



# LANCASTRIAN NEWSLETTER

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### AUTUMN TERM 2020



Dear Parents and Carers,  
The first couple of weeks of this half term have been busy and productive here at Lancastrian. The children have been exploring their new topics with their usual enthusiasm and flair. Fox Class created some spectacular firework art inspired by the artist Jackson Pollock and Owl Class have written some beautiful poetry about the moon. Meanwhile, Squirrel Class had an exciting Gruffalo adventure in Forest School last week and have been having lots of fun with stories and traditional tales.

#### News

##### Remembrance

Last week we observed Remembrance Day. The children made some beautiful pictures and collages of poppies which are displayed around the schools. In assemblies last week we thought about the meaning of remembrance and the significance of the poppies. Many of you donated to the British Legion appeal and we raised £39. Thank-you

##### Children in Need

The children had fun dressing up and joining in with art activities in aid of Children in Need. We raised £77 which will go towards all of the worthy causes supported by the charity. I think this is even more important this year than ever.

##### Staff News

We will be very sorry to say goodbye to Mrs Clarke and Ms Camp this term. Mrs Clarke has been an amazing manager at our before and after school club (Sunset and Sunrise) over the last 3 years. She has worked incredibly hard for the children and has supported the staff at Lancastrian as well. She will be sadly missed by us all and we wish her well in her new role as TA at St Mary's School in Bognor Regis. In the interim before we appoint a permanent replacement, Miss Fenwick will be working alongside Miss Wright (from Central) to continue the high quality after school care that has been established by Mrs Clarke.

Ms Camp has also been an incredible asset to our school. I know that many of you have benefited from her warmth, fun and friendly face when she greets you, answers your queries and supports your children. As well as her secretarial skills, we have also benefited from her skills as a Forest School leader. The children have loved working with her and had such fun being outside. We wish her well in her new role as Office Manager at Bartons Primary School.

We are currently advertising for an Office manager and have someone to teach Forest School so we will continue to ensure that the children have access to this important aspect of our school life.

We are delighted that we have been able to appoint Mrs Ruth Stack who will be covering for Ms Armour from January while she is on maternity leave. Ruth is a very experienced teacher who has worked with infants in different schools both locally and further away. She will be covering in Squirrel Class when Ms Lazell is not there and will also support in other classes.

##### Parents' Evenings

Many thanks for your patience and co-operation with our telephone consultations. We are really pleased with the number of parents who have taken part in

these meetings. If you haven't been able to then please contact your child's teacher to arrange a date and time.

##### Virtual Squirrel Class Settling in Meeting

Many thanks to those of you in Squirrel Class who attended the Zoom meeting. We hope that you found it useful. Whilst it wasn't the interactive session that we had planned, we were very pleased to see so many of you albeit virtually. If the current situation continues into the Spring term then we will plan more Zoom meetings like this.

##### Reminders:

##### Remote Learning- Google Classroom

If you haven't already signed up then please make sure you do. You should have received an email with the login details for your child. Each class teacher has posted some tasks to do on Google Classroom, so if you haven't had a look, please do. have been any positive cases.

##### School Photographs

These will take place this Friday 20th November. Yellow (Photography company) have a Covid Risk assessment in place and we will ensure that this is adhered to. There will not be an opportunity to have siblings photographed together this year due to the way we have organised the classes.

##### Face Coverings

Many thanks to those of you who are wearing coverings when on school grounds. We really appreciate your co-operation on this matter and your efforts to keep everyone safe.

##### Covid symptoms

Please ensure that you report to us immediately if your child or anyone in the family has Covid symptoms (temperature above 38.5, new persistent cough, loss of taste and smell. We will then be able to advise you of the actions that you will need to take.

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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

	<b>Dates for your Diary...</b>	
<b>Date &amp; Time</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Comments</b>
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 regluations
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.		