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Newsletter 4 21st October 2016



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Dear Parents, Carers and members of the community, welcome to Newsletter 4. I hope this communication finds you well. I cannot quite believe that we are at the end of Term 1 already. So much has happened over the course of this term, it is absolutely lovely to sit back and reflect upon the happenings of the school and consider the great swathes of learning that have taken place this term. Having had a fair few visitors to the school wanting to find out ways in which we are working and inspiring our pupils, I have been overwhelmed by the positive comments about our school and the community. We discuss Ancaster as being the 'best school in the universe', and it truly is! I feel very lucky and privileged to be a part of such a wonderful learning community and know that the rest of the staff, pupils and parents feel the same. We are incredibly lucky to have the support of a knowledgeable, skilled and forward thinking Governing Body and are also blessed to have a passionate and dedicated PTFA. Together, what our school is achieving is incredible and our pupils are receiving outstanding outcomes. Thank you to each and every parent for supporting us as, without the backing of the parent body and the continuation of the principles of school at home, the hard work and progress made each day would be lost. Having had time to reflect upon Term 1 and our fabulous school, attention now turns to Term 2 and all that we are planning to offer. We cannot wait to share next term with you as we prepare for Christmas, but for now enjoy this very well-deserved half term break! **Best Wishes. Mr Sam Eden (Headteacher)**

Open Morning Thursday 3rd November 9.30am – 11.30am

Whether your child is already at school with us or hoping to join us in September, come along to our Open Morning!

You can:

- Take an informative tour of the school
- Join in with learning in each class
- Talk to the staff and pupils
- Have coffee and cake at break time with staff and other key members of the school community
- See our Celebration Worship in action
- 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 next September; it is always great to see the school full of people from the existing, and new, school community.

Flu Vaccine-Wednesday 9th November

Don't forget, Years 1, 2 and 3 are entitled to a Flu Vaccine and this will be administered by the NHS on the date above.

Fireworks-Friday 4th November



Once again, we will be providing the jewel in our entertainment crown of our Firework Extravaganza.

Over the past 5 years, we have brought the community together for a wonderful fun filled family evening and this year promises to be no different (although there is talk of bigger and better fireworks than ever before). Entry will be on the gate.

Prices are as follows;

Adults £3.00 Over 4's £2.00 Under 4's Free

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 Bake Off-Tonight!



Join us tonight for our Autumn Fruits Bake Off!

All of the children have been cooking and baking with Miss Heslam in our curriculum kitchen and the produce will be sold in special Bake Sale after school today (Friday 21st). We hope you enjoy the tasty treats on offer to you and your families.

Snacks, Lunchboxes and Drinks



We have been noticing recently that there has been a rise in the number of unhealthy foods that are being sent into school for snacks at breaktimes and also in lunchboxes. In recent weeks, we have seen children bringing into school packets of Haribo sweets, as well as other treats which should not be in school.

In terms of snacks for playtime, please only send in healthy snacks for the children. In Reception and Key Stage 1, a snack is provided each day by the Government in the form of fresh fruit and vegetables. Should any child from Key Stage 2 wish to purchase healthy snacks, we do operate a healthy tuck shop in which children can buy their snacks.

Lunchboxes should contain a variety of food groups.

We recognise that a packet of crisps or a small chocolate bar are part of a balanced and healthy diet, but please consider the types of foods that are being placed into the lunchboxes as we do promote healthy lifestyles as much as possible and this is especially extended to mealtimes.

In terms of the drinks being sent into school, please only send water into school as this will ensure that the children are hydrated and ready to learn.

Parent Sharing Opportunities

Thank you to everyone who attended our Parent Sharing opportunities this week. Every class has had a wonderful time showcasing their learning and inviting parents, carers and families into the class to experience the learning and environments. It was an absolute pleasure and joy to see so many visitors in school over the course of the week!

Parent Consultations

Monday 7th and Wednesday 9th November



A quick reminder that Parents Evening will be held on **Monday 7th and Wednesday 9th November**.

Parent Meetings are not only a statutory requirement but a great opportunity to find out how well your child has settled, their targets for this term, their current attainment in Maths and English as well as how you can help support your child to be the best they can be and reach their goals. We will use this opportunity to share the Pupil Profile document with you and your child. Please ensure your meeting is booked with Mrs Beard.

Please allow your child to join you for this meeting- we want the discussion to be shared by pupils, parent and staff.

A Baby is Born!



This week we heard the wonderful news that Mrs Good, the school's previous Headteacher has given birth to her second child. We are very proud to announce the birth of Mollie who weighed 7lb 8oz. Although Mrs Good no longer works at Ancaster, she will always remain part of our school family, and we are sure you will join us in welcoming baby Mollie into the world and in sending our best wishes to Mrs Good and the rest of her family!

Mr Swain-New Baby

Over the course of the holidays, we are expecting Mr Swain and his wife to welcome their new baby into the world. This will mean that Mr Swain will be undertaking his paternity leave on our return after the break. In his absence, the class will be covered by existing school staff rather than lots of different unknown teachers. We will let Class Jamaica's parents know the plan for this on our return to school. Please join us in wishing them both all the best for their impending arrival.

Operation Christmas Shoebox's

Once again, we will be supporting the Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas child collection and sending off donated boxes which will be given to children internationally in over 100 countries. Last year, the charity sent collected 11.2 million boxes from around the world and we would love to add to this total again for this year.

Please could you put boxes together that you would like to donate and have them sent to the school office by 10th November 2016 marked for the attention of Mrs Hiorns who is co-ordinating this project. For more information please visit www.samaritans-purse.org.uk

From everyone at Ancaster-have a wonderful half term break!