

NEWSLETTER



9th November 2017

A FEW WORDS FROM MRS NICOLL

Welcome back! I hope you had a great half term break.

Last week we welcomed over 60 families into our school to look round for Open Day. This was aimed at parents of children who will be starting school in September 2018. There were lots of positive comments about our school environment, the children's behaviour and the work going on in classrooms. Our school council children helped with the tours and did the most superb job.

We really hope that you have enjoyed your parents evening appointment and heard all about your child and how they have settled into their new class. We will be welcoming more of you tonight and we look forward to seeing you. If you haven't made an appointment, please do speak to the teacher or call the school office. We always aim to get 100% attendance at these events and we will aim to arrange a convenient time to meet you.

As you will have hopefully seen on social media the past 2 weeks, our attendance is up! This has been part of our School Development Plan since September 2016 and we are delighted that we are above national. We aim to have attendance at 96.1% and above (National) and so far this year it is 96.2%. This is brilliant and we are so grateful for your support in this area.

FRIENDS OF MOUNT STREET ACADEMY (FOMS)

It's started....we are planning for the Christmas Fair, if you can help in anyway please let me know.

We are collecting raffle and tombola prizes, teddies and bottles of wine for the Christmas Fair if anyone has anything they can spare, pop it to the school office please.

Dates

Friday, 1st December 3.30pm - Christmas Fair
Friday, 15th December 4.30pm – free Christmas Family Film Night

If you are able to spare some time and enthusiasm to join us please contact Helen chair of FOMS on 07719537709 or come to our next meeting.
Follow us on face book.

FRESH FREEBIE FRIDAY

Lincoln Women's Institute have purchased a fridge for storing donations of surplus fruit and veg from local allotments, which will be given away to families in the playground after school on Fridays. Our aim is to tackle food waste by sharing spare produce with our community. "Fresh Freebie Fridays" started on Friday 6th October and continues every Friday.

The fridge will be located on the playground so please pop along with a carrier bag and help yourself to some weekend treats!

COOL MILK

School Milk is available free for children under-five only. If you wish your child to continue receiving milk after they have reached their fifth birthday this will be subsidised and costs around £15 per term (ie Sept to Dec). To apply for this you can collect a Cool Milk registration form from the office, email Cool Milk at registrations@coolmilk.com or visit the website www.coolmilk.com.

POLITE REQUEST

For hygiene reasons please may we ask parents and carers not to bring prams and pushchairs onto school premises. Thank you for your cooperation.

RECEPTION NEWS

This term we are learning all about different Celebrations. We have enjoyed learning about bonfire night, Diwali and this week we are learning all about birthdays. On Wednesday 15th November we will be holding a Wedding Wow day. Children can come dressed like they are going to, or are part of a wedding. This could be a guest, bride, groom, bridesmaid, groomsman, vicar and much more. Any questions please speak to a member of the Reception team.

Please can we remind you to inform your child's class teacher when they need their phonic or lilac reading book changing.

CHILDREN IN NEED

On Friday 17th November the school will be raising money for Children in Need. We will be having a non-uniform day on this day and the School Council representatives came up with the idea that all children come dressed in their pyjamas! On this day also, members of staff will be getting splatted in the face with a cream pie, donations will be collected during this time. The school will also be collecting the old round pound coins so please bring them in if you still have some! Your child will be sent home with a letter containing all of this information.

YEAR 1 NEWS

Thank you

Thank you to those who came to Share last Friday, it was great to see so many of you. For those of you who were unable to come, the focus was on reading and comprehension. You may have noticed in your child's classroom a reading dinosaur display and we launched this on Friday. Every time your child reads **with** an adult at home, they can move their name up the dinosaur. Once they have reached the top, they will receive a reward sticker or little treat from the class box and they then start all over again. This is to engage all children and particularly those who are reluctant to read at home. We also discussed how when children move into Year 1 we teach them the skills of comprehending a book and we looked at different types of questions you can ask your child whilst they are reading. There are hand-outs available for those of you who were unable to attend that give you many examples of the different types of questions you can ask, so please do ask your child's class teacher for one of those.

Spellings

On Monday, your child was sent home with a spelling book, with spellings inside. Your child needs to practice these at home and they will then be tested on them the following week. Spellings will be sent home every Wednesday – so your child has a little bit longer this week to practice!

Reminders

May we please remind you that, this term, the children are no longer required to come into school on a Tuesday in their PE kit. The children will have PE on a Wednesday afternoon so please ensure that your child has a PE kit on their peg, all labelled, and in a labelled bag. Their lessons could be either outside or inside so please make sure that they have something suitable to wear. Thank you.

As the weather is getting colder, please can we ask that your child always comes into school with a coat (labelled) and sensible school shoes.

Don't forget that it is our Narnia themed Wow day on **Thursday 30th November** and your child can come dressed up as something from the Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe.

COLLECTING CHILDREN

Please may we remind parents to inform the class teacher that morning if their child is to be collected by another named adult. This information can then be recorded so all relevant teaching staff are aware of which child is leaving with which adult. We will of course pass a message on for you in the case of an emergency. Thank you.

REMEMBERENCE DAY

Please may we remind parents that we have poppies for sale in the office if you wish to donate to this cause. Thank you.

INDIVIDUAL PHOTOGRAPHS

Wrates will be taking individual children's photographs on Thursday, 16th November. If your child is not in nursery that day or you wish siblings to be on a family photograph this will be available after school (3.10pm) entrance via the back of the hall.

FANTASTIC 50



Jared

WONDERFUL 100



Kian

WICKED 150



Joseph

PARKING

Can we please remind you it is essential that you don't park on the yellow zig zag lines outside the main gates or on double yellow lines. We absolutely understand that the school run can be busy and hectic. However in the past we have witnessed more and more dangerous incidents and we fear there will be an accident. Please make sure you set off in good time to find a safe and suitable parking space. If you happen to be late and you can't find anywhere to park please don't panic. Pop us a call to say you'll be late. We would much prefer you and your children to be safe when arriving and leaving school. It is also important that we role model to our children what is safe and appropriate when using our roads.

Please also be considerate to our local residents. Please do not park across driveways or on pavements. Thank you for your cooperation.

VACANCY

SEND Teaching Assistant

School: Lincoln Carlton Academy

Start Date: ASAP

Salary: TA1 (G3.6 - £15,807 *pro rata*)

Contract: Temporary until 31/08/2018, full-time, 39 weeks per year

The post will be temporary initially, pending the needs of our growing school.

We are looking to recruit a full time SEND Teaching Assistant starting as soon as possible. The job will entail supporting pupils with complex needs and we will therefore be looking for a range of skills that will mean the successful applicant is able to quickly adapt planning to meet those specific needs.

Further information is available on the LCA website - <http://lincolncarltonacademy.com/vacancies/>

YEAR 2 NEWS

This term our learning is centred around the topic 'Let's Celebrate!' and will incorporate much of the seasonal changes, celebrations and festivals which make this term such a wonderfully special (if busy!) few weeks in the run up to all things festive.

Over the last two weeks, the children have been reading, performing and writing poetry about bonfire night and Autumn, and have produced some fabulous pieces which we are thrilled with. Next week, we move onto a geographical focus as we develop children's awareness and understanding of their locality within the world as well as exploring different countries and their cultures. One country we will be learning more about is Italy and we are very excited that the brilliant Italian chef, Mr De Serio will come into school on Monday to work with the children on making their pizzas, which they have designed for a friend as part of our food technology project.

Westgate French mornings

We still need some willing parent volunteers to help us walk the children to and from Westgate next week. Matisse and Miro will go on Wednesday morning and Kandinsky will go on Thursday. If we don't get enough adults to meet our required ratio, then we would unfortunately have to cancel the visit which would be a real shame. If you are able to help, we will be leaving Mount Street straight after register in the morning and will depart from Westgate at approximately 11:30am to return to school. Parents are not required to stay during the time at Westgate. Please see class teachers if you are able to help. Many thanks.

PE Term 2

This term we will have PE on a Monday and a Tuesday. Tuesday sessions are led by a sports coach and the children will have a sequence of gymnastic sessions in the hall. Please send children dressed ready for sports on both a Monday and a Tuesday, unless told otherwise. Thank you.

Reading Meeting

On Thursday 23rd November at 5pm, we are running a Year 2 reading session for parents which will give guidance about the expectations this year and how you can help support your child develop their reading further. This will be a very informative and useful meeting and will last approximately 45 minutes. If you are intending to come, please let class teachers or the office know so we can accommodate numbers.

WOW morning

On Monday 27th November it is our Polar Express Wow morning. Children may come dressed in pyjamas, dressing gowns, slippers and bring their 'most prized possession' as part of a magical start to our learning around this wonderful film. They will need suitable outdoor wear for play times. There will be no need for children to bring sports clothing on this day.

Matisse Swimming Lessons

Please note that the last swimming lesson for class Matisse will be on Monday, 4th December 2017.

KEY DATES

YEAR GROUP	DATE AND TIME	EVENT AND OTHER INFORMATION
NURSERY		
RECEPTION	Wednesday, 15th November Friday, 1st December 9.00-9.30am	Wedding Wow Day – dress for a wedding Share – tea and coffee in the hall after share
YEAR 1	Thursday, 30th November Friday, 1st December 9.00-9.30am	Wow Day The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe Share – tea and coffee in the hall after share
YEAR 2	Thursday, 23rd November 5.00pm Monday, 27th November a.m. Friday, 1st December 9.00-9.30am	Reading Meeting Polar Express Wow morning Share – tea and coffee in the hall after share
ALL YEAR GROUPS	Thursday, 9th November Thursday, 16th November Friday, 17th November	Parents evening Individual Photographs by Wrates Children in Need

SUPERSTAR ASSEMBLIES

YEAR GROUP	DATE AND TIME
Year 2	Friday, 10th November
Year 1	Friday, 17th November
Reception	Friday, 24th November

Last Day of Term 2 – Tuesday, 19th December 2017

First Day of Term 3 – Wednesday, 3rd January 2018

Last Day of Term 3 – Friday, 9th February 2018