

# NEWSLETTER



Lincoln Carlton  
ACADEMY

23<sup>rd</sup> November 2017

## A MESSAGE FROM MRS MALAM

There's a couple of things I wanted to say thank you for in this edition of the newsletter. Firstly, thank you for attending our recent parents' evening. Those of you who didn't manage to attend have made alternative appointments, or have spoken to your class teacher on the phone, and this means that we have had 100% engagement this time!

Secondly, attendance is currently standing at above 97% which is excellent. As you may already know, the government expect us to be in line with other schools nationally and this is currently at 96.10%, so being above this percentage is wonderful. We absolutely pack each day full of learning, the curriculum is demanding and as such the pace has to be fast and if the children aren't here for even just one day it can really have a impact on their development. I love how most children hop, skip and run into school every day. It shows me that they really want to be here, have a love of learning and are keen to get the day started. If your child is showing signs of not wanting to come into school, or if you struggle to get them here, please speak to me or Mrs Melhuish or Mrs Burford on the gate or give us a ring. I'm certain we will be able to help.

*Mrs Malam*

## COMMUNITY CAROLS

Our community carol evening will be taking place in Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December starting at 5:30pm outside school. The children from Year 2, 3 and 4 will split into year groups between 5:45 and 6:15 with some visiting Olsen Court and some visiting Bunkers Hill care home. We will aim to set off from LCA after singing one carol at approximately 5:35. We will all convene for more carols between 6:15 and 6:20 in the community garden. We will then make our way back to LCA for approximately 6:30pm for food courtesy of Sandy McFarlane and hot chocolate.

## PHONICS EVENING FOR RECEPTION PARENTS

The Monkeys & Giraffes teachers have planned a phonics evening on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November at 6pm. We are inviting all Reception parents/carers to attend the meeting. This evening is aimed at parents/carers only as there will be a substantial amount of information to absorb and children may cause a distraction.

## CHILDREN IN NEED

Thank you to everyone that took part in our PJ Day for Children In Need. We managed to raise a grand total of £372.08

## VIKING & ROMAN CLASS NEWS

**Burps, bottoms and bile...** words not normally associated with the well-mannered children of year 4 but recently we have been talking about all 3. To kick start our journey through the digestive system, we have been focussing on the teeth. It has been brilliant researching all the different types of teeth and their jobs! We researched which teeth are most likely to have plaque and we have even done a plaque test ourselves, which showed up long term plaque and short term plaque after brushing. It was really useful to find out which teeth we needed to focus on when brushing, especially for the teachers. We have just begun our journey on the digestive system and conducted experiments involving tights, orange juice, crackers and other foods. It was messy! If this wasn't exciting enough, we have had a trip to Eureka in the middle. It was an amazing day and it was great to see the children learn through exploring.

The children are learning a lot about the body and how to keep it healthy, which is brilliant coming up to the Christmas period. Enjoy the lectures from all the children about foods rich in sugar and fat.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Year 4 team.

## PARKING

Please be considerate if you are able to find a place in the school car park, we have a number of disabled children and family members who quite often aren't able to use the disabled spaces because they are full. We encourage you to walk to school as often as you can or to use neighbouring streets to park in (not directly outside school on the double yellows) when you need to come by car.

We ask that you do not park over people's driveways and be mindful to park safely and sensibly in the local community. We have a brilliant relationship with our neighbours and want to ensure this continues.

If you are not able to find a space in our car park, please do not double park blocking others in. As our staff team grows, the car park will become much busier before 9am and therefore we strongly advise you to find an alternative.

## BRAZIL & JAPAN

On Monday 27<sup>th</sup> Nov Y1 classes will be going to Tesco for a Farm to Fork tour. Japan class are due to be at Tesco at 9.30 so we will be leaving school as close to 9am as possible. CHILDREN NEED TO BE IN THE CLASSROOM BY 8.55 (the door will be open from 8.45) in order that children can be toileted, registered and ready to leave for 9am.

We will not be able to wait for children who arrive after this and children will need to be registered at the office. Please come and speak to Mrs Clark (in Japan class) if you think you may have difficulties with this.

Brazil class will be leaving school at 10.30am so will arrive at normal time. Please make sure your child has a suitable coat for the walk.

Thank you to the parents who have offered to help.

## PARENT HUB

We have been really impressed with the uptake on Parent Hub. We wanted to say a huge thank you for your positivity and enthusiasm in downloading and using app. We appreciate there may be technological problems from time to time, or typical issues after a software update. Please let the school office know if you experience these or contact Parent Hub directly for advice.

To remind those who are yet to join Parent Hub – it is a remarkably small app, taking up less than 35MB of storage. It will auto-archive old posts so you don't need to worry about it growing in size and taking up too much space on your device. Comparing this app to Facebook, Whatsapp or Instagram (all of which use upwards of 250-600MB of storage) it is comparatively tiny and definitely worth having on your device as you can keep up to date with all the goings on! If you are having trouble downloading Parent Hub, or need any help getting it set up, please visit the school office who will be happy to help. The school office is always available via email if you need to get in touch and we can send homework and feedback on the relevant class teacher. Most of the communication from school is now done via Parent Hub, including class updates, homework, newsletters, trip letters and various in-school activities. It instantly sends the updates to your device (please ensure you have notifications switched on). We plan to switch over from emails on a Thursday to Parent Hub notifications completely after Christmas. We also hope to change newsletter day to a Friday to suit the restructure in the school office. The process involved in emailing parents is not as reliable and can often cause errors at either end, therefore we feel that Parent Hub is the most dependable format of contact that will suit most families.

## CHRISTMAS DINNER DAY

We have now passed the cut off day on Parent Pay for Year 3 and 4 to pay for a Christmas dinner on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December. If you would like your child to participate, but have not made payment we will allow cash payments until tomorrow; Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November. After this date, we will be unable to provide a hot dinner on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> Dec, as Chef and the kitchen team will have placed their orders with the suppliers for the food and crackers.

## STAFF VACANCIES

We are seeking to appoint two Midday Supervisory Assistants to work with our dedicated midday team at Lincoln Carlton Academy.

Midday Supervisory Assistants are required to:

Prepare rooms for dining, including setting out tables and chairs.

Distribute meals and serve water.

Supervise children during the meal, in the playground, classrooms, corridors, cloakrooms, toilets, etc and escort children between areas where necessary.

Clear tables and collect rubbish, wash and stack away tables, chairs, water jugs and clean dining area as required.

We are looking for someone who:

Enjoys working with children of primary school age;

Is passionate about healthy eating;

Is flexible and can adapt to the changing needs of life in school.

For further information and details of how to apply, please visit the school website - <http://lincolncarltonacademy.com/vacancies>

**The closing date for applications is midnight, Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2017**

## HAMPER APPEAL

Christmas can be a lonely and often stressful time and Lincoln Carlton Academy in conjunction with the GQRA would like to help families and elderly residents of our local area who may find themselves struggling a little at this time of year.

It is proposed that a collection take place over the next 3 weeks of items that may make Christmas a bit easier especially for those who may not have family close by to help out or visit. If you are able to pop an extra item in your trolley when shopping it would be much appreciated.

We are asking if people could donate items for either a family or elderly person/s in need to the school which will then be distributed by the School and GQRA. Items can be dropped at the School office and will be collected daily after drop off and pick up. If you are not able to get to school items can be dropped off at 25 Blackfriars Road too.

Below are some suggested items. The list is by no means exhaustive and any donation at all will be welcome.

- Tea, Coffee, sugar
- Fruit squash or cordials
- sweets, chocolates, Selection boxes
- biscuits, crisps, crackers
- Tins, packets pasta, rice other non-perishable items
- Small Christmas items like mince pies/puddings, cakes

We would be very grateful if all items donated are in date until at least the New Year please.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Year 3 Special Assembly

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November, doors open at 2:40pm to start at 2:50pm

Year 1 walk to Tesco

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November

Phonics Evening for EYFS

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November, 6pm in the school hall.

Year 4 Special Assembly

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December, doors open at 2:40pm to start at 2:50pm

Christmas Dinner Day

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December

Community Carols

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December - 5:30pm to 6:30pm

Monkeys & Giraffes Special Assembly

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December, doors open at 2:40pm to start at 2:50pm

School Closed for INSET Day (staff training)

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December

PANTO DAY AT LCA!

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December

Christmas "SHINSPIRE" – please join your child in their class to make Christmas crafts.

This is "INSPIRE" combined with the planned SHARE for the week.

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December, 9am

Nativity – Reception & Year 1 – Productions at 2pm and 6pm

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December

Christmas Party Day – more information to follow.

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December

End of Term 2

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2017

Start of Term 3

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January

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