

Dear Parents, Carers and members of the community, welcome to Newsletter 3. I am so thrilled with how the school is set up following the changes made for this academic year to accommodate single age classes in Key Stage 2. The mornings have been transformed in Key Stage 2 and having spent time recently with pupils in Y3-6, they all spoke positively with how the changes have impacted on their learning. The Teaching Staff have also highlighted the change as one of the most significant and transformative changes we have made to impact on outcomes for pupils and we are eager to continue to see how this raises achievement across the whole academic year. It is wonderful to be able to offer a structure outside of the norm for our school but it is even better that the results of this change can be seen already in so many different ways. 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)*

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 to.

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.

Brilliant Bookfair!



Miss Footitt has been busy organising the Bookfair for everyone to be able to visit. Thank you to everyone who has entered the competition to win a £5 book token, the winners were announced today and the poems we received were excellent to read! We hope as many children can come to the fair as possible, there is a huge selection of books on offer from a wide range of authors as well as stationery and posters. What is even better is that for every £1 spent at the fair, we receive £1 to spend on books, which is excellent as we are always looking at ways to improve our current stock of books. **Bookfair is running tonight (Friday 5th) and Monday/Tuesday next week after school.**

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 gratefully received. 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!

Flu Vaccine-Monday 19th November

Don't forget, Years R, 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 are entitled to a nasal spray Flu Vaccine and this will be administered by the NHS on the date above. Details have been sent to parents for you to register your child-please contact the school office if you need more information on this.

Firework Extravaganza-Friday 2nd November Gates open at 6pm with Fireworks at 7pm



Once again, our PTFA will be providing the jewel in our entertainment crown with our Firework Extravaganza. Over the past 6 years, we have brought the community together for a wonderful fun-filled family evening and this year promises to be no different. Entry will be by payment on the gate on the evening. Prices are as follows;

Adults £4 Children £3 Under 4's Free
Family Ticket (2 adults, 2 children) £12

This is fantastic value for money and there will be music, food and drink and of course the superb fireworks. Please let as many people know about this event, including those from other villages. We look forward to seeing you there!

Autumn Fruits Cooking-Next Week!

To celebrate this wonderful time of the year where the leaves begin to change colour and the seasons alter to a more-cooler climate, we will, once again, undertake our Autumn Fruits Cooking sessions in which Miss Heslam works with children from every class, using our Curriculum Kitchen to cook and bake tasty treats with produce grown in our school garden. These will be sold in a special bake sale at the end of the day on Friday 12th October on the playground and we hope you enjoy eating them as much as the children will enjoy making them!

Important Action Needed!

Following the introduction of Universal Credit, the way that we can establish whether school is entitled to extra funding for your child has changed. This extra funding is known as Income and Benefits Based Free School Meals – IBFSM (not to be confused with the free meals provided for all children in Reception, year 1 & Year 2).

You will previously have given us your National Insurance numbers which let us conduct a check however, due to the above changes, parents are now required to request this check themselves.

It is very important that every parent/carer completes this for all their children in school, even if you do not think you are eligible.

In order to complete this check, please follow the link below that will take you to the portal where you will find instructions.

<https://lcc.cloud.servelec-synergy.com/parentportal>

You have been emailed a guide for completing this and this can also be found on our school website.

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

We hope you are able to attend. Children are so incredibly motivated by their parents coming into school and helps inspire children to strive to **be the best they can be.**

Disco Success



The recent disco was a phenomenal success, raising £347 profit. The children had such a wonderful time and enjoyed the opportunity to have fun with friends and let their hair down. A huge thank you must go to the PTFA for their hard work and efforts in putting on this disco and we are very much looking forward to the next one. Thanks also to DJ Divers for providing the music and Mr Taylor, one of our fantastic parents for loaning the sound system!

Goodbye and Good Luck Mrs Dumont



Mrs Dumont, one of our wonderful Midday Supervisors, has today bid farewell to Ancaster to begin working in a school much closer to home. Mrs Dumont has loved working at the school so much for the past few years that despite moving over an hour away, she has still undertaken the journey to and from Ancaster to be part of our team. Rightly so, she has accepted a role in a Midday team in a school around the corner from where she lives and we wish her every success. Please join us in sending Mrs Dumont to her next school with all good wishes!