



Ancaster
Church of England Primary School

Newsletter 8

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Dear Parents, Carers and members of the community, we'd like to take this opportunity to wish you all **Happy New Year!** We hope you all had a fantastic Christmas and, on behalf of all the staff, we would like to thank you all for your kind wishes, cards and gifts. School is well and truly in full swing and the children are already engrossed in the new learning within the whole school topic of 'Let's Investigate'. You will have all now received Class Newsletters and topic Maps, detailing events and planned learning, these are also available on the class pages of our website. We're sure our community has a great wealth of knowledge and skills to offer, that would enhance our curriculum for our pupils; if you feel you have topic related knowledge, skills or artefacts to share and would like to do so, please see a member of staff.

We aim to always be available on the playground for a quick chat most mornings, however appointments can also be made to see us via the school office. Have a wonderful weekend!
Best Wishes, *Mr Sam Eden (Executive Headteacher) Mrs Clare Talbot (Deputy Headteacher)*



Reading Enrichment Day

The promotion of, and excellent teaching and learning of reading is one of school's focus areas this year. Yesterday the whole school undertook a day of exciting reading enrichment activities interwoven within usual lessons.



Reading Bus

AC Williams kindly donated a coach for the day, for all the children to participate in 'reading in unusual places' activities throughout the day. **BBC Radio Lincolnshire** heard about this and two of our Year 2 pupils, Izzy Welby and Oscar Kerry-Dutton, broadcast live on the airwaves, along with Mrs Owen who organised this fabulous opportunity.

It was a fantastic day of reading activities, enjoyed by all with lots of cross-curricular learning taking place – well done everyone!



Health & Wellbeing

One our curriculum enrichment projects this term features health and wellbeing.

Today saw the launch of this term's **Fab Friday**, involving 5 A Day raps, healthy eating charades, first aid drama and trim trail challenges. Children tell us Fab Friday, where children learn in their team groups alongside children from all age groups, is one of the times of the week they look forward to most!

We will soon be having our termly '**Big Conversation**' where all children will be discussing how, in school, we can improve our health. Ideas from all pupils are then collated and form the basis of improvement plans.

Please support us in this work by only sending in healthy balanced lunch boxes and snacks, we do not allow sweets or chocolate bars, thank you!



Miss Crosby – Maternity Leave



Miss Crosby will be starting her maternity leave in two weeks time and we would all like to wish her and her partner the very best of luck! We can't wait to meet the baby.

Mrs Fiona Green was successful in gaining the maternity cover post and we know there will be a seamless and positive transition between staff.



DISCO

Our wonderful PTFA are arranging another of our popular Discos. £1.50 entry with unlimited free drinks. Sweets and treats will be available to buy!

EYFS/KS1 5.30-6.30pm

KS2 6.30-7.30pm

DJ Eden will of course be our DJ, so get your dancing shoes on and we'll see you at the disco!



Breakfast & After School Club Success

We are delighted at the success of our new on-site Breakfast and After School Club run by the friendly, caring and supportive staff of Ancaster Village Nursery. Cosy zones and a variety of exciting activities to choose from enable the children to relax and enjoy their free time, stimulating their brains with breakfast available in the morning and unwinding from the busy school day in the evening, with delicious cooked teas too! If you wish to find out more, or would like to book your child's place, please contact Ancaster Village Nursery: 01400 231500



Communication with Class Teachers

Class Teachers make themselves available each morning on the playground at 8.45am and at the end of the day as the children go home, to receive messages and share information. When the bell goes at 8.50am teachers have a duty of care to their classes and cannot engage with parents at this time. If you need to see a teacher outside of these times please make an appointment via the office. In order to safeguard all of our children, as well as comply with fire regulations, we need to know who is on the premises at all times and kindly ask that no-one enters the building by the side doors before or after school. The playground gates are now locked promptly at the end of school each day.



Clubs

There are a variety of clubs on offer this term and children have been informed about those on offer to their age group. Letters have been sent home for children interested in those clubs. More will become available as the evenings become lighter again and we are able to use our outdoor spaces.

Share & Shine



Please join us for your child's class 'Share & Shine' opportunity. These are always fabulous sessions to witness the learning that has taken place and answer the question, "What did you learn at school today?"

7th February – Cl. Switzerland 9.15am

8th February – Cl. Scotland 9.15am

8th February - Cl. Jamaica 3pm

9th February – Cl. Canada 9.15pm

9th February - Cl. South Africa 3pm

10th February – Class Mexico 3pm

Welcome!

As a school we believe in the value of training the educationalists of the future and work with a number of schools, colleges and higher education providers, using our wealth of experience, talent and skills to train teachers, TAs and those developing child care skills, receiving their enthusiastic help and ideas in our classes in return. This term we welcome 2 trainee teachers; Mrs Niki Durham already working in Class Mexico and Miss Emily Bull, joining us in 3 weeks to work in Class Scotland.

Pupil Profiles

Pupil profiles are being sent home today, detailing attainment and progress as well as targets. Individual mentor meetings have already taken place with each child meeting with their teacher to discuss progress and jointly agree targets. Please take the time to talk about the profile with your child. If you have any questions about these, please see you child's class teacher in the first instance.



Snow!

Snow has been forecast nationally, whilst we hope this won't cause us any issues, and we will endeavour to always stay open in all but the most extreme conditions; to keep up to date with the latest information on school closures: Please check the school website, this will be updated as soon as a decision to close has been made, listen to Lincs FM and look out for a ParentMail text.