

Dear Parents, Carers and members of the community, welcome to Newsletter 10-I hope this communication finds you well. I cannot quite believe that we are at the end of Term 3, this year is moving so quickly and the time is flying. They say that time flies when you are having fun and what a wonderful term this has been. There has been so much fun, lively and engaging learning taking place this term with undeniable progress being made across the school. Thank you to all the parents and carers who attended the recent Share and Shine events, this time there was a record number of parents in school and the children absolutely loved showcasing their learning and environments with you. I truly believe that a connected community is where children flourish and with a fully supportive parent body and pupils eager to learn, with staff who are striving for the best outcomes, our school will continue to develop and succeed. I hope that the half term holiday provides a wonderful opportunity to rest, relax and recharge as we begin to see the weather improve (hopefully) and mornings and nights be lighter. Have a fantastic break and I look forward to seeing you next term. Best Wishes, **Mr Sam Eden (Headteacher)**

#### Disco News!



Thank you to everyone who supported the disco last Friday. The children had a fabulous evening and danced their socks off while some parents enjoyed a hot drink and cake in our brand new 'parents room'. We raised a fantastic £254.65!

A huge thank you also to all of our wonderful PTFA and school staff for making this event happen. A special thank you to Mr Swain for manning the DJ decks and providing the music!

#### Swim Marathon



On Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February, a team of Year 6 children represented our school at Grantham Meres, swimming as many lengths as they could in 30 minutes to raise money through sponsorship for Grantham Rotary Club. Thank you to Mrs Hiorns for organising and co-ordinating our participation-we swam a total of 108 lengths and are so proud of each and every child who took part to contribute to the team!

#### Twitter



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#### E-Safety-Further Update



Thank you to parents for your engagement with the E-Safety messages we included in the previous newsletter. The children have discussed with us that they are now beginning to understand that the internet, as wonderful as it is, needs policing and adults are here to help.

This is something we touched upon when the police came into school recently to deliver a Stranger Danger talk to the whole school. This week, we all celebrated Safer Internet Day with fantastic resources and materials shared with the children in every class. Many of these resources are available online and more information can be accessed by searching for 'Safer Internet Day 2018'.

We have also arranged E-Safety workshops which will take place, predominately with Key Stage 2 (Year 3-6), followed by an evening Parent Meeting (times to be confirmed) on 21<sup>st</sup> May and delivered by a specialist in this area. He will be able to talk parents through different ways to keep children safe online and provide you with valuable information. We believe that this is a workshop in which parents will find incredibly useful and hope to see as many parents there as possible. More information on this will follow.

From everyone at Ancaster Church of England Primary School, have a lovely half term holiday! School reopens on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February at the usual times.



### **World Book Day -March 1<sup>st</sup> (Advance Notice)**

Next term we will be celebrating the 21<sup>st</sup> annual World Book Day and are inviting all children to dress up as a book character on this day. Outfits do not need to be specially bought as homemade ones are often the most effective, utilising what you already have at home. School staff will also be dressing up- will you be able to guess the stories we will be representing? There will be lots of exciting learning taking place, including: using digital media to make film trailers to turn our books into movies, writing book reviews to inspire others in our library, role play and so much more!

In addition to the events the school are running for World Book Day on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March, the PTFA will be running a Book Swap event. If your child could please bring a book or 2 that you're finished with, and no longer require, into school on the morning of Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March, we will collect and sort them during the day and then after school please come along with your child to choose a book that will be new to them. Weather permitting the books will be available from the picnic benches alongside the trim trail however in the case of bad weather the books will be in Class Spain.

**We know it's going to be another fabulous event for promoting reading for enjoyment and a lifelong love of reading.**

### **Playground Markings**

When we return to school after half term, work will begin to install brand new playground markings. We will also be undertaking a deep clean of all of our outdoor areas and ensuring that the children have access to bright, engaging stimulating areas-watch this space for more information.

### **Maths Day**



We enjoyed a wonderful day of Maths, in one of our fun and interactive Maths Days- all learning was linked and celebrated throughout the day with the theme of 'Measures' and each class was set challenges to complete throughout the day.

The children thoroughly enjoyed the day and relished in the opportunity to work with children in different classes to solve problems and extend their thinking.

### **Headlice**

Thank you for your ongoing support with headlice. We are thrilled that the conversations now taking place are incredibly pro-active. We are delighted that the PTFA, many of which are active members of the parent body, are also championing the Hedrin "Once a week, take a peek" campaign which asks you to commit to checking your child's hair for headlice once a week for 8 weeks. Leaflets have been sent home with your children this week which provide helpful details from Hedrin. The PTFA will also be posting weekly reminders on their Facebook page.

### **Children's University**



We continue to be an active and engaged supporter of the Children's University. This is a wonderful initiative in which the children earn stickers (credits) for their participation with events or accessing certain activities. Children will now also be able to get stickers for accessing school clubs and events. If joining the Children's University is something you would like to consider for your child, please let us know. Mrs Hiorns, Thailand Class Teacher, is co-ordinating this and will happily talk you through the scheme. The cost of the passport is £5 and once this is gained, a child earns credits for each activity and this is put towards their degree classifications. Once they have enough credits, they access a graduation ceremony at the University of Lincoln and move onto the next stage of their passport. Please let us know if you would like more information.

### **Exciting News!**

We're so excited to be able to share some amazing news with you all. A few weeks ago, the PTFA were informed that they had been successful in securing £5,000 of funding from the Morrisons Foundation!

This funding, along with funds the PTFA have already raised, will be used to purchase a canopy to cover the outdoor learning environment connecting Classes Spain and Peru. Quotes have been received and we are working on finalising the final details of the structure which will be going up within the next few months (although we're sure you won't miss it!)

Well done to the PTFA for their hard work and efforts in securing this grant-we are delighted and cannot wait to see the canopy installed.