



Newsletter 12 29th March 2019



Dear Parents, Carers and members of the community, welcome to Newsletter 12. It feels like so much time has passed since my last involvement in the newsletter and it certainly has been a long few weeks for me. I am now very pleased to say that I am back at work full time and am fully recovered but want to thank each and every parent who has taken the time to welcome me back and take the time to ask how I am. Whilst I was away, I missed the school and everyone connected to it terribly but was comforted in knowing that it was being led so well in my absence by Mrs Woods and Mrs Moore and the rest of our wonderful staff team. Coming back, I was blown away by how much learning the children had undertaken and how beautiful the school looked!

So, as we look forward to the Easter break and all that comes with this special time of year, I want to wish you all a very happy Easter and I look forward to seeing you on our return when school reopens for Term 5 on April 23rd. Have an enjoyable and relaxing break. **Best Wishes, Mr Sam Eden (Headteacher)**

Ancaster Pre-School-Goodbye

It is with a very heavy heart that we say goodbye to Ancaster Pre-School who have been providing their service to the village for 50 years but are now having to close due to restricted opening times and low attendance. Having worked alongside the provision, welcoming their children into school each year, it is a shame that this provision has now been lost within the community and we know that the committee has done everything in their power to try and prevent this from happening.

From the pupils, parents, staff and governors, both past and present, please join us in saying a big thank you to everyone involved in the pre-school over the last 50 years who have worked so hard to ensure that the children have had the very best start to their education.

Staffing Update

Mrs Owen, our Foundation Stage Teacher, who has been on maternity leave for the last year has decided not to return to her post after Easter so that she is able to spend more time with her son. Whilst we are very sorry to lose Mrs Owen from our teaching team, we fully support her decision and wish her all the very best for the future. Mrs Glendinning, who has covered the maternity leave, will continue to be the Class Ireland's Class Teacher meaning there are no changes for children/parents to adjust to.

Mrs Stafford, our Administrative Assistant in the school office will also be leaving us at the end of May as her husband, who serves in the forces, has been posted to America where the family will be moving in the summer. We wish them all the very best as they embark on their new adventure.

Advanced Summer Term Dates

To help assist you with planning, please see below advance dates of events taking place in the summer term.

Inspire+ Mini Olympics (Class Brazil)-Tues 18th June

Y6 Residential-Monday 17th-Wednesday 19th June

Sports Morning-Friday 12th July

Summer Fayre-Friday 12th July (PM)

Last day of the academic year-Friday 19th July (school closes at the usual times)

For those looking ahead to the next academic year-school reopens on Wednesday 4th September 2019. Term dates are available on our school website.

Please be reminded that school closes for the Easter break on April 5th at the usual times and reopens on Tuesday 23rd April.

 **Happy Easter!** 

Easter Services

Our Easter Services will take place next week on 4th April in Church. We hope you are able join us for a celebration of learning and song. As always, the services are sure to help everyone think about the true meaning of Easter.

KS2-9.30am

KS1-10.30am

Please let your child's Class Teacher know if you can help us to walk to Church.

Mini Police Parking Patrol-Next Week!



Next week (w.c. 1st April), our Mini Police officers, along with the PCSO will be patrolling the streets outside school and issuing advice and 'tickets' to anyone not parking correctly.

Parenthub



Parenthub is proving to be a success with parents who have provided feedback to say that they prefer not having their email inboxes flooded with information and the fact that it is all in the same place very useful. What is also great is that Grandparents and other significant adults are able to also access this information so the spread of information and communication is better than ever before. We know we have a large portion of the parent body signed up, but there are still parents who have not yet signed up and we hope that the more we use it, it will become the way we share all information with parents. We are also looking at using Parenthub to send you your child's end of year report as a 'direct message' into the app rather than a paper copy. This will allow you to be able to email it to other people, download and save and print if you wish. Communicating in this way is not only better for the environment but also saves the school significant amounts of money. Every colour print that runs through our photocopier costs 10p in printing costs and saving this money by utilising technology allows us to spend the money to benefit the children in many more ways.

Signing up to Parenthub couldn't be easier. Find the app on your app store, download and use the handle @Ancasterprimary for an easy way to receive information from school. Should you require any support, please speak to the school office.



Keep up to date with what's going happening in and around school by following us on Twitter
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Comic Relief Red Nose Day



Thanks to your generosity we raised a brilliant £148.25 for Comic Relief. Thanks to everyone for supporting this very worthwhile and important charity.

Disco Success

The recent PTFA was a huge success with a mammoth £354.62 raised which will be spent on resources and opportunities for the children. Thank you to our wonderful PTFA for all of your continued hard work!

Parent Consultations

May 1st and 2nd

We are looking forward to seeing you for the forthcoming Parent Consultations which will take place after the Easter break. These meetings are a statutory requirement and if you are unable to make the official dates, we will ask that you make another appointment to discuss your child's progress, attainment and wellbeing here in school. We take our responsibilities to keep you informed very seriously and you will also receive an updated Pupil Profile sheet to help explain key areas of the meeting.

The new booking system we are now using has been very well received and great feedback has been given to school as parents are saying that they value the opportunity to make their own appointment. We will be using this system again with appointments available to be made now. If you are unable to make it into school, phone the office where we can make the appointment for you. We very much look forward to seeing you at these meetings.

Clubs

The club lists for Term 5 has been sent out to parents via Parenthub, email and is also on the school website and is now available for you to be able to select clubs and request a place by emailing enquiries@ancaster.lincs.sch.uk As always, we are ensuring all pupils have an equal opportunity to access clubs and with more clubs than ever before, we have more children accessing extra-curricular activities, which is excellent.

Big Pedal and Biker Breakfast



We are currently taking part in the Big Pedal where we encourage as many people to walk, cycle and scoot to school rather than use a car for a 2 week period. The results are entered into a database each day where we are competing with other schools and prizes can be won.

As part of this, we will be holding a special breakfast **on 3rd April**, where we will open the school gates from 8.30am and we will be giving a light breakfast to all participants who have walked, cycled or scooted as well as celebrating the children **who have 'blinged their helmet' for our superhero themed competition on this day.** We look forward to seeing you there.