



LANCASTRIAN NEWSLETTER

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AUTUMN TERM 2020



Dear Parents and Carers,
It has been really lovely to welcome back Fox and Owl Classes to school this week. We are very pleased at how well they have settled back into school routine especially those children who had not been in school since March and those who are new to our school. We are settling into a 'new normal' and as always the children are showing that they are very resilient and can cope well with change. For those that are finding it a bit harder there is help on hand to support them.
Ms Lazell and Mrs Goodeve have really enjoyed meeting Squirrel Class and their families this week and we are all looking forward to welcoming them to our Lancastrian family next week.

Dates

There is a list of dates on the back of this letter. For obvious reasons we don't have any whole school events or meetings planned but we are considering how best to move forwards with these whilst ensuring that we follow government guidelines. Holiday-dates are on the school website.

INSET Days:

3rd and 4th September
2nd November
22nd February
23rd July

All INSET days are either at the beginning or end of school holidays to allow you to take advantage of cheaper holiday rates where possible. Please do not book holiday during the term time. These dates have been agreed with Central School.

Communication with parents

One of the key features of our school is that we have been very proud of in the past is our communication with parents. Unfortunately, due to the current guidelines we aren't able to invite you into school or speak to you as easily at the beginning and end of the school day. However, we don't want this to be a barrier to building up and developing the relationships that we have with parents. If you do have any queries, concerns or comments about your child or our school, we encourage you to call the school or email your child's teacher. Alternatively you can email the school office or myself. During the lockdown period we found this email communication essential and an excellent way of keeping in touch. Hopefully, we can continue to use this until such a time as restrictions are lifted. Please ensure that we have an up to date email address for you. Also please note that if you email after school hours, teachers may not respond until the next day.

Email addresses

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

Marvellous Me

Another way that we communicate with you is through the Marvellous Me app. We use it to send positive messages and information about what your child has been doing through the week. You can respond with 'High 5' to say that you have seen it. This was previously very popular with parents. Please contact Ms Camp if you have any queries about

Marvellous Me.

Sunrise and Sunset Club

The Sunset and Sunrise club is back up and running. There are few changes. The children from Central and Lancastrian are in two separate bubbles whilst the restrictions are in place. It is currently operating from 7.30 in the morning and until 5.30pm in the evening. It provides quality, nurturing care in a friendly supportive environment. If you are interested in using the club for your child please contact Miss Camp in the school office or Mrs Clarke the club manager.
jclarke@lancastrian.org.uk.

Asthma care Plans

With the pandemic still very much ongoing, it is vital that your child's asthma care plan is up to date. If your child is asthmatic and has an inhaler, please make sure that you have attended all recent appointments. Whilst asthma can be an additional risk factor, I have been assured by the school nursing service, that if it is well managed then your child shouldn't be at greater risk. Please make sure that we have your child's inhaler in school and you have completed an asthma care plan with Ms Camp.

Doors for entrance

This week we have been very impressed that most children have been in school by 8.50. Next week we are going to trial closing the side doors at 8.50. If you arrive between 8.50 and 9am, your child will not be marked late but we ask that you enter through the main reception door. This will allow class staff to concentrate on interventions for all children that will support their learning in all areas.

Procedure for dealing with a suspected case of Covid 19

Please follow this link for all of our documents relating to this.

https://lancastrian-infants.eschools.co.uk/cms_manage/edit_page/497547

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.

Reading- please make sure that you read with your child **every day** and make a note in their Reading Diary.

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... | |
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| Date & Time | Event | Comments |
| 10th 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 | |