



Ancaster
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Newsletter 2 29th September 2017



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Dear Parents, Carers and members of the community, welcome to Newsletter 2 of the 2017/18 academic year. Time has truly flown over the course of the last 2 weeks and the learning that has been taking place across the classes is exceptional. All the way up from our youngest to our oldest learners, we are seeing huge amounts of resilience, perseverance and children who want to be challenged to take that next step in their learning. There is such a phenomenal buzz around the school and I know that there are lots more wonderful learning opportunities to come this term, Ancaster really is an exciting place to be! 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 the school office. Have a wonderful week and I look forward to seeing you soon.

Best Wishes, *Mr Sam Eden (Executive Headteacher)*

Well Done 11+ Children



Over the past 2 weeks a selection of our Year 6 children have undertaken the 11+ test and have worked so hard and diligently. We are very proud of their achievements regardless of any outcome!

Join our fantastic PTFA!

If you would like to join our wonderful team of PTFA members, as either a full member or simply a helper at events, please register your interest by contacting Kirsty McGauley, the Chairperson of the PTFA at ancaster.ptfa@gmail.com

Having had a wonderful year last year-this hard working group of volunteers deserve a huge thank you for all they offer our school and children-we are so lucky to have the support of such a wonderful PTFA!

Value of the Term-Friendship



This term, we are focusing on the value of Friendship. We have used our Monday worships to explore what this means and how it is something that should be applied to all aspects of society. Please explore this further with your child to help them understand what this means and how this can and should be applied to everyday life.

*Friendship Achievement Creativity
Respect Honesty*

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 deodorant, Men's Socks and Soap. Thanks in advance for your kind donations.

We look forward to seeing you at these wonderful services and celebrating all things Harvest!

Congratulations Miss Crosby



We have heard this week the very happy news that whilst on Maternity Leave, Miss Crosby is now engaged to be married to her long-term partner. Please join us in congratulating them on a very happy engagement at this exciting time! Miss Crosby will be returning to Ancaster in January-more specific details on her return date will be communicated nearer the time.

Home/School Agreement

You have been sent the Home/School Agreement for this academic year. Please note that this is for information only and does not need to be sent back into school.

School Photographs



Mrs Moore has been undertaking a full review of the school photographers who provide the service allowing you to buy those very special photographs, which act as a snapshot of your child's time at school. At Ancaster, we do not underestimate how precious these photographs are and as such, having been unhappy with the recent service, we are asking the photographer to come back to school and re-take the photographs of any children whose parents have asked for them to be taken again. If you would like your child to have their photograph taken again, please ensure you have let Mrs Moore know by emailing her at

Debra.Moore@ancaster.lincs.sch.uk

As soon as we have a date for the re-takes, we will let you know. Please be aware, the only children to have their photo taken again will be those whose parents have contacted Mrs Moore.

Disco-6th October



Our wonderful PTFA have decided to hold a welcome back disco to celebrate our return to school. Mr Swain and Mr Divers will be manning the decks to become DJ Divers and DJ Swain and the night will be full of fun, party music and disco outfits as well as treats which will be available to buy at the disco.

Entry is £2.00 and this includes all drinks whilst the children are present. Money can be brought to the disco where sweets and crisps and other treats such as glow sticks can be purchased. The timings for the disco are as follows;

Reception/Year 1/Year 2 5.30pm-6.30pm

Year 3/4/5/6 6.30pm-7.30pm

We look forward to seeing your children party the night away tonight.

Open Morning

Friday 3rd November

9.30am – 11.30am

Whether your child is already at school with us or hoping to join us in September, why not come along to our Open Morning. You can:

- Take an informative tour of the school
- Join in with learning in each class
- Have coffee and cake at breaktime with staff and other key members of the school community
- Learn of our mission, aims and successes and of course ask all the questions you want any answers too.

We very much look forward to seeing you at this special event. Please spread the word to any members of the community who may also be looking for a place for next September, it is always great to see the school full of people from the existing, and new, school community.

Headlice

Please be aware that there have been confirmed cases of headlice within school. Please take steps to check your child's hair regularly and treat any instances of headlice in the first instance.

Parent Sharing Opportunities

This year we will be holding family sharing in Terms 1, 3 and 5. This term, these opportunities will take place week commencing 16th October and are the children's opportunity to share with you the learning that has taken place over the course of the term. The dates of the sharing are as follows;

Class Wales-Tuesday 17th at 9.10am

Class Spain-Thursday 19th at 9.10am

Class Peru-Thursday 19th at 3pm

Class Japan-Wednesday 18th at 9.10am

Class Thailand-Wednesday 18th at 3pm

Class New Zealand-Friday 20th at 9.10am

Please try to support your child by attending. Children are so incredibly motivated by their parents coming into school and helps inspire children to strive to be the best they can be.

Station Adoption



Thank you to everyone who supported us at the Station Adoption Opening Ceremony. It was just exceptional to be celebrating this as a whole school alongside the community. What a wonderful addition to Ancaster the community garden is! We hope you enjoy it as much as we enjoy being involved!