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Dear Parents, Carers and members of our school community,

What a fabulous term we have had. I cannot quite believe this is the last newsletter of the academic year. As we reach the end of another busy and rewarding year, it's a perfect time to pause and reflect on the achievements, experiences, growth and resilience our students and staff have shown over the past 6 terms. So many wonderful things have happened and we have even more highlights to come including WellFest, Ancaster's Got Talent, the Bouncy Castle Day and the Leavers' Service.

As we reflect on the amazing achievements, events and experiences across the year, I would like to take this opportunity to give special thanks to the amazing staff team who ensure all the children have such a fantastic primary school experience, allowing them all to be the best they can be.

Goodbye – and Well Done - Year 6

A huge well done to all the Year 6 children who have performed their end of year show, GiggleBox, to parents and carers this week. The show was a triumph and we are so proud of the children. Thank you to the staff team for supporting the children to produce such an excellent production.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the children in Year 6 for their contributions to school life over the past seven years. They have been exceptional role models within school and we will miss them all. We still have a few days left with them and are looking forward to their Leavers' Party and Leavers' Service. Let's enjoy every minute of this precious time!

WELLFEST 2026

We are thrilled to announce that our fourth annual WELLFEST event will take place on Friday 17th July. All children are invited to wear non-uniform with a 'Beach Day' theme (shorts and t-shirts or sundresses – no swimwear!). The day will be focusing on many aspects of personal safety including water safety, staying safe in the sun, first aid, mental health and well-being, and safeguarding.

Goodbye to Miss Palmer and Mrs Dickinson

We are so sad to say goodbye to Miss Palmer. We wish her all the best for her house move and new life further north. Miss Palmer will be greatly missed by our whole school community and especially the children and staff in Year Two.

Mrs Dickinson's baby is due in August and we are saying a temporary goodbye. Mrs Dickinson, we hope you have a wonderful maternity leave and we look forward to news of your baby's arrival during the summer break!

Building Work

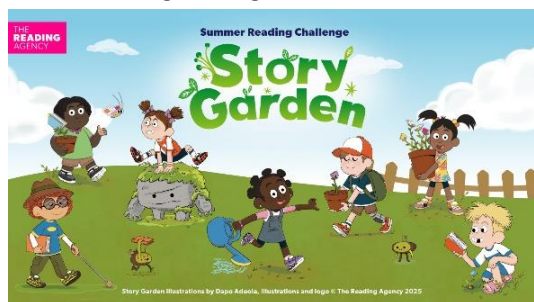
Thank you to our whole school community for adapting to, and coping with the impact from, the current building work. Work will continue over the summer and we are hopeful that we will soon be able to open up the side gate to allow another access point into school. We will let you know when this has been sorted.

PTFA Sponsored event details

Today is the final day for donations for the PTFA sponsored inflatables event. You can use the link below to add any final contributions. The current total is sitting at £1477. Thank you to the children's families and friends who have supported this event. What great fun we all had!

<https://superkind.org/pta/ancaster-primary-school-ptfa>

Summer reading challenge



This year's Summer Reading Challenge (for children aged 4-11) is all about the magic of nature. Children can collect their own sticker book at the library to start their challenge. Grantham library will be hosting themed events and activities across the summer. Please see the details at the end of this newsletter.

Alternatively, children can join in online at summerreadingchallenge.org.uk where they will set a reading goal and unlock digital rewards including a PDF certificate. We welcome all children who complete the challenge to bring in their certificates at the start of next year to receive an orange Castle Token and a HT award 😊

This has been another year full of 'proud headteacher' moments. The children have demonstrated again and again what wonderful young people they are. Well done to them all on a fantastic year and thank you to our whole school community for your support. I wish you all a relaxing and restful summer break and look forward to seeing you back here on Thursday 3rd September.

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 warmer months, this will include sun hats and sun cream 😊.

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.

Online Safety

Internetmatters.org is a great place to start if you are looking for ways to support your children in online safety. You can get advice by age group and support in how to set controls on devices.

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.

Key Dates for the Summer Term

TONIGHT Friday 10th – **PTFA disco CANCELLED**

Week beginning 13th July

Thursday 16th – Year 2 and Year 6 Fire Safety Workshops,

Inflatable fun using our Walk to School Voucher 😊

Friday 17th July – WELLFEST

Week beginning 20th July

Monday 20th – Leavers' Service at Church 9:15 (Year 6 parents only)

Tuesday 21st – Ancaster's Got Talent

Wednesday 22nd – Last Day of Term

Week beginning 31st August

Monday 31st – Bank Holiday

Tuesday 1st – INSET (staff only)

Wednesday 2nd – INSET (staff only)

Thursday 3rd – First day of term for all pupils

Friday 4th – Class Identity Day

Term dates can be found here –

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

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

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.



Event	Date	Time
Launch Event - Come and sign up to the Summer Reading Challenge & take part in making your own nature zine	Saturday 5th July	11.00am to 2.30pm
Pebble Painting - Animal & flower pebble painting fun!	Friday 25th July	10.30am to 2.00pm
Sun Week - Join us for sunflower & suncatcher crafting	Thursday 31st July	2.30pm to 4.00pm
Flower Week - Flower crafting to help create a library garden	Tuesday 5th August	2.00pm to 3.30pm
Garden Week - Make a fairy garden or elf house	Tuesday 12th August	11.00am to 12.30pm
Bug Week - Bug crafting and meet children's author Mary Auld	Wednesday 20th August	2.00pm to 3.30pm
Bird Week - Make your own cheeky parrot or feathered friend	Thursday 28th August	2.30pm to 4.00pm
Celebration Event - Celebrate the end of another fantastic Summer of reading and fun! (Photo Opportunity/Certificate)	Saturday 13th September	11.00am to 3.00pm

To find out more, pick up a brochure or talk to a member of staff

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