



LANCASTRIAN NEWSLETTER

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AUTUMN TERM 2018



Dear Parents and Carers,
Thank-you all very much for your support this term. The children have had some fantastic learning experiences and we have all enjoyed the build up to Christmas. I hope that you will have a lovely time with your families over Christmas and New Year.

Christmas Fair and fund raising

Our first ever Christmas Fair was a great success. Thank-you so much to everyone who came and to all of the staff who helped to make it so good. We raised £480, which is fantastic for a school of our size. That added to the performance raffle and the Christmas disco money means that we have raised over £700 just in the last few weeks. We are going to put this towards some large colourful placement carpets for the classrooms. These are bright and cheerful and support the classroom organisation and learning.

Cold Toes at Christmas

The children did an amazing job in the 3 performances last week. It was so special to see everyone involved and having fun. We were very lucky that Jo, the author of the book was able to join us and she was thrilled to see her work brought to life. Thank-you also to the staff for all of their hard work in making it such a success.

Christingle

Thank-you to those parents who joined us at St Paul's church for the Christingle service yesterday. It was very poignant and the children were very well behaved. It's hard to sit still holding a lit candle at any age so they did very well.

Upcoming Events..

Squirrels and Year 1 Theatre visit

Squirrel Class and Year 1 will be visiting Chichester College Theatre on 22nd January to see 'Alice in Wonderland'. If you haven't paid yet, please see Debbie in the office.

Year 1 Infant Agility

We will be taking Year 1 to Infant Agility at the Westgate Centre on 15th January 2019 in the afternoon. Please note you will need to collect them from there at 3.15. If you can come along and help, please let your child's teacher know. More details will follow about this after Christmas.

Year 2 West Sussex Music Service Concert

We will be taking Year 2 children to Chichester Festival Theatre on 15th January to a concert by West Sussex Music Service. This will form part of their music learning for next half term. This has been paid for by 'Friends'.

Pallant House visits

Pallant House Art Gallery have offered us free visits and workshops for the Year 1 and 2 children so we will be taking them to visit on the 17th January (Badger Class) and 29th January (Owl Class). This will support the children's learning in art and also further extend their experiences of the city that they live in. These visits are free and covered by consent for local walks. If any parents are available to help, please let your child's teacher know.

Reminders:

Headlice

Please check your child's hair for head lice and take the opportunity over the holidays to ensure that you have treated any current cases.

Toys

In the New Year we will be having a complete ban on bringing toys in to school. This includes games, cards, pencil cases etc. Please help us to enforce this. When children bring in their own things, it often causes arguments and we cannot be responsible for looking after them. Thank-you for your co-operation in this matter.

Parking

Parking is becoming very difficult and dangerous in Orchard Gardens. Please avoid driving down the road if at all possible. If you do drive down the road, please **DO NOT** park in the bay or any of the residents parking spaces. Remember parking is available in local roads and car parks with a permit (available from the office). We would encourage you to park and walk which is healthier and much safer.

Uniform

Please ensure that your child is in the correct uniform after Christmas. This includes a school sweatshirt or cardigan, black school shoes (not boots or trainers) and black or grey trousers, skirts or dresses. Please also ensure that long hair is tied back and that head bands are simple design **without** protrusions (e.g. unicorn horns!). It is important that the children are smartly dressed to represent the school and to be ready to learn.

Attendance

We were delighted to hand out certificates to our 100% attenders today- well done to all of them. Whilst I know there are lots of illnesses about, please try and ensure that your child is at school as much as possible. When their attendance dips they miss out on vital learning, school experiences and social interaction.

Many thanks for your co-operation in these matters.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and New Year. Stay safe and have fun!

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
19th December	Break up Christmas holidays	
3rd January	Return to school	
15th January pm	Year 1 infant agility	More details to follow
15th January pm	Year 2 West Sussex Music Service Concert	More details to follow
17th January	Badger Class visit to Pallant House	More details to follow
21st January	Year 2 Dance Club starts	More details to follow
22nd January-pm	Squirrel and Year 1 visit to Chichester College- Alice in Wonderland	More details to follow
29th January -pm	Owl Class visit to Pallant House	More details to follow
5th February	Safer Internet Day—parents' meeting	More details to follow
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	
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
5th April	Easter WWO	More details to follow
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.		