



LANCASTRIAN NEWSLETTER

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AUTUMN TERM 2020



Dear Parents and Carers,
I can't believe how quickly this half term has flown by. Whilst it has continued to be a worrying time regarding the Covid 19 situation, it has been lovely to see the children back in school and doing so well with their learning. I would like to take this opportunity to thank-you all for your continued co-operation and understanding while we operate in a different way in order to ensure that all children, staff and parents are kept as safe as possible.

News

Autumn Walks

Squirrel and Owl Class enjoyed their autumn walks to Bishop's Palace Gardens yesterday. We were met there with a stunning display of autumn colours as well as some late flowering plants to look at and discuss. The children were very well behaved on the walk to and from the gardens and it was a really lovely visit, especially as we were very lucky with the weather. Many of the children expressed that they would like to return, so this might be a nice thing to do in half term if you are able.

Great Fire of London

Owl class have learnt so much this half term in their history topic of The Great Fire of London. This culminated today in their outside learning day and safe re-enactment of the fire. The children (and staff have had a fantastic day). Bringing learning to life like this is so exciting for the children who will remember it for a long time to come.

Upcoming events:

Parents' Evenings

As I explained in the previous newsletter, these will be a phone call this year. We are finalising times that we can offer you when your child's teacher will be available. We are aiming to have some times during the school day and some after school so that as many people as possible can have a chance to hear about their child's progress. Please ensure that we have your up-to-date phone number for this.

Virtual Squirrel Class Settling in Meeting

We would usually hold an interactive meeting just after half term for the parents and carers of children in Early Years. Unfortunately, we won't be able to do this this year. So Ms Lazell and I will be hosting a virtual meeting on Zoom instead on Friday 6th November at 10am. We hope that as many of you as possible will be able to join. We will be going through some curriculum matters, talking about how you can access support for your child and family as well offering you practical ideas of how you can help your child with their learning at home. We will aim to record the meeting so that those parents who can't access it will still have the opportunity. Please save the date and we will email the Zoom link out after half term.

Children in Need 13th November

We try to support this charity event every year and would like to do so this year. Children can come to school dressed in spotty clothing or something Pudsey related and bring a donation for Children in Need.

Remembrance Day 11th November

We will be supporting the Royal British Legion's Pop-

py Appeal again this year. However, we will not have poppies in school but a British Legion volunteer will be outside the school with poppies in the week leading up to Remembrance. Date to be confirmed.

News and reminders:

Remote Learning

Following our first positive Covid case this week, we have implemented remote learning for the children in that class who are isolating. Please see the [Remote Learning](#) policy on our website for further information. We will be issuing Google Classroom logins after half term but for now any remote learning can be accessed on our website and via email. Any feedback on this is always welcome.

Dance Club

Reminder that there is Dance Club starting after half term for year 1 (Wed) and 2 (Thurs). Email the school office if you would like your child to attend. (See previous newsletter for more details).

Items from home

Please remember that your child **MUST NOT** bring in items from home especially at this time when we are trying to stop cross contamination and the spread of Covid 19. The only items that can be brought to and from home are book bags (containing school books & reading records), lunch boxes, water bottles and coats.

Increased ventilation

We have been advised by Public Health England that ventilation is a key way of reducing the risk of spreading Covid 19. Therefore, we will continue to keep the school well ventilated even in the colder months. If the temperature drops substantially, you may wish to send your child in wearing an additional jumper or fleece (as well as a school jumper) and this will be acceptable due to the circumstances.

Attendance

Please note that, unless your child is unwell or has been asked to self-isolate, attendance at school continues to be statutory. We are monitoring attendance and any other absences will be unauthorised unless there are exceptional circumstances.

Illness during half term

If your child is ill with Covid symptoms during the half term and you have to get a test, please contact either the school office or myself by email. It is very important that we continue to know if there have been any positive cases.

Email addresses

Ms Lazell- squirrelclass@lancastrian.org.uk
Mr Mac- foxclass@lancastrian.org.uk
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I hope that you all have a lovely half term. Please don't hesitate to contact either myself or your child's class teacher if you have any queries.
Yours Sincerely

Mrs Zoe Gordon, Headteacher

	Dates for your Diary...	
Date & Time	Event	Comments
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
6th November	Squirrel Class settling in Meeting-Zoom	See over for details
9th November	Parent phone consultations this week.	Details to follow
11th November- am	Yellow Photos- individual photographs	Postponed until 20th November
13th November- pm	Nasal Flu spray	Please ensure you have completed the form
13th November	Children in Need	See over for details
16th November	Parent phone consultations this week.	Details to follow
20th November	Yellow Photos- individual photographs	Only for Lancastrian children- no siblings due to Covid regulations
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.		