

NEWSLETTER



Lincoln Carlton
ACADEMY

7TH SEPTEMBER 2017

A MESSAGE FROM MRS MALAM

A very warm welcome back to school. It's been so wonderful to welcome old pupils and new ones, catch up with existing members of staff and start to get to know new ones. It's amazing how after over six weeks without children's voices ringing out in the classes and learning streets, it feels normal again so quickly. I want to thank the staff for their hard work over the holidays preparing their classes (which all look so inviting), sorting resources and tidying, and for collaborating and planning some exciting first term lessons. They certainly haven't been resting for the whole of summer and have spent a considerable amount of term getting ready for this year!

A big shout out to the new reception children, they have settled so well this week. We've had very few tears, just a few from the mums and dads, and most children have demonstrated how school-ready they are. It's going to be a great year group!

Finally, some exciting news from the leadership team. I'm delighted to announce that Mr and Mrs Melhuish are expecting their first baby in February next year. I'm sure you will join me in congratulating them both on this wonderful news.

Mrs Malam

INHALERS IN SCHOOL

If your child needs to have an inhaler during the day it is important that they have one in school at all times. Please ensure that it is labelled with their name and that you have given clear instructions for use to the class teacher. For those who already have inhalers in school, please check that it has not passed the expiry date. Thank you.

REMINDER

As we begin a new school year we are reminding all parents and carers that if a person other than a parent or carer is collecting your child from school, you must give your child's teacher permission at the start of the day. Some of the teachers do not recognise family or friends and as a safeguarding rule, we cannot release your children without parental consent.

ILLNESS POLICY

We are always looking for 100% attendance, and so proud of the children for achieving the great results we attain, however we understand days off due to illness or injuries are sometimes unavoidable. We do ask that you call the school office **every day** if your child will be off school.

YEAR 2 TRIP – LINCOLN CASTLE

Thank you to all the parents who have paid and given their permission for the school trip to Lincoln Castle on Tuesday 12th September. If you have not paid and given your permission by **Monday 11th September**, we will be unable to take your child off school site on this trip. Please get in touch if you have any problems using your Parent Pay or making payment.

YEAR 3 SWIMMING – MONDAY 11TH SEPT'

Thank you to all the parents who have paid and given their permission for your child to go swimming starting Monday 11th September. 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.

PARENT HOMEWORK FORUM

Mrs Eden is asking for Key Stage 2 parents (Year 3 & 4) who would like to come and discuss our approach in Key Stage 2 homework. This will be a good time to ask any questions you have and share your thoughts. Please pop along to the school office on 19th September on Tuesday afternoon at 2.30pm

SCHOOL CLUBS OVERVIEW

Please find attached the after school overview. Please note the changes to the overview; the clubs are now running from September through to December. You can add your child on to a club throughout the term, you can either contact the club provider directly, or the school office. Not all clubs will be suitable for all age groups. Payment is to be made directly to the club providers after the first session.

UPDATE FORMS

Over the next week we will be sending you your child's update form, please look through the information on there as this is important medical and contact details we hold on the system for you. If anything has changed, you simply amend the form. We request that even if you have no changes to make, you sign and return the form as soon as possible.

WATER BOTTLES IN SCHOOL

Please ensure your child brings a bottle of water to school with them daily. Some children prefer to leave a bottle in the classroom Monday to Friday and refill as and when they need to – this is absolutely fine. As we follow the Healthy Schools Policy, we ask that bottles are only filled with water and not juice.

CARD CLUB

Mrs Eden will be running a swap shop on a Thursday lunchtime. If your child is collecting any popular trading cards then please only allow them to bring them in to school on a Thursday. We suggest keeping them in a tin or food bag so they stay together.

The children must be responsible for their own cards.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

We wanted to take this opportunity to update parents on a recent change in guidance from the Local Authority in regards to leave of absence during term time. It is now the Local Authorities recommendation that all leave of absence taken during term time be unauthorised and have advised us that should parents choose to take their children out of school we should advise them that they could be subject to a fixed penalty.

Should you wish to discuss this matter in more detail please contact Ruth Stephenson (Attendance Team) or a member of Senior Leadership.

HEALTHY SNACKS

Children in Key Stage 2 are to bring a healthy snack in for morning break. For example; a piece of fruit, cereal bar, dried fruit or breadsticks are all great for giving children energy and keeping their bodies fuelled until lunch.

CHEF'S CORNER

The kitchen team and I wanted to say a warm welcome to all the new children and to the children returning in to their new year groups. The menu is not changing until October half term, so your child's dinner choices will still be the same on my lists. (Year 1 & 2 children)

If you need to make any changes, please get in touch with the school office by email or dropping in.

Year 3 and 4 dinners can be ordered through Parent Pay, please remember to allow 2 weeks to order and pay prior to your child having their meal.

I'm currently designing the new menu for autumn/winter and am excited about the lovely dishes we will be serving the children – we are asking families for some new meal ideas for our meat free days... can you think of anything? Feel free to send in some recipes of the things your family enjoys at home and we will see if they will fit in with the School Food Standards.

Chef

PARKING

Please be considerate if you are able to find a place at school, 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.

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 find an alternative.

COOL MILK

Reception children are given milk in school as part of the Government's Milk Scheme. After Reception, if you'd like your child to receive a carton of milk every day, please visit coolmilk.com to register. Please note, Free School Meals Pupil Premium children will continue to be entitled to milk all the way through school.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW STAFF

A huge welcome to all our new staff. We are really excited to have lots of staff joining the LCA family and hope they feel happy and settled quickly!

Mrs Burford – Assistant Head & Banksy class teacher

Miss Ridd – Year 4 Vikings Class teacher

Miss Tiller – Year 2 Klee class teacher

Mrs McGlynn – Teaching Assistant in Giraffes class

Miss Wigglesworth – Teaching Assistant in Year 4

Miss Graves – Schools Direct Student in Romans class.

Mr Sell – Schools Direct Student in Banksy

Miss Longney – Schools Direct Student in Dahl class.

Mrs McClements – Midday Supervisor

Miss Wood - Midday Supervisor

Mrs Middleton - Midday Supervisor

Mrs Wallis-Coggan - Midday Supervisor

Miss Maltby – Clerical Assistant in the school office.

COLD WEATHER

We would like to remind parents and carers to send children in coats, hats, gloves and scarves. Also, on wet days please send in a named pair of wellies to school for outdoor play.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Swimming – Seuss class

Monday 11th September

Year 2 Castle Trip

Tuesday 12th September

Year 1 Special Assembly

Friday 15th September, doors open at 2:40pm to start at 2:50pm

Week commencing Monday 18th September

After school clubs & School teams start – see overview

Year 2 Special Assembly

Friday 22nd September, doors open at 2:40pm to start at 2:50pm

Year 3 Special Assembly

Friday 29th September, doors open at 2:40pm to start at 2:50pm

Year 4 Special Assembly – including swimming badges

Friday 6th October, doors open at 2:40pm to start at 2:50pm

Harvest Festival - Reception and Year 1 children

Thursday 12th October, doors open at 2:30pm to start 2:40pm

EYFS Monkeys & Giraffes Special Assembly

Friday 13th October, doors open at 2:40pm to start at 2:50pm

SHARE & Golden Treats

Friday 20th October

Please join your child in their class for SHARE.

End of Term 1

Friday 20th October

Start of Term 2

Monday 30th October

Children's photos – individual, sibling & family photos.

Wednesday 1st November 2017.

Open Day for new Reception Parents

Thursday 2nd November, times to be confirmed.

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