

Dear Parents, Carers and members of the community, welcome to Newsletter 8. 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)**

National Storytelling Week



Next week is National Storytelling Week. We will be listening to lots of stories including the reading and writing of our own stories. This is always such a wonderful week where the children become immersed in listening to people read magical literature and bringing the words to life. Children are never too old for a bedtime story-continue to read stories/text to your child and see the awe and wonder that great storytelling can bring!

Bikeability



Y5 parents have been sent information about Bikeability which takes place on week commencing 10th February. Please contact the school office should you need any clarification on this very important aspect of our curriculum. Teaching the children to be safe on the roads is so vital and a life skill to be mastered as early as possible. We are looking forward to seeing the children gain in confidence as they explore our local area. Please remember that all Y5 children need access to their own bike and helmet for the week.

Safeguarding

Safeguarding is a statutory duty placed on schools to ensure that we protect each child and safeguard them against any emotional or physical harm. We take this duty incredibly seriously and follow the Lincolnshire County Council policies which can be found on our school website along with more information. Should you ever be concerned about a child, please do not wait to tell a member of staff-referrals can be made by calling the safeguarding team on **01522 782111**

PTFA Disco- TONIGHT

£2 per child



Reception/Key Stage 1 at 5pm-6pm
Key Stage 2 at 6pm-7pm

Please note that the KS1 disco will have a Parent Room where you will be able to wait should you wish. We ask that you drop off at the main reception area and then follow the signs to the waiting room.

We look forward to seeing your children having fun and dancing the night away at the disco.

Goodbye and Good Luck

Mr Pattison, the school caretaker will be leaving us at the end of this term to explore pastures new. Please join us in wishing him all the very best in his future endeavours.

Student Placement-Y1

Welcome to Miss Hannah Smith who is conducting a trainee teacher placement in Year 1 with Mrs Parsons and Mrs Tomlinson. Miss Smith will be with us until Easter.

Please be reminded that school closes for Half Term on Thursday February 13th at the usual times and reopens on Monday 24th February. Please note that Friday 14th February is an INSET day and school is closed to pupils.



Keep up to date with what's going happening in and around school by following us on Twitter
@AncasterPrimary

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 eggs are not removed by the treatment and that is often the cause of children getting headlice again. Google the Once a week, take a peek! Campaign.

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.

Online Safety-Do you know how your child is behaving online?



Recently, we have been dealing with issues in school that have been occurring online between children on social media platforms. We explicitly teach E-Safety and online behaviours as part of our Computing and PSHE curriculum and children have been made aware that their online actions carry consequences as much as they do in every-day life. Children always feel quite worried when they realise that the nature of technology means that once something has been posted online, the sender has lost control of the content as it is then able to be screenshot and sent on or forwarded. We have been talking to children about how our online/digital self should mirror our physical self and that we should aim to be pleasant and courteous individuals, striving to be the nicest possible person holistically. Please can we ask that you monitor and discuss this with your children-in a world where there are literally thousands of ways to communicate, learning how to stay safe online and why being the best version of themselves is so vitally important.

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 Scotland** -12th Feb at 9.10am
- Class Indonesia**-13th Feb at 3pm
- Class Morocco**- 13th Feb at 9.10am
- Class Tanzania**- 10th Feb at 3pm
- Class Belgium**-11th Feb at 3pm
- Class Barbados**-5th Feb at 3pm

Snow

As the winter months continue, the threat of snow is always upon us. We will always endeavour to stay open in all but the most extreme conditions. Please keep up to date with the latest information on school closures and check the school website and parenthub; this will be updated as soon as any decision has been made, listen to Lincs FM and look out for any other communication from school.



World Book Day -March 5th (Advance Notice)

Next term we will be celebrating the 23rd 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

Class pages on the school website have been updated with the latest information that the children are learning. Please take the time to have a look and quiz your children on their newly acquired knowledge.