



Wisdom Courage Respect



Newsletter 14
16th April 2024

Dear Parents, Carers and members of our school community,

Welcome to the fourteenth newsletter of the academic year and the first of the Summer Term. I hope you all had a restful and relaxing Easter break and were able to spend quality time with your families. We have a wonderful term ahead of us with lots of great things planned. Year 4 children are off to PGL next week and Year 3 children start swimming lessons. We have 'Power to Change Week' starting on Monday 20th May and of course our Year 6 children will be completing their SATs. We are also celebrating the 'Month of the Military Child' later this month. Most classes have school trips booked and we are hoping the sun shines to allow us to enjoy lots of outdoor learning too. Please note, school will be closed on Monday 6th May for the Early May Bank Holiday.

Goodbye

We are very sad to be saying goodbye to Mrs Phillis this Friday. She has worked at the school for a number of years and has supported us with many aspects of school life, especially our weekly Choral Worship and our school productions. We know Mrs Phillis will be missed by staff, children and parents alike – her theatrical flair will never be forgotten and all the children will have fabulous memories of all Mrs Phillis' special characters, especially Grandad! We wish Mrs Phillis all the very best for the future and express our thanks for all that she has done for Ancaster School.

Easter Fair

Thank you to all the families who supported our Easter Fair. What a fabulous event and we were so lucky with the weather. I am sure you will all agree the cakes submitted to the competition were sensational! There are still some cake tins and plastic boxes ready for collection from the library. Please can these all be collected by the end of the day on Thursday.

PTFA

As you know, we have a fantastic and highly motivated PTFA committee. They raise a fantastic amount of money to support our school and we are very grateful for their ongoing support. They are always on the lookout for new members. If you are interested in joining the PTFA and supporting the excellent work they do, please pop into the office to leave your details and we will pass them on to the committee.

April – The Month of the Military Child

April is the month of the Military child. We have a number of Service families in school and are keen to mark this. On Friday 26th April we have a performance and workshop in school all day for Key Stage Two children to mark the month of the Military child. The production is called 'Wherever home is' and is for all children in Key Stage Two. Key Stage One children will also complete activities on this day too.

This will be a non-uniform day and we are inviting all children to wear purple. Miss Bennett will email further details closer to the time.

Road Safety

The Junior Road Safety Offices (JRSOs) ran two Collective Worships last term, focusing on safety when biking or scootering. Look out for details of their 'Design a Bike Helmet' competition.

Dogs on the playground

A gentle reminder that when collecting or dropping off children, please ensure dogs stay outside the school gates. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Appropriate clothing for the weather

As the warmer weather approaches (hopefully!), please ensure children are well equipped for outdoor play each day. This is likely to mean sun hats and raincoats – sometimes on the same day. When we do have warmer weather, please also ensure children have water bottles in school every day too.

Best wishes,

Mrs Lucy Jackson, Headteacher

Naming items

Please ensure all items coming into school are clearly named. This helps us return items to the correct owner quickly if they get misplaced. As we move into the colder months, this will include hats, scarves and gloves 😊.

Many thanks for your help in this.



Safeguarding is the responsibility of everyone.

If you believe that a child may be a victim of neglect, abuse or cruelty call Children's safeguarding - 01522 782111 (Monday to Friday, 8am to 6pm). This is Lincolnshire Children's Services who will take the information and log any details you wish to share.

Achievements Out of School

A reminder that we are keen to share children's achievements outside of school and would like to give children the opportunity to celebrate these successes during our Friday Celebration Worship. If children achieve a milestone in their out of school activities (E.G. swimming, gymnastics, music lessons) please share with your child's class teacher. They can then bring any certificates/medals for the next Celebration Worship for their Key Stage.



Key Dates for Summer Term 1

Week beginning 16th April

Tuesday 16th April - First day of the Summer Term
Friday 19th April – Class identity day – DT

Week beginning 22nd April

Monday 22nd – Tuesday 23rd – Y4 to PGL
Tuesday 23rd – Year 3 weekly swimming starts
Thursday 25th – Open the Book Worship
Friday 26th – Non-uniform - wear Purple – Month of the Military Child and KS2 Production 'Wherever home is'.

Week beginning 28th April

Monday 22nd – Y4 to PGL for one night
Thursday 25th – Open the Book Worship
Friday 26th – KS2 Production and Workshop

Week beginning 6th May

Monday 6th May – Bank Holiday

Term dates can be found here –

[School term times – Lincolnshire County Council](#)

Parking

We ask all members of our school community to park with care and respect for our children and other road users.



Rule 243 of the Highway Code

This rule in the Highway Code makes it very clear that we **must not** park near a school entrance, anywhere that would prevent access for the Emergency Services or on a bend. Please take care and make sure you follow the Highway Code.

Park and Stride

The car parks at the playing field and social club are available for use for any parents to 'park and stride' each day. This may help with congestion and therefore help keep our children as safe as possible.