



Ancaster
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Newsletter 18

30th June 2017



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Dear Parents, Carers and members of the community, welcome to Newsletter 18, we hope this communication finds you well. What a fortnight it has been since the last newsletter, scorching temperatures and dreary rain – the very best of British! Staff and children have taken all of this in their stride and teaching and learning have continued apace, with lots going on in and around school. The children have been undertaking assessments this week and staff will take the results of these into consideration, alongside evidence from books when making end of year judgements, you will receive end of year reports next Thursday. We look forward to another exciting couple of weeks as we hurtle towards the end of term, with Sports Day and Summer Fayre among much more coming up. Let's hope the weather improves shortly and we hope that you all have a lovey weekend!

Best Wishes, *Mr Sam Eden (Executive Headteacher) & Mrs Clare Talbot (Deputy Headteacher)*

Sports Day 10am Friday 7th July



Our sports day plans are all in place, and as in past years, it will consist of team games in a carousel (your children will all be in the same team, so that you can follow them round the carousel) followed by some track races in year groups. We will aim to finish by 11.45am at the latest so that we can turn the school around for the summer fayre.

Teachers will take the classes back inside and you will then need to sign your child out from the classroom door to join you in a picnic on the field or BBQ food if you are attending; please feel free to bring folding chairs or picnic blankets. For children whose parents are unable to attend, children will be supervised by mid-day staff as usual and will attend the fayre in the afternoon in groups.

Summer Fayre-1pm Friday 7th July



The plans for our Summer fayre are well underway and this event will follow Sports Morning on Friday 7th July. The planned opening time will be 1pm, however the BBQ, provided by our wonderful PTFA will be open for business as soon as the sports have finished. Classes are planning stalls and you can look forward to 'splat the rat', face painting, name the teddy amongst much more and the PTFA will be running stalls such as: Disco Dome and giant balloons. We always welcome stall holders from our community for a small fee, if you would like to have a stall at the fayre please contact Mrs Beard in our school office. We look forward to you joining us for this brilliant event; please bring plenty of change as coins are always much needed!



If you have any questions about which activities can receive stickers for children's passports outside school, please contact Maria Morgan:
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Despite the dismal weather, Classes Jamaica and South Africa enjoyed a fantastic day at **Twycross Zoo** this week. There were many highlights, including naming the penguins, the birds and a baby orangutan! Despite being able to access information about any animals they wish to, using technology at any time, the children reported it was **so much more exciting** to see real animals, in the flesh, up close!

Awards for all Update



In previous newsletters we announced that we have been successful in a bid for funding from the Big Lottery Fund. We can now tell you that we are soon to install equipment in school using this funding. In the penultimate week of term will have 'Sandy Lodge' installed, this is an outside teaching and learning space that is also a sandpit!



We will also have a 20 tyre, Tyre Park installed with all-weather surfacing. The children have voted on the design for this and have chosen 'The Olympian'!



We are all really excited about these installations as they will enhance our outdoor learning environment greatly and benefit all the children during the learning in lessons as well as in their break times.

There are further plans in the pipeline for developing our outdoor area and these will be shared in due course.

Diary Dates



New EYFS Parents Meeting: **Monday 3rd July**
4.30pm

End of Year Reports to Parents: **Thursday 6th July**

Sports Day & Summer Fayre: **Friday 7th July**

Move-up Morning & New EYFS Teddy Bears'

Picnic: **Tuesday 11th July**

Class South Africa's Play performed to Parents:

Wednesday 12th July 6pm – Change of date!

Year 6 Leavers' Party: **Friday 14th July**

Year 6 Bike ride & Picnic @ Woody's: **Tuesday**

18th July

End of Term 6: **Wednesday 19th July**

Belton visit



It was another rainy day for this visit, however the children and parents who went thoroughly enjoyed their pond dipping, mini-beast hunting and excitement on the adventure playground. Belton is a fantastic resource, on our doorstep – perfect for the forthcoming summer holidays!

Transition Meetings

We are offering transition meetings for parents so that you are clear about the class set up and new year group expectations for the new year group your child/children will be joining in September. These are extremely worthwhile meetings where you will have the opportunity to ask questions and find out what will be different next year. This will enable you to support your child as they move year groups. All meetings will be held after school during the week beginning 10th July - dates will be sent to you shortly.

Reports

You will receive your child's end of year report next Thursday (6th July) - please check bags for these. We are sure you will enjoy reading these carefully written reports and will be able to celebrate your child's achievements across the year with them.

We will be announcing next week which class your child will be in next year and who will be teaching them ahead of the Moving Up Morning on 11th July.