



Wisdom Courage Respect



*Newsletter 20
17th July 2024*

Dear Parents, Carers and members of our school community,

Welcome to the final newsletter of the school year. The year really has flown by and I have very much enjoyed my first full academic year here at Ancaster. I am so proud of our children who truly live out our school values on a daily basis, always working hard to be the best they can be in everything they do. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the whole school community for your contributions - especially our fantastic staff team.

Goodbye Year 6

We would like to take this final opportunity to say goodbye to our Year 6 leavers. We wish them all the very best for their transitions to secondary school and we know they will approach this with wisdom, courage and respect. Continue being the best you can be and we cannot wait to hear all of your future successes.

New attendance rules

The national drive to improve school attendance has led to changes which will impact all settings from September. Further details are to follow but please see below the headline information –

- Penalty Fines will increase from £120 to £160 following a 10 sessions (5 day) absence within a 10-week period. Initial fines can still be paid at half rate if done so within 21 days.
- If a second fine is issued **within a three-year window**, there will not be an option to reduce the fine if paid early.
- If a third fine is issued **within the three-year window**, LCC will start prosecution procedures.

The Local Authority's Code of Conduct states the following.

It is unlikely to amount to an exceptional circumstance if it is merely claimed that:

- *A holiday abroad can only be afforded in term time or*
- *That a parent is unable to take leave during school holidays. (This is a matter between the parent and their employer).*

We will write to all parents directly and update our Attendance Policy accordingly next term.

Please be aware of this when booking holidays as this will be out of our control. We thank you in advance for your support in this matter

New website launch

We are thrilled to share with you that our new website is due to go live by the end of this week – perhaps even today! Please bear with us whilst we finalise some areas. Feedback on the new website is very welcome and should you wish to make suggestions of changes that would be useful, please do get in touch.

PTFA - Volunteers Tea

Thank you to everyone who joined us for the Volunteers Tea which was hosted by the PTFA and Year 6. What a wonderful event it was and great to see that so many of our volunteers, governors and PTFA members could attend. If you would like to join the PTFA, or volunteer in school, please do let us know.

Sleaford Golf Club and Barkston/Syston Cricket Club

We have been asked to share the fliers below. Sleaford Golf Club are offering sessions for children aged 5-18 on Tuesday evenings during the summer break and Barkton & Syston Cricket Club are offering Summer Camps.

Building work

Work to bring the two Portakabins and toilet block on site will continue over the summer break. We are also having the skylights replaced so you may see considerable activity on the school site. All work is due to be finished before the new term.

Wishing you all a relaxing, safe and restful summer break. We hope to see you all refreshed and ready to go on Wednesday 4th September for the new term.

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. The out of hours number is 01522782333 or email lscb@lincolnshire.gov.uk.

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.

Online Gaming

The UK Safer Internet Centre has published a blog post about online chats in games, highlighting some of the risks to children and young people. The blog provides practical suggestions for keeping children safe when using online chats.

[My child is gaming with strangers – what should I do? - UK Safer Internet Centre](#)

Key Dates for Summer Term 2

Week beginning 15th July

Monday 15th July – Moving up morning for Key Stage Two

Wednesday 17th July – Reports home

Thursday 18th July – 9.30am Y6 Final Worship at Church

Friday 19th July - Last day of term

Children return to school on Wednesday 4th September 2024.

Term dates can be found here –

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

Week beginning 2nd September

Monday 2nd and Tuesday 3rd – INSET (staff only)

Wednesday 4th – First day of term

Week beginning 9th September

Friday 13th – Celebration Worship (Key Stage 2)

Useful Contacts

Childline: 0800 1111

Lincolnshire Prevent Team: 0207 340 7264

Young Carers Helpline: 01522 553275

NSPCC Whistle Blowing Helpline: 08088 005000

Domestic Violence: 0808 2000 247

Samaritans: 01522 528282

Lincolnshire Social Services: 01522 872111

Anxiety UK: 08444 775774

Healthy Minds Lincolnshire is a children and young people's emotional wellbeing service. For further information, please visit their website

www.lpft.nhs.uk/young-people

If you are wishing to contact Healthy Minds regarding suitability for a referral into the service of a child or young person in your care, please contact the Here4You line on: 0800 234 6342

If you wish to contact school for additional support, our Mental Health Lead is Mr Kidd and our SENDCO is Mrs Tomlinson. Both can be contacted via enquiries@ancaster.lincs.sch.uk.

GET INTO GOLF Rookies

Open to everyone aged 5-18

**Sleaford
Golf Club
(NG34 8PL)**

**Six Week
Course:
Every Tuesday
from 30th July
at 6pm - 7pm**

- £40 for six hours of activity
- No equipment required
- No experience necessary



**BOOK
NOW!**

**RESPECT
IN GOLF**





**Little
Wickets**



BARKSTON & SYSTON CC SUMMER CAMP

For Girls and Boys Reception to Year 6

- ✓ Cricket skills
- ✓ Fair play & teamwork
- ✓ Spirit of Cricket
- ✓ Lots of **FUN!!**
- ✓ ECB Qualified Coaches
- ✓ Batting, Bowling & Fielding
- ✓ Make new friends
- ✓ Skill development

Join Little Wickets for our new summer camp in partnership with Barkston & Syston Cricket Club! We have 3 days of action-packed fun with games and drills, teaching youngsters how to bat, bowl and field! Perfect for boys and girls eager to have fun and improve their skills, teamwork and fundamental movement skills.



Dates
24th - 26th July



Time
8:30am - 4:00pm



Cost
£35 per day, 3 days: £95
*book via email



Where?
Honington Road, Grantham, NG32 2NE

BOOK NOW: www.littlewickets.com



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