



## Newsletter 10 8<sup>th</sup> February 2019



Dear Parents, Carers and members of the community, welcome to Newsletter 10.

I hope this communication finds you well. We have had a fantastic couple of weeks in school since the previous newsletter and the children are working so hard to showcase their talents across the curriculum. I cannot quite believe that we are here at the mid-point of the academic year and know that the children will relish the opportunity to relax and unwind during the forthcoming half term. I very much look forward to hearing all about your adventures during the break. Have an enjoyable 2 weeks and I look forward to seeing you on the gate each day. Best Wishes, **Mr Sam Eden (Headteacher)**

*Have you signed up for Parenthub? Find the app on your app store, download and use the handle @ancasterprimary for an easy way to receive information from school.*

### Governor Focus-Sally McDowall Chair of Governors



Dear Parents/Carers,  
I hope this letter finds you all well.

I've been Chair of Governors since October 2015, although Ancaster Church of England Primary School has been part of my life since September 2006 when our first child started school. Our youngest child started secondary school in September 2016, so it is great to still be involved with such a wonderful school as a governor. Both of our children loved their time here and always received the support they needed to achieve their potential.

Part of our role as governors is to make sure that the school's finances are being well managed and that the school's money is well spent. As you will be aware, there is continuing pressure on school budgets so it is fantastic to now be able to provide single-age classes across the whole school every morning. This really is a huge benefit and is having a big impact on every child in our school being given the opportunity to 'Be the best you can be!'

I am delighted to be chairing the Governors and I'm extremely proud to have been a part of the team helping the school to implement these changes. Please feel free to contact me via the school office if you have any questions about the Governing Body and the roles/responsibilities we undertake. I look forward to seeing you in and around our lovely village school soon!

Yours sincerely,  
Sally McDowall  
Chair of Governors

### Swim Marathon



On Friday 1<sup>st</sup> February, a team of 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-they swam their lengths with pride and are so proud of each and every child who took part to contribute to the team!

### Clubs

We have sent out information regarding Clubs for the coming term to you via email and on Parenthub. There are lots of different clubs on offer and we are thrilled to be able to ensure that you are able to prepare for these in advance of the term starting. Please note that we now have a new booking system in place which requires you to email the office should you wish your child to have a place. Please note that we will not be sending out individual letters out for each club as the communication already sent includes all of the information you need. Some of the clubs still have places left and we want as many children to experience these as possible. As always, to ensure fairness should we receive more requests for places than those available, the names will be selected at random with a waiting list then established.

*Please be reminded that school closes for Half Term on February 15<sup>th</sup> at the usual times and reopens on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February.*



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**PTFA Disco- Notice of Date-1<sup>st</sup> March  
£2 per child**



Reception/Key Stage 1 at 5pm-6pm  
Key Stage 2 at 6pm-7pm

**Please note that the KS1 disco will have a Parent Room where you will be able to wait should you wish. We ask that you drop off at the main reception area and then follow the signs to the waiting room.**

**We look forward to seeing your children having fun and dancing the night away at the disco.**

**E-Safety**



We have recently been made aware, by several parents, that children are using different social media platforms to be unkind to others outside of school. When we have spoken with these children, they can sometimes be naïve about how their online actions attract the same consequences to those of everyday life. Please use the materials on our school website, and those sent out from Safer Internet Day earlier this week to help guide conversations regarding this at home and ensure that you are checking on the actions of your child, whilst they participate in these activities. If you have any concerns, please see your child's Class Teacher.

**Labelling Clothes**



Despite reminders placed on early newsletters to help parents who may have forgotten, we have amassed a large amount of lost property over the last two weeks. Please can we ask you to ensure you have named or labelled every item of your child's belongings and checked them after washing them to help us return clothing to its owner. As well as storage being an issue, we know these items cost you money and want to stop parents having to pay unnecessary costs for replacements.

**Share and Shine Time!**



Thank you to the parents who have joined us for Class Nepal and Egypt's Parent Share this week. The following sessions will take place next week and we very much look forward to seeing you.

- Class Ireland** -12<sup>th</sup> Feb at 9.10am
- Class Kenya**-15<sup>th</sup> Feb at 9.10am
- Class Brazil**- 13<sup>th</sup> Feb at 3pm
- Class Portugal**-14<sup>th</sup> Feb at 3pm

**Advance notice of date: Comic Relief Red Nose Day**



We will be raising money for this excellent and worthwhile charity on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March. Further details will follow.

**Snow**



As the winter months continue, the threat of snow is always upon us. We will always endeavour to stay open in all but the most extreme conditions. Please keep up to date with the latest information on school closures and check the school website; this will be updated as soon as any decision has been made, listen to Lincs FM and look out for communication from school via Parenthub and email.



**World Book Day -March 7<sup>th</sup>  
(Advance Notice)**

Next term we will be celebrating the 22<sup>nd</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. Classroom staff will also be dressing up-see if you can spot the stories we will be representing! There will be lots of exciting learning taking place on the day, 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! We know it's going to be another fabulous event for promoting reading for enjoyment and a lifelong love of reading and we cannot wait to see the school value of creativity flowing through the costumes we will see on the day.