



LANCASTRIAN NEWSLETTER

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SPRING TERM 2019



Dear Parents and Carers,

We've had a busy week of work and Easter celebrations. The children have completed learning experiences and assessments in their topics and teachers are busy planning more exciting learning opportunities for after the holidays. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff for all of their hard work this term, they are a fantastic team and I value all of their dedication to the children and the school.

News...

Easter holidays

We break up today and will return to school on Tuesday 23rd April after the Easter bank holiday Monday. Please ensure that your child is in school on this day. (see over for further term dates) Please continue to support your children's learning during the holidays. Regular reading, phonics and spelling practice will ensure that they don't forget everything they have learnt. Also, chances to practice their maths in everyday situations will help them to reinforce their learning. If you are unsure there are lots of ideas on [bbc bitesize](#), [twinkl](#), [Phonics play](#) and [Busy Things](#) websites.

Easter Raffle

Thank-you to those who have bought tickets this week. The winner was drawn in assembly this morning. This money will help to go towards more resources and experiences for the children at the school.

Easter Egg Hunt

The children had great fun this afternoon and a visit from the Easter Bunny. They have brought home a treat this afternoon (courtesy of Friends of Lancastrian), which I am sure that they will enjoy.

Easter church

Thank-you to those of you who supported our Easter church service. It was lovely to see so many parents and carers there. I was very proud of the children's singing and of those who bravely read out their poems or said prayers.

Easter cake sale

Thank-you to everyone who has brought in cakes today and for coming along to buy them.

Dutch Students

We have been lucky enough to be joined in school this half term by two Dutch child development students. Chiel (Owl Class) and Richard (Squirrel Class) have been a huge asset in every way. They have supported individual children with areas of learning and been very helpful in all ways. They have learnt lots about the English education system and impressed us with their impeccable English language. We will miss them both as they return to The Netherlands and wish them both well in the future.

Teaching Student in Owl Class

Mr Thomas MacLachlan will be with us for the summer term in Owl class on a teaching practice from the university of Chichester. He will be working alongside Mrs Turner and Mrs Sheward to teach the children. Please ask if you have any questions about this.

Upcoming Events....

Air Pollution Day

On 25th April we will be holding an air pollution day. We will be supported by Living Streets who run an anti idling campaign. Representatives from this organisation will be on hand to speak to parents about this at the beginning of the day. They will also deliver an assembly and work with our school eco council on the importance of clean air.

Huff and Puff- Year 1

Your child has received a free Huff and Puff pack this week. Please take the opportunity of the holidays to practise the activities and improve your skills as a family. Families are invited to join us on 22nd May at The Westgate Centre as a celebration in the afternoon.

Dates

Please check overleaf for future dates and our website calendar which is regularly updated.

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cooters and bikes

We encourage families to come to school on scooters and bikes and there are stands and bike parking available. However, please DO NOT allow your child to scoot or cycle on the school playground as this can be dangerous as when there are lots of other children around who may get injured. Many thanks for your co-operation.

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/>

If you have any concerns about the school or your child, please make an appointment to see me or your child's teacher.

I would like to wish you all a very happy holidays and Easter celebrations. Have fun, stay safe and keep smiling!

With kind regards,

Zoe Gordon
Headteacher

Dates for your Diary...		
Date & Time	Event	Comments
5th April	Break up Easter	
23rd April	Return from Easter break	
25th April	Living Streets—Air pollution Day	See over
22nd May 1.30pm	Huff and Puff event for Year 1 children and parents at Westgate Centre	See over
23rd May	Badger Class assembly	
24th May	Break up half term	
3rd June	Return from half term	
13th June	Owl Class assembly	
20th June	Year 2 Arts Day at Central CE Academy	More details to follow
21st June	Summer Fair	More details to follow
25th June	Sports for Champions Day	More details to follow
4th July	Squirrel Class Assembly	
5th July	Reports home to parents	
5th July	Crazy Hair Day	More details to follow
8th July 3pm	Celebration of Work	Parents and carers invited to see children's work
8th-12th July	Arts' Week	More details to follow
16th July 3.30pm	Year 2 Leavers' event	More details to follow
18th July 2.15pm	Year 2 Leavers' assembly	More details to follow
19th July	Break up summer	
New dates added in red.		