



Newsletter 9
19th January 2024

Dear Parents, Carers and members of our school community,

We've had a busy couple of weeks in school. We hope you enjoyed seeing the photos and videos from our Music Class Identity Day on our Facebook page. Last week, we also enjoyed a fabulous collective worship with Sam Ruddock. What an inspiration he is! He shared with the children his journey to being a Paralympian and they all got to see his gold medal from the World Championships.

Library for Reception and KS1

We are very excited to announce that our school library will soon be opening after school three days per week. Initially this will be for children in Reception and Key Stage One. We will start with one class per week on a rota and children will be able to borrow two books at a time. Our Year 5 librarians have been working very hard behind the scenes making sure everything is ready to launch by the end of the month. They will be in touch soon with further details.

JRSO – Poster Comp

Thank you to the children who have entered the poster competition run by our JRSOs. We will be announcing the winners next week.

Family Hubs: Free online courses for parents

Free online courses for parents, grandparents, teens and carers have been made available through a paid partnership between Lincolnshire County Council and the Solihull Approach. The courses for parents are designed to provide support through all aspects of bringing up children - from pregnancy and birth to caring for toddlers and teenagers. They include specific courses for teenagers and for parents/carers of children with additional needs. Parents' courses can be accessed via this link - inourplace.co.uk/lincolnshire/.

Appropriate warm clothing

Please ensure children are well prepared for the day ahead, including warm coats and hats/gloves as required. Children are on the playground twice a day (for morning break and during lunchtime) and it's important that they are dressed appropriately. Many thanks for your support with this.



PTFA - School Disco

We are pleased to share with you that the PTFA have arranged the next school disco for Friday 26th January. Key Stage One are welcome to attend from 5-6pm and Key Stage Two from 6.15-7.15pm.

PTFA - Joules Seconds Sale

The PTFA are hosting a Joules Seconds Sale at Woodland Waters on Thursday 1st February from 6.30pm – 8pm (6pm for Preview). Tickets can be purchased here - pta-events.co.uk/ancasterpta.

Online Gaming – What is suitable and how do I monitor?

Parents regularly ask us for advice on how to monitor their children online and how to know what games are suitable. The website 'Internet Matters' may help you navigate the world of online video games – including how to set parent controls and finding suitable games for your children.

[Online Gaming | Resources for Parents - Internet Matters](#)

The NSPCC are launching their first 'Game Safe Festival'. They want to ensure all children have positive gaming experiences. They want to help adults to have the knowledge, confidence and tools needed to keep children safe online. A **free** workshop is taking place on Zoom on Wednesday 7th February from 7-8pm. Please see the attached poster for details.

Reminder - Star of the Week Notifications

We always enjoy welcoming parents to join us on Friday afternoon if their child is receiving a Star of the Week certificate. From now on, we will be sending a ParentHub message if your child is to receive a certificate, rather than a phone call. Please do not worry if you do not use ParentHub, we will make sure we still give you a call.

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.

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 Spring Term 1

Week beginning 22nd January

Tuesday 23rd – Diversity Workshop Y5/6

Friday 26th – School Disco

Week beginning 29th January

National Storytelling Week

Week beginning 5th February

Children's Mental Health Week

Monday 5th – Y2 Workshop 'Dealing with Emotions'

Tuesday 6th – Safer Internet Day

Thursday 8th – Y5 Workshop 'Positive Relationships'

Friday 9th – Last day before half term break

Half Term – 12th February to 16th February

Week beginning 19th February

Monday 19th - Return to school for Term 4

Week beginning 26th February

Wednesday 28th – Stay Safe Partnership visits for Y4 and Y6.

Week beginning 4th March

Thursday 7th – World Book Day

Term dates can be found here –

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



ANCASTER PRIMARY SCHOOL PTA

WE ARE HOLDING A

Joules
SECONDS
SALE

THURSDAY 1ST FEBRUARY

6.30-8.00 PM (Preview from 6PM)

**WOODLAND WATERS, WILLOUGHBY ROAD, ANCASTER,
LINCOLNSHIRE, NG32 3RT**

50 Preview tickets available for entry from 6.00pm

TICKETS ON SALE:

www.pta-events.co.uk/ancasterpta

Preview Entry Ticket: £8.50 (Entry from 6:00–6:30pm)

Pre-Booked Standard: £5 (Entry from 6:30–8pm)

On the Door Standard: £6 cash only
(Entry from 6:30–8pm)

- On the Door tickets will only be available if the venue has not reached capacity.

- Cash is the fastest and preferred method for payment of goods.



NSPCC

Online gaming and keeping children safe

Do you know your whispers from your skins? Your Fortnite from your EA Sports FC 24?

As part of the NSPCC Game Safe Festival, we're encouraging parents, carers and those working with children and families to have conversations about online gaming.

GamCare will be sharing expert advice, and you'll hear directly from young people.

Our webinar will help you:

- understand how young people game online.
- learn about tools and resources that support safe play.
- gain the knowledge you need to keep children safe.



**GAME SAFE
FESTIVAL**

**7 February 2024, 7pm-8pm, via
Zoom. Book your place via this link
nspcc.org.uk/gamesafe/tickets**

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