

Dear Parents, Carers and members of the community, welcome to Newsletter 2. I hope this communication finds you well and that the past 2 weeks have been enjoyable for both you and your child as Term 1 gets well underway. Term 1 is always such a busy time of the year as we establish new routines and responsibilities for pupils and the wider school staff, but this year feels different. There is an unmistakable sense of calm and purpose as everyone involved with the school is acutely aware of the very high expectations at Ancaster and our passion for delivering outstanding outcomes to all pupils every day. This also includes our parent body who are very forthcoming in sharing their ideas and raising questions and suggestions in helping make this the best school in the universe! Each day, it is an absolute pleasure to see and interact with so many parents, carers and wider family and I look forward to continuing to do so in the coming weeks.

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

### New Library Furniture

Our new Library is beginning to take shape with the new furniture having arrived this week. Next week we will begin to sort through the books and put them onto shelves to make this the best library the school has ever had. Please pop in to have a look!



We hope you like the new library as much as we do!

### Baby Mania at Ancaster!



You may have noticed Miss Crosby's ever growing baby bump since we returned to school in September; we are overwhelmingly delighted to officially announce that Miss Crosby and her partner are expecting their very first baby. Miss Crosby is a Teaching Assistant in our Year 2 class and as her bump continues to grow we are looking forward to meeting the newest addition to the Ancaster family. Please join us in sharing our best wishes to Miss Crosby and her partner Adam in a happy, healthy pregnancy.

Equally exciting is the fact that Mr Swain is also expecting his second child imminently with his wife during the October half term. After the birth of his first child, Stanley 2 years ago, they are very excited to be welcoming another boy into their lives and we simply cannot wait to meet him whenever he decides to join us! Again, please join us in wishing a very safe delivery for this bouncing baby boy as he prepares to join the world! We will keep you updated in future newsletters.

### Bag2school Collection

On 4<sup>th</sup> October, we will be collecting the Bag2School clothes donation bags that have been sent out. Please send these in on these days as the more bags we have the more money that is raised for the school. Thank You!

### Harvest Festival

Our Harvest Festival will be in church on 6<sup>th</sup> October - Key Stage 2 will be 9.30am and R/KS1 will be 10.30am. We look forward to seeing you there-to ensure we have enough adults for the pupil: adult ratio, if you are able to walk with us to church, please see your child's Class Teacher. Thank You. The Passage which receive the food have asked for the following donations, if at all possible; Longlife milk, porridge oats, tins of chopped tomatoes, baked beans, tins of Big Soup, orange or blackcurrant squash, Mars Bars or similar, cereal bars, sugar, coffee, cereal, biscuits, small tins of meat, toothbrushes, toothpaste, antiperspirant and men's socks. Other donations are of course very welcome but these are the items in which the Passage have specifically asked for

### Class Jamaica and South Africa visit to the Gravity Field event

This week, 2 of our classes visited the Gravity Field event in Grantham and had a fantastic time spectating in the science show. The children were a credit to the school and their behaviour was exemplary. If you want to find out more about the event and see pictures of their visit, please check our Twitter feed for more details.

### Bikeability-Year 5 next week!



Year 5 parents please be reminded that we will be holding Bikeability next week for Year 5. In a change to previous years, children will no longer be provided with bikes for these sessions and will need to come to school with a road-worthy bike and helmet.

### Relief Midday Supervisor Needed



We are currently looking for a relief Midday Supervisor to join our fantastic team of lunchtime staff. This role will not have designated hours, however the successful candidate will need to be available to be called in between 11.45am and 1.30pm. Should you have any questions about this role, please see Mrs Debra Moore (School Business Leader and Midday Staff Line Manager) who will be more than happy to answer your questions.

### Disco-23<sup>rd</sup> September



Our wonderful PTFA have decided to hold a welcome back disco tonight to celebrate our return to school. Mr Eden will, once again, be donning the decks to become 'DJ Eden' and the night will be full of fun, party music and disco outfits as well as treats which will be available to buy at the disco.

Entry is £1.50 and this includes all drinks whilst the children are present. Money can be brought to the disco where sweets and crisps and other treats such as glow sticks can be purchased. The timings for the disco are as follows;

Reception/Year 1/Year 2-5.30pm-6.30pm  
Year 3/4/5/6 6.30pm-7.30pm

We look forward to seeing your children party the night away tonight.

### Biker Breakfast and Dr Bike Sessions

We are pleased to announce that Dr Bike will be running a session on October 5<sup>th</sup> where he will ensure the road worthiness of each bike that is brought into school that day. If you want Dr Bike to look over a bike, please ensure it is in the bike shelters for the duration of the day.

To kickstart the session, we will also be holding a Biker Breakfast from 8.30am in which any child or adult who comes to school on a bike will receive a free breakfast!

### Well Done 11+ Children



Over the past 2 Friday's a selection of our Year 6 children have undertaken the 11+ test and have worked so hard and diligently. We are very proud of their achievements regardless of any outcome!

### Join the PTFA

If you would like to join our wonderful team of PTFA members as either a full member or simply a helper at events, please register your interest at the school office-thank you!