



Newsletter 1

15th September 2017



Dear Parents, Carers and members of the community, welcome to the first Newsletter of the 2017/18 academic year. I trust that you had a wonderful Summer break and wish you 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 faces. We have had such a wonderful start back to school and it has truly been a pleasure to visit each class numerous times and witness the calm, focused and respectful learning environments as well as feel as excited as the children by the wide range of activities planned and delivered by our excellent teaching team. It's amazing how after over six weeks without children's voices ringing out in the classes and corridors, 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 ready for some exciting first term lessons. A big well done to our new reception children, they have settled so well and we've had very few tears-just a few from the mums and dads, and most children have demonstrated how school-ready they are. I am very much looking forward to seeing Ancaster continue to flourish and shine as this term develops. As always, if you need to catch me, I will be on the school gate several times each week or a longer appointment can be made via Mrs Beard in the school office. Have a wonderful week and I look forward to seeing you soon. Best Wishes, *Mr Sam Eden (Executive Headteacher)*

Station Adoption-Grand Opening



We are delighted with the work that has been taking place at the train station now that the school has adopted the space and is working alongside the local community to develop the garden areas. We have even been shortlisted for the wonderful work that has been undertaken by both Mrs Awcock and Dr Train. In order to celebrate this work, we will be formally opening the garden area and holding a Grand Opening with the whole school in attendance and hope that you can join us. This will take place at 1.45pm on Friday 29th September.

Dr Train has been organising many events to run on the day and we are continuing our work as a Silver Bike-It school where Class New Zealand children will be allowed to ride their bikes up to the station along with Sustrans Marshalls, and school staff using their own bikes (bikes on this occasion please, not scooters). The rest of the school will walk up to the station-if you can help, please let your child's Class Teacher know. All help appreciated.

The whole school is invited to participate in a 'Bling your Bonce' helmet competition in which children are invited to decorate their bicycle helmet with a train theme. The crazier the better. This can then be carried or worn up to the ceremony where a parade will take place with winners being announced from each class. We are also excited that we are able to hold a Dr Bike session in the morning in school, so each child's bike can have an MOT undertaken free of charge-all your child needs to do, is come to school on their bike on that day.

Labelling Clothes



No doubt, your children's school clothes will have cost you money over the Summer break and we cannot stress the importance of labelling each individual item. As a school, we constantly remind pupils to put their belongings away, but most days there are cases of lost jumpers etc. **To ensure that the items of clothing can be returned to pupils as quickly as possible, we would ask that every item that you have bought for your child is labelled clearly. Thank you for your cooperation with this.**

Curriculum Maps and Letters

Each teacher in school has been busy planning their curriculum content and we have pleasure in providing you with a curriculum map and parent letter which will have come home with your child on Friday last week. Please ensure that you read these documents as this will give you the valuable information you need to keep up to date with what your child is learning about. A copy of this will be placed on the school website. Should you require any additional information, please see your child's class teacher.

A very warm welcome back from all Staff, Governors and PTFA- We are very much looking forward to helping your child Be the Best they can Be!

Class Identity Day



Class Identity Day was just wonderful. The children had such a brilliant time dressing up and creatively interpreting flag colours and national dress. Some of the costumes were just breathtaking and the learning and enrichment that came from this was exceptional. Thank you for your support with these events, they become memories that the children never forget.



Baby Update



Mrs Field-one of our 1:1 Support Assistants has, this week, given birth to a bouncing baby boy, Ethan. We are delighted for her and her family- what such great news!

Mrs Parsons has now officially begun her maternity leave with baby due in a few weeks. As soon as we have an update on the newest Ancaster baby, we will let you know.

We cannot wait to meet both babies and hope you will join us in wishing both Mrs Parsons and Mrs Field all the very best.

Harvest Festival-6th October



Our wonderful Harvest Festivals will take place on the date above. As usual, we are now too big to fit everyone, including parents, into the church as a whole school, so we will hold 2 Harvest Festivals, which means double the fun-they will be led by our new Vicar, Revd Georgina Machell.

Key Stage 2-9.30am-St Martins Church
Reception/Key Stage 1-10.30am-St Martins Church

If you are able to walk with us to St Martin's church where the services will be held-we always appreciate your support-please speak with your child's Class Teacher.

As always, donations to Grantham Passage will be greatly recieved. This year, they have asked for Longlife Milk; Porridge Oats, Tinned Chopped Tomatoes, Baked Beans, Heinz Big Soup, Squash (orange or blackcurrant), Mars Bars or similar, Cereal Bars, Sugar, Coffee, Tea, Cereal, Biscuits, Small Tins of Meat, Shower Gel, Shampoo, Toothbrushes, Toothpaste, Anti-perspirant deoderant, Men's Socks and Soap. Thanks in advance for your kind donations.

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 and filled out the relevant paperwork at the school office. For those who already have inhalers in school, please check that it has not passed the expiry date. Thank you.

Welcome to our New Staff

We welcome formally to our school team, Mrs Woods, our new Deputy Headteacher and Mrs Sarah White, One to One Support Assistant. Both have loved their start to the term and we know their commitment and dedication to Ancaster will only help enrich the school further! We also welcome Mrs Macleod as a full time member of our Midday Staff from this term. Please join us in wishing these staff all the very best as they begin their time working in the school.

Cool Milk



Reception children are given milk in school as part of the Government's Milk Scheme until their 5th birthday. After Reception, or their 5th birthday- if you'd like your child to receive a carton of milk every day, please visit coolmilk.com to register and pay. Please note, Free School Meals Pupil Premium children will continue to be entitled to milk all the way through school should parents want this.

Thank You Reverend June

Reverend June has been a huge part of the local community in the last three years whilst the area has not had a permanent vicar in post. Please can we take this opportunity to thank Reverend June for all of her hard work, thoughts, prayers, well wishes, support and dedication. We are delighted that we have been able to retain her as one of our school governors and we are thrille that she will still be offering the school the support and challenge in this very important role.