

Dear Parents, Carers and members of the community, welcome to Newsletter 2 of the 2018/19 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-not a moment of time has been wasted in introducing the children to new concepts, ideas and learning. 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 and I thank you for your support and dedication in ensuring we work closely together for the good of your child(ren)! 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 (Headteacher)*

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 15th 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 Ireland-Tuesday 16th Oct at 9.10am
Class Kenya- Wednesday 17th Oct at 9.10am
Class Egypt-Thursday 18th Oct at 9.10am
Class Brazil- Thursday 18th Oct at 3pm
Class Portugal-Wednesday 17th Oct at 3pm
Class Nepal- Tuesday 16th Oct at 3pm

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.**

GDPR Student Update Forms

Please ensure your GDPR student update forms are sent back to the school office as soon as possible as we need these to ensure your information is correct and your preferences for communication are up to date.

Bookfair is coming: Thursday 4th October

More details to follow from Miss Footitt!

Harvest Festival-12th 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 wonderful 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, 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!

School Photographs



We are delighted to inform you that individual school photographs will take place on Tuesday 2nd October. Please ensure your child is in full school uniform for these pictures and we look forward to sharing them with you.

Open Afternoon

Friday 2nd November

1.30pm onwards

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

- Take an informative tour of the school
- Join in with learning in each class
- 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 their child next September in Reception. It is always great to see the school full of people from the existing, and new, school community.

After School Clubs

We have a wonderful array of After School Clubs taking place this term ranging from running, magical maths, pottery dance, homework and multi-skills and will be looking to arrange more for next term to enrich and enthuse our learners beyond the classroom. Places for clubs this term have now been allocated and a waiting list is in place to ensure that anyone who decides to leave the club is able to offer their place to someone else.

Please note that the way we allocate places has changed to ensure that we are being fair and consistent. When a club letter is issued, it will have a 'return by' date and the number of spaces available in the club. If the number of returns exceeds the planned spaces available, we will randomly draw names to allocate the places. First come, first served allocations are not fair on children who access after school provision and where parents do not collect from the school gate. We hope that you understand our reasoning behind this change and support us in ensuring our allocations are fair.

Value of the Term-Responsibility



This term, we are focusing on the value of Responsibility. We are using our Collective 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. Our website has a helpful guide to work through at home.

Labelling Clothes



With 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.

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!

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.

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!

PTFA Welcome Back Disco-Reminder Notice of Date-28th September



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

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