



LANCASTRIAN NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Carers,
I can't believe that this term is coming to a close and that this will be the last newsletter that I write as Headteacher of Lancastrian Infant School. It has been my honour to lead the school over the last four years and I am so proud of what we have all achieved together. I have loved working with your children seeing them grow and develop into independent learners is always one of the highlights of my job. The children always amaze us and I know that they will go onto 'reach for the stars' and be absolutely amazing. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your support for our school. A school is only successful if we all work together and I feel that we have really managed that. Of course I also want to thank all of the amazing staff and governors that I have worked with here at Lancastrian both past and present. Their dedication, support and care for the children has been invaluable in making the school the success that it is today. I know that the school is in safe hands and that Mrs Hardy and the team will go on to achieve more fantastic things in the future. I wish them all well in their endeavours.

News and upcoming events

DCAT conversion

This conversion has gone well and we are now a part of DCAT. This hasn't meant any changes for the children or for the day to day running of the school. There are organisational aspects for management to deal with that will change but this should not have any significant impact at all.

Christmas productions

We were obviously sad that we weren't able to share our performances live with you, but we hope that you have enjoyed the recorded versions. All three classes did an amazing job with their lines, singing and acting. Thanks to all of the staff involved- excellent job everyone!

Christmas jumper day

Everyone looked fabulous yesterday in their Christmas attire and many thanks for your donations to the Save the Children appeal. It is always good to encourage the children to think of others at this time of year and raise their awareness for this important charity.

Friday 18th December

Reminder that the children can come dressed in party clothes tomorrow for the final day of term. There will be Christmas parties in class bubbles in the afternoon.

Covid symptoms

We hope that you and your families stay safe and well over the Christmas holidays and avoid catching Covid 19. If the children or anyone who has been in school do contract any symptoms in the first part of the holidays, we ask that you email me on this email address. head@lancastrian.org.uk

It is very important that we are informed so that we can trace any possible contacts. Please see the next column for communication from West Sussex County Council on this matter:

- Where a pupil or staff member tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), having developed symptoms more than 48 hours since being in school, the school should not be contacted. Parents and carers should follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace.
- For the first 6 days after teaching ends, if a pupil or staff member tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), having developed symptoms within 48 hours of being in school, the school is asked to assist in identifying close contacts and advising self-isolation, as the individual may have been infectious whilst in school. School staff are not asked to remain on-call or conduct any contact tracing more than 6 days after the final day of teaching.

Many thanks for your understanding in this matter.

Chartwells school Lunch 4th January

The first day back after Christmas is the 4th January. We have been informed by Chartwells, our catering company, that they will not have had a delivery due to the way that New Year falls this year. This means that the only food available for those children who have a hot meal, will be jacket potato with a variety of fillings. You may wish to provide your child with a packed lunch on that day. Menus will resume on the 5th January. Apologies for the inconvenience.

Online safety

We know that this Christmas will be different to previous years with fewer options for entertaining the children. If they do end up spending additional time online, it is very important that they are supervised AT ALL TIMES. We have been told by some children that they access sites and play games that are not appropriate for their age. Please be aware that whilst the internet can be an incredible source of information and entertainment, there is a lot of unsuitable content for young children.

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I hope that you and your families have a special (if different) Christmas this year. Wishing you all health and happiness for 2021.

With my warmest wishes
Mrs Zoe Gordon, Headteacher

| | Dates for your Diary... | |
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| Date & Time | Event | Comments |
| 18th December | Christmas parties in classes | Children can come to school dressed in party clothes |
| 18th December | Break up for Christmas | 2.30pm finish time |
| 4th January | School starts for all children | |
| 12th February | Break up for half term | |
| 22nd February | INSET day | |
| 23rd February | Pupils return to school | |
| 1st April | Pupils break up for Easter | |
| 19th April | Pupils return to school | |
| New dates in red. | | |