		