
NEWSLETTER



7th December 2017

A MESSAGE FROM MRS MALAM

It's been a fun-filled, action packed couple of terms and although I know Christmas is nearly here I'm still struggling to get into the spirit of things. I hope you're a bit more prepared and festive than me! The community carol concert on Wednesday was lovely and it's helped to get me started and I'm very much looking forward to the Nativity next week.

I hope you all have a lovely break, if you're managing to get one, over Christmas and the New Year and that you enjoy your celebrations and time with your children. I will look forward to seeing you bright and early on the gates on Wednesday 3rd January!

Mrs Malam

INFORMATION EVENING FOR YR 2 PARENTS ASSESSMENT AT THE END OF THE YEAR

We are holding an event on Wednesday 10th January 2018 for parents of Year 2 children where we will be explaining how we assess pupils at the end of Year 2. We will start in the hall at 6pm and anticipate that the meeting will last approximately 1 hour. We will be covering topics such as statutory testing, phonics testing, teacher assessment and ways that you can support your child at home. There will be a lot of information to give out and as such we ask that you do not bring children along to the event. There is no need to book a place at this meeting. We look forward to seeing you all.

The Year 2 Team

YEAR 2

After Christmas there is the expectation that when dropping children off in a morning parents are to leave their child at the door and allow them to come in by themselves, unless you need to speak to a member of staff.

We are working really hard on independence within the classroom and it is great practise for the children.

The Year 2 Team

SCHOOL START TIMES

A reminder that children in KS2 (Years 3 and 4) must be at school at **8:50am**.

Children in Reception through to Year 2 should be in school at **8:55am**.

Children who arrive later than this miss vital settling and learning time. Continued lateness will also have an effect on your child's

MONKEYS & GIRAFFES CLASS NEWS

This term we have already been learning lots about celebrations, we have made Diva lamps for Diwali and we have done lots of art work creating fireworks. We even had a visit from the fire brigade which was very exciting! The children have also enjoyed sharing photos from their birthdays with the class and we celebrated Marvin Monkey and Geraldine Giraffes birthdays by throwing them a surprise party! Last week we have been looking at winter and learning about symmetry with snowflakes.

Just a few "pleases", please can we ask that PE kits are only taken home at weekends if you feel they need to be washed just in case we need them again in the week. We are also quite desperate for spare clothes for accidents or messy incidents so if you have any old or grown out of clothes at home that you are able to donate we would be very grateful. In the meantime, we would appreciate you sending your child with spare clothing in their bag, in the event of spills or accidents.

Thank you for your continued support at home with the children's reading and writing. Earlier in the term we posted on Parent Hub some writing resources and ideas for games to practise with your child's letter paddles at home. We have been really impressed with the children progress so far in phonics, reading and writing. The Reception Team

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.

SWIMMING – SEUSS

Thank you to all the parents who have paid and given their permission for their child to go swimming starting Monday 8th January. We still have a number of payments and permissions yet to come through, it is hugely important that we receive your payment and permission, so that we can take your child off school site.

BREAKFAST CLUB

If you bring your children to Kid's Club in the mornings for the 7:30am start, please **do not block** the entrance to school with your cars. If the gates are closed please park on the street and wait for the gates to be unlocked. It is making it very difficult for school and nursery staff to get in and open up the buildings. Kid's Club opens at **7:30am** so please do not arrive any earlier than this and expect to be able to drop your children off.

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 to your child's 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.

As a back up to Parent Hub, we will always post homework, letters and newsletters to the school website, linked below;
<http://lincolncarltonacademy.com/newseventsletters/>

NATIVITY

On Wednesday 13th December Reception and Year 1 will be taking part in this year's nativity. There are 2 showings of the nativity at 2pm and 6pm. We have a limited numbers tickets are still available in the front office for those parents who haven't already got them.

PANTO

LADA Productions are coming into school on Tuesday 12th December to perform Sleeping Beauty to the children. It's a hugely special event that we are all really excited about! Thank you to those parents who have already made their payment of £4.30. This is an item on your Parent Pay account now. If you are struggling to make payment or to use Parent Pay, please get in touch with the school office.

SHINSPIRE

On Wednesday 13th December we are inviting parents and carers in to school after drop off to join in Christmas crafts and activities. CAFS have also kindly offered to serve drinks and cakes, so bring your pennies and have a treat! If you can donate any cakes or cupcakes, this would be gratefully received.

MEDICATION IN SCHOOL

We have been reviewing our medication policy. Any non-prescription medication that you wish to be administered to your child during the school day (such as Calpol) must be taken to the school office and the appropriate form to be filled out. The medication will be stored in the school office and children receive their medicine at the set time.

In relation to prescription medication school are only able to administer this when required 4 or more times a day. The medication with packaging and spoon or syringe must also be provided.

STAFF GOVERNOR VACANCIES

We are looking to recruit Governors to join our Lincolnshire Strategic Board. Our partnership of schools unite around a common vision: 'creating a haven in which children flourish'. Come and be part of the team that makes it happen.

Start Date: ASAP

Salary: Voluntary Position

Term of Office: 2-4 years

Closing date for applications: Midnight, Friday 22nd December 2017

Please visit the school website for further information -

<http://lincolncarltonacademy.com/vacancies/> or

<http://mountstreetacademy.com/vacancies/>

Visits to the schools are highly recommended. Members of our current board of Governors, along with the Regional Director would be delighted to meet with you and talk about the role. To arrange this, please contact Mrs Sarah Middleton on 01522 527339 or via email:
sarah.middleton@lincolnmountstreet.lincs.sch.uk

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monkeys & Giraffes Special Assembly Thursday 7 th December, doors open at 2:40pm to start at 2:50pm
School Closed for INSET Day (staff training) Friday 8 th December
PANTO DAY AT LCA! Tuesday 12 th 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 th December, 9am
Nativity – Reception & Year 1 – Productions at 2pm and 6pm Wednesday 13 th December
Christmas Party Day – more information to follow. Tuesday 19 th December
End of Term 2 Tuesday 19 th December 2017
Start of Term 3 Wednesday 3 rd January 2018
Year 1 Special Assembly Friday 5 th January, doors open at 2:40pm to start at 2:50pm
Seuss - Swimming Lessons Monday 8 th January
Information Evening for Y2 Parents – End of Year Assessment Wednesday 10 th January
Year 2 Special Assembly Friday 12 th January, doors open at 2:40pm to start at 2:50pm
Year 3 Special Assembly Friday 19 th January, doors open at 2:40pm to start at 2:50pm
CAFS Meeting Thursday 25 th January, starting at 7pm at Lincoln Carlton Academy
Year 4 Special Assembly Friday 26 th January, doors open at 2:40pm to start at 2:50pm
Reception Special Assembly Friday 2 nd February, doors open at 2:40pm to start at 2:50pm
SHARE! Please join your child in their classroom to start their day. Friday 9 th February, From 8:50am in KS2 and 8:55am to KS1 & EYFS.
End of Term 3 Friday 9 th February
Start of Term 4 Monday 19 th February

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Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from all the staff at Lincoln Carlton Academy!