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Lancy Lane Newsletter Autumn 1

Happy New School Year!

Welcome back to school. Although it hasn't been the sunniest of summers, I hope you all had a lovely break from the school routines and are ready for the busy year that lies ahead.



Staffing News

As you know, Mrs Gray will be coming out of class this year to take up the role of Deputy Head Teacher on a permanent basis. She will be teaching all classes over the course of the year and will teach Year 2 – Year 6 every week to give the teachers planning time. We welcome Miss Katie Haywood as our new Year Four teacher and Miss Julia Sheckleton will be our 'nominated supply teacher' this term. Mrs Annette Pickering is beginning work in school this year as a welfare assistant at lunchtimes and Mrs Vicky Gray is joining our cleaning staff team.

Welcome

We welcome Jessica and her family to Year 1 and Harrison and his family to Year 2. We also say hello to Issac, Kornel, Libby, Wesley, Noah, George, Jasper, Riley, Amber, Kayden, Megan, Emily, Isaac, Georgia, Lacie, William, Russell, Isobel, Thomas, Jacob, Olivia, Ruby, Logan, Max, Cameron, Mia and Verity who have joined our Reception Class. Please look out, in particular, for our new families on the playground and give them a Lancy Lane welcome.

Be On Time At 5 to 9

Parents are reminded that the whistle is blown at 8.55am for the start of school. All children should be in their class line and ready to come into school for a prompt start to the day and so as not to disturb the learning of the other children. We respectfully ask that parents leave their children in the line and do not walk with the class into school. Children shouldn't arrive at school before 8.45am unless they attend Breakfast Club. Please remind your children not to play on the tyres or outdoor gym equipment or play football before school starts.



Diary Dates

All dates are available on the school website. Dates for Christmas and Easter activities and plays, sports days and class assemblies have also been planned for the year (subject to change). The Homepage of the school website also has a weekly What's On section.

Monday, 5 th September	8.55am School re-opens
Tuesday, 6 th September	2.50pm Parents' Online Safety Meeting
Thursday, 8 th September	Reception Children start school
Thursday, 8 th September	9am Year 6 Parent Information Meeting
Friday, 9 th September	9am Year 5 Parent Information Meeting
Monday, 12 th September	9am Year 1 Parent Information Meeting
Tuesday, 13 th September	9am Year 2 Parent Information Meeting
Wednesday, 14 th September	9am Year 3 Parent Information Meeting
Wednesday, 14 th September	3.30pm PIMS for all classes (except Year 5)
Thursday, 15 th September	9am Reception Parent Information Meeting
Friday, 16 th September	9am Year 4 Parent Information Meeting
Monday, 19 th September	After School / Lunchtime Clubs start
Tuesday, 20 th September	2.30pm Meeting for parents re Athletics
Thursday, 22 nd September	3.30pm High 5 league @ Holy Cross School
Thursday, 29 th September	3.30pm Football league @ Holy Cross School
Thursday, 29 th September	4pm - 4.50pm Infants Welcome Disco (PTA)
Thursday, 29 th September	5pm – 6pm Juniors Welcome Disco (PTA)
Thursday, 13 th October	3.30pm Football league @ Holy Cross School
Tuesday, 18 th October	9am Infants Harvest Festival in school
Tuesday, 18 th October	2.30pm Juniors Harvest Festival @ St Ambrose Church
Wednesday, 19 th October	9am Y5 Class Assembly
Friday, 21 st October	After School / Lunch time Clubs end
Wednesday, 26 th October	Parents' Evening (times to be confirmed)
Thursday, 27 th October	3.30pm Football league @ Holy Cross School
Friday, 28 th October	3.25pm School closes for half term
Monday, 7 th November	8.55am school re-opens

Parent Information Meetings

Please try to attend one of the Parent Information Meetings led by the teachers to give you information about what will be happening this year in your child's class. Due to an unforeseen circumstance, Mr Wood is unable to hold his on Wednesday, 14th September at 3.30pm. Parents of Year 5 children will be notified by text message the re-arranged date. We apologise for any inconvenience caused.



Parents' Meetings

We have arranged two meetings for parents this half term. The first is an e-Safety Meeting for Parents. Life Education Lancashire is visiting the school on Tuesday, 6th September to work with Y4, Y5 and Y6 pupils about staying safe online. There will be a meeting for ALL parents delivered by Life Education @ 2.50pm in school. If you want to keep your child safe online please come along. Mrs Gray is running a meeting for parents about our new homework system, Mathletics, on Tuesday, 20th September at 2.30pm.

Cluster Letter

Please take time to read the attached letter from the Head Teachers of our local cluster of schools about the SATs, changes to assessment and forced academisation. Your views will be very welcome.

PE

Please make sure your child has their PE kit in school every day. The PE kit consists of dark shorts, a white T-shirt, pumps or barefeet for indoor PE and pumps or trainers for outdoor PE. Children should remove their earrings on the days their class has PE (details on the class pages of the website).



Lunch Time and After School Clubs

I am sure that, like me, you are grateful that the staff in school give their time freely and willing to run extra curricular activities for the children. All they ask for in return is that if your child signs up for a club that they attend every week (or let the club leader know if they are unable to attend) and have exemplary behaviour. We ask that children are collected promptly at the end of the club to be fair on the member of staff leading it. A full list of clubs is available on the school's website and a form will be sent home this week for your child to sign up to clubs of their choice.

Upcoming Parent Forum

Thank you for all of your ideas last year which helped to inform various decisions within school. If there are any topics which you would like raised for discussion during the meeting this half-term, please get in touch:

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Wanted

One of the activities for Golden Time this year is 'traditional games' so we would be grateful for any donations of marbles. Also the after school gardening club would be grateful of any old wellies and waterproofs.

Lancy Lane App

We are changing our text messaging system from Call Parents to ParentMail, please look



out for the registration process which you will receive by a text and/or email. You can decide which way to register by text or email.

We are then subsequently aiming to become a paperless school regarding letters etc that are sent home. Please take time to read the letter to follow shortly about the new Lancy Lane app.

Golden Time

Following a review with school staff, we have amended our Behaviour Policy and altered our systems for *Golden Time*. We are proud of our children's excellent behaviour and believe that all children start each week with having *Golden Time* as a reward for this on a Friday afternoon. However, there are some occasions when children have let themselves down with their behaviour and have to spend part of the *Golden Time* on Time Out. This year, school staff will deal with sanctions minor behaviour issues within the daily class settings but if a child's poor behaviour has been more serious, they will miss ALL of *Golden Time* and will spend it on Time Out with Mrs Geldard. Details of the activities on offer in *Golden Time* are available of the school website.

Holidays in term time

You will be aware that Head Teachers are not permitted to authorise planned absence from school during term time except in exceptional circumstances. We have a number of families who have not sent their children into school this week as they are on holiday. Missing any time from school has a detrimental effect on all children but missing the beginning of the school year impacts ever more profoundly not only on the absent child but their class mates as new routines are established with their new teachers.

A note from the Chair of Governors

The start of the new school year is always an exciting time for staff and pupils - although sometimes a little anxious for parents of the new intake! May I wish all members of the Lancaster Lane community a successful, rewarding and happy school year. I shall continue to keep parents informed of the activities of the governing body and remind you that there is a great deal of information about us on the school website.

Graham Gorton

Chair of Governors