



Wisdom Courage Respect



Newsletter 1

6th September 2024

Dear Parents, Carers and members of our school community,

A huge welcome back to school. We are all very excited to start the new school year! I hope you have all had a restful summer break and were able to take time to enjoy special family times together.

We have been really impressed with how well the children have returned to school. They have enjoyed seeing their friends, teachers and having time in class finding out about their new class countries. They all seem to have been having a great time settling back in. Please keep an eye on our Facebook page for some photographs.

The return to school can sometimes be hard. If your child is finding the transition back into school life tricky, please speak to their class teacher in the first instance. They can then refer you to support from our SENDCO, Mrs Tomlinson, or our Mental Health Lead, Mr Kidd, if further support is needed.

Hellos and Goodbyes

We are thrilled to welcome all our new starters to our school family. We are so thrilled to have you all with us. We also welcome two new members of our staff to the team, Mrs Stockwell-Dalton who is teaching in Year 3 and Mr Short who is our new PE apprentice.

Congratulations to Mrs Duggan who has secured an advisory role within the Local Authority team. We are looking forward to seeing her when she pops into school to work with us and know how fortunate the new schools and families are that will also get to work with her. We wish her all the very best for this new stage in her career.

Class Newsletters

All class teachers will be sending home a short newsletter sharing details of the term ahead by the end of next week. These will include details of a 'Meet the teacher' session after school within the next three weeks. This will allow children to share their new classrooms with their families and will be from 3:30 – 3:45pm. For families who are not able to make the date and time offered, we will look to accommodate this at another time, just let your child's class teacher know.

Gate times

The gate will be open each morning from 8.45 – 8.55 with lessons starting in all classes at 9am. After school the gate will be open from 3.25 and must close by 3:40 to ensure the site is safe for after school clubs and activities.

School Trips

As I am sure you will understand, school budgets are very tight. We work hard to make sure we offer the children here at Ancaster the best we can offer with the funds we have. Sadly, last year, we made a loss of more than £4000 on school trips. I am sure you will appreciate that this is unsustainable. Next week, parents will receive a letter from Mr Kidd outlining the plans for the year ahead which do include some changes and if enough voluntary contributions are not received, trips may have to be cancelled.

Please note, if you are in receipt of Pupil Premium funding, we can use this towards trips. This is not the same with Service Premium Funding. Please speak to a member of the team if you would like further information about this.

Building work

The new temporary classrooms and toilet blocks are in place and we are really pleased with the outcome. Some final aspects of the work still need completing and should be done within the next few weeks. New skylights have also been fitted to the hall and Class France this summer. We await information from the Local Authority on the next steps for the White Building but hope to have an idea of the work needed to rectify this soon.

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.



Key Dates for Autumn Term 1

Week beginning 9th September

Friday 13th – Celebration Worship (Key Stage 2)

Week beginning 16th September

Meet the teacher sessions to take place over the following fortnight. Further details to follow soon.

Week beginning 23rd September

Friday 27th – Celebration Worship (Key Stage 1)

Term dates can be found here –

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

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.

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.

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](#)