

Dear Parents, Carers and members of the community, welcome to Newsletter 9. There is a real sense of purpose around school as the children have been working hard establishing their new topic themes and making connections with their previous learning and undertaking new concepts and skills. We have had lots of visitors to the school recently who have commended us very highly on the work we undertake at Ancaster to ensure that we provide the very best educational offer to your children. We have so many exciting events coming up between now and Easter, including whole school events and in-class events, trips, visitors and visits and fun, exciting learning opportunities every day-look out for updates here in the school newsletter and on Parenthub. Should you wish to discuss any aspect of your child's education, please do not hesitate to speak with your child's Class Teacher. Have an enjoyable 2 weeks and I look forward to seeing you on the gate each day.

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

Parenthub App

We have had some wonderful feedback regarding the Parenthub app that we are now using to help ensure effective communication streams with our parent body and we are delighted with the number of parents who have begun to access the app.

What parents appear to be most impressed with is the fact that the app allows for all of the messages sent by school to be seen in one place, eradicating the numerous emails we sent out to parents, and ensuring that important messages can be seen at the click of a button.

We do still have a number of parents who have not yet signed up to the app and the only equipment that is needed is a smartphone and access to the internet. We do recognise that an app will take up space on a phone but we have been reassured that the actual size of the application is very small and the information stored within the app is less than the number of emails that were sent previously.

Our aim is to eventually move all of our communication to Parenthub as it is much more versatile in its formatting and allows more staff to communicate quickly and easily ensuring key messages are communicated in manner that is also very cost effective.

We do understand that there will be instances where parents cannot sign up and we will make provisions to ensure that communication is still sent to these parents, but we would like to ask that as many parents as possible sign up to the app to ensure that you are receiving the most up to date information in the most efficient way possible.

We will begin contacting parents next week to see if there is any help needed in setting up the app.

Fantastic News!

This week, we received an official letter from Dr Caroline Johnson, our local MP who wrote to say well done on our most recent Key Stage 2 results from the previous cohort of Year 6. We are very proud to receive this letter as it supports the hard work of all of our children and staff who work so hard to be the best they can be!



Science Week-w/c March 11th

As part of our celebration of British Science Week, which is the week beginning March 11th, we would like to invite parents or carers to talk to each class about how science has played a part in their lives or careers. The theme of the week is Journeys, so this may be a useful starting point. Perhaps you work with transport or have undertaken a special journey or challenge? Please contact Mrs Hiorns to organise your participation. Thank you in advance.



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Headlice

Further to an update via Parenthub sent this week, children have been reminded not to put their heads close together, not to share hair bobbles etc, to always wear long hair tied up and to support one another and not make them feel bad if they have had headlice.

Please be reminded that there is no need for a child to miss school if they have headlice-many of the treatments can be administered quickly but please remember to keep checking up to 10 days after treatment to remove any eggs as it is eggs not removed by the treatment that is often the cause of children getting headlice again. Thank you to the parents who have already taken steps to ensure we bring any problem into line.

We do have treatments available to give to families free of charge-if you would like any of these, please let us know and we will be happy to help.

Suitable Clothing

Winter is truly upon us now and the cold snap is set to continue for the foreseeable weeks. With this in mind, please can all parents ensure that children are coming to school with a warm, winter coat as we do not want to let children outside without this vital protection from the very cold weather. Children need to access the outdoors to help gain fresh air and freedom from set learning times during breaks and lunches.

Improvements to Site Security

You may have noticed at school drop off and pick up times that the field has been out of action this week and workmen have been working on the field. This work has been necessary to improve the fencing around our boundaries to further ensure our site security. We envisage that this work will be completed this week with the full use of the field being given back next week.

Online Safety



Please find attached a link for help and support for parents in a digital world. As children will have received new devices in the last month for Christmas, this guidance on setting, updates and apps for different ages will be useful. <https://parentinfo.org/>

Share and Shine Time!



This term, family sharing will take place in the sessions outlined below. This is the children's opportunity to share with you the learning that has taken place across the curriculum. The dates for these sharing opportunities are as follows;

Class Ireland -12th Feb at 9.10am

Class Kenya-15th Feb at 9.10am

Class Egypt- 8th Feb at 9.10am

Class Brazil- 13th Feb at 3pm

Class Portugal-14th Feb at 3pm

Class Nepal-7th Feb at 9.10am



Swim Marathon

On Friday 1st February, a team of KS2 children will represent our school at Grantham Meres, swimming as many lengths as they can in 30 minutes to raise money through sponsorship for Grantham Rotary Club. Thank you to Mrs Hiorns for organising and co-ordinating our participation.

Good Luck Swimmers-we are behind you 100% as you demonstrate the school value of achievement!



World Book Day -March 7th (Advance Notice)

Next term we will be celebrating the 22nd 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.

Curriculum Maps and Parent Letters

All classes have created Parent Letters and Curriculum Maps that set out the intentions for learning until Easter. These have been sent out on paper, are on class pages on our website and have been uploaded to Parenthub.