

NEWSLETTER



Lincoln Carlton
ACADEMY

9th February 2018

A MESSAGE FROM MRS MALAM

It's the end of one of our shortest terms and therefore it really has flown by. I really want to thank those of you who have completed the parent survey; your feedback is really important to us and we are always keen to hear how well we're doing and where you feel that we're falling short. Please know that **all staff** at LCA give over and above for each and every child, we live and breathe our ethos of "creating a haven in which children flourish" and therefore if you feel that we're not getting it right, we are humans after all, please let us know in person or by email. If you have written something in the survey which you feel has not been dealt with to your satisfaction, it is likely because we're unaware, or we feel that it has been dealt with, not because we feel that it's unimportant. I'm delighted to share a summary of the results with you below.

*Over 95% strongly agree or agree that their child is happy.

*Over 97% strongly agree or agree that their child feels safe at school.

*Over 96% strongly agree or agree that their child is taught well.

*Around 97% strongly agree or agree that they receive valuable feedback from parent's evenings and other communication.

*Almost 80% of answers said they were happy with the amount of homework given 19% unhappy with most stating there was too much and 1% who didn't know

There were a few comments that you would like more feedback, we have listened and have asked our teachers to keep posting on to the Hub. Please tell us if this is not happening! We try to keep Parents Evenings positive and friendly, celebrating children's progress and successes. If you would like to know your child's progress between the two parents' evenings, SHARE, special assemblies and the annual reports, please do not hesitate to get in touch with the school office and make an appointment with your child's teacher. Their doors are always open and the teachers are always happy to discuss your child's education.

As always, the homework question was contentious amongst the older year groups. Almost 80% of respondents said they are happy with the amount of homework given, 19% unhappy, with most stating that there was too much. If you have attended one of our parent forums on homework, you will already know that we simply cannot please everyone on this! We are also mindful that research shows (Education Endowment Fund and others) that overall, homework in primary schools does not appear to lead to large increases in learning. Please also remember that completing homework is not mandatory and children are not punished for not completing it. Homework is not for parents to do, although your child/ren may need some support in completing the task. If you would like to discuss any of the questions or your answers in further detail, please let me know. Have a lovely break and I am looking forward to seeing you all on Monday 19th February at 8:50am.

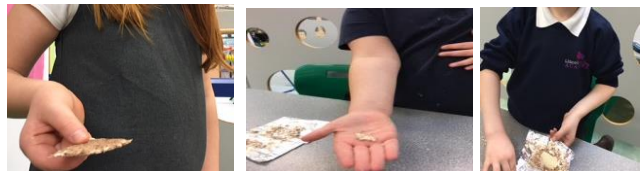
Mrs Malam

DAHL AND SUESS CLASS NEWS

This term year three have really enjoyed learning about extreme weather and natural disasters.

We started off the term learning about volcanoes and we focused our learning around the text 'Escape to Pompeii'. The children loved taking part in the drama activities we planned and were able to imagine what it would have been like to live in 79 AD and experience a volcanic eruption. The writing that the children did was phenomenal and so descriptive. As well as this, we have written newspaper reports based on the 2004 Tsunami. The children were incredibly empathetic and their emotions really came out in their writing. We were lucky enough to have some real images from India that showed the aftermath of the Tsunami. The children were excited to see the impact first hand and these images formed some of the stimulus to our learning.

In our science learning this term we have been learning about the different types of rocks. Children went on a rock hunt outside and gathered all kinds of different rocks and pebbles. They were very skilled at identifying which rock was which by following a flowchart checklist. We took this one step further and had a go at making our very own rocks out of chocolate. The children had to consider how the rock types were formed and used the different types of chocolate to make them.



The children have really embraced the 'Tremors' topic and have learnt so much. They are full of interesting facts and it was lovely to see a lot of the children bringing in research they had done at home. It really has captured their imagination.

Year 3 Team

YEAR 3 - CADBURY WORLD

Thank you very much to the parents that have made payment for this trip. Unfortunately, there is still a large amount of outstanding payments. The payment is due by **Friday 16th of February**.

If we do not receive enough payments to make the trip viable it will be cancelled.

DAHL SWIMMING

Thank you to all the parents who have paid and given their permission for their child to go swimming starting Monday 19th February.

We still have a number of payments and permissions yet to come through. We **urgently** need your payment and permission, so that we can take your child off school site.

WORLD BOOK DAY

We are getting involved in World Book Day on Thursday 1st March and asking the children to come dressed as their favourite book character. It's always a fun day and a brilliant opportunity to celebrate our love of books. If the children want to bring their favourite story in to school, we would love to share them. Please ensure all books are clearly labelled with your child's name.

WEAR IT BRIGHT DAY

We are having a "Wear it Bright Day" in remembrance of a local boy Rhys Durham-Flynn who died on 12th March 2017 after a 12 month battle with an aggressive Grade 4 brain tumour. A number of parents and staff know the family and have approached us to help raise awareness and funds towards the charity: Rhys's Donation Foundation. On 12th March 2018 we are asking children to come in none-school uniform for the day, ensuring they wear something bright and colourful! Please could families donate anything they can to the cause? Recommended £1, but anything will be truly appreciated. Staff will be selling wristbands on the school gate and in classrooms – they will be £2 each.

ONLINE SAFETY

Please find attached a link for the latest online safety magazine for you to read and keep up to date with the latest info/advice.

<http://www.esafety-adviser.com/latest-newsletter/>

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.

UNEXPLAINED ABSENCES

We have reviewed our school procedure for children who have unexplained absences from school.

There have been public cases in the past where schools have not chased up the reasons as to why children are off of school.

It has then transpired that there have been tragic circumstances around these absences, e.g. illness of a parent and a child unable to seek help.

We will do everything we can to prevent such situations occurring as we are sure you would agree that your child's safety is paramount to us all.

If your child is not going to be in school please call the office on 01522 522633 or email the school on

enquiries@lincolncarltonacademy.lincs.sch.uk to report their absence.

Please do this before 9:00am on the first day of the absence.

If we have not heard from you by 9:15am then we will start to call all the contact numbers that you have provided in order to gain an explanation for the absence. If we still have not been able to ascertain where your child is then we will make a home visit.

If after a home visit we still haven't been able to get a response then we will report it to the police as your child will then be classed a 'missing child'.

This procedure is to ensure that we know where your child is and that you are all safe. Please let us know in good time why your child is absent from school.

EMAIL

enquiries@lincolncarltonacademy.lincs.sch.uk

RECEPTION AND YEAR 1

Please can we remind you that your children should not be using the equipment in the outdoor areas in the Reception area and in Year 1 before or after school.

CAFS

CAFS are hosting an exciting Chocolate Bingo evening on Friday 16th March! It is expected to be a cracking evening ☺

Doors open at 5:30pm with the games starting at 6pm.

We anticipate the event finishing at approximately 8pm.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

End of Term 3

Friday 9th February, usual finish time.

Start of Term 4

Monday 19th February

Dahl Swimming – Term 4

Monday 19th February through to Monday 26th March

Year 4 Jorvik Viking Centre York trip

Tuesday 20th February. Arrive 8am for 8:30am departure.

Year 1 Special Assembly

Friday 23rd February, doors open at 2:40pm to start at 2:50pm

World Book Day – Come dressed as your favourite book character!

Thursday 1st March

Year 3 Cadbury World Trip

Friday 2nd March. 7:45am arrival to leave at 8am.

Year 2 Special Assembly

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

SCHOOL CLOSED – Staff INSET day (staff training)

Monday 5th March

Year 3 Special Assembly

Friday 9th March, doors open at 2:40pm to start at 2:50pm

Wear it Bright Day

Monday 12th March

Parents Evening

Wednesday 14th March

Parents Evening

Thursday 15th March

Year 4 Special Assembly

Friday 16th March, doors open at 2:40pm to start at 2:50pm

CAFS – Chocolate Bingo

Friday 16th March, doors open 5:30pm to start at 6pm

Sports Relief Week – more information to follow

17th-23rd March

Reception Special Assembly

Friday 23rd March, doors open at 2:40pm to start at 2:50pm

End of Term 3

Wednesday 28th March, usual finish time.

Start of Term 4

Monday 16th April 2018

WEBSITE

www.lincolncarltonacademy.com