

## Newsletter 10 25th May 2023

Dear parents, carers and members of our school community,

I cannot quite believe that my first half term in school is coming to an end already. I have really enjoyed getting to know the whole school community. Thank you to you all for your support. As we enter the half-term break, may I take this opportunity to wish you all a restful break. The next term offers much to look forward to - including sports day, health and well-being day, leavers events for our Year 6 children and a number of school trips. We return to school on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June and I look forward to seeing you all again then.

### **Attendance**

High levels of attendance at school are crucial for children to make good progress. We are proud to make school attendance a priority here at Ancaster and thank the school community for working with us. The school holiday dates are available for 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 (and beyond) here - [School term times – Lincolnshire County Council](#). Please ensure you avoid school term dates when booking holidays. 5 days off school for a holiday in Term 1 means a child cannot achieve attendance above 85.3% that term. This also means by the end of the entire school year their attendance cannot improve beyond 97%.

### **School Clubs**

Thank you to the staff that have offered to give up time after school to run clubs next half term. We are fortunate that there is such a rich variety of options on offer. You should have now received the forms to complete via ParentHub. Please note, clubs will not take place in the first and last week of term.

### **Christian Aid Week**

What a joy it was to see all the children (and staff!) in their rainbow colours last Friday for Christian Aid Week. Lots of children enjoyed buying toast at snack time too. Special thanks to our Exploration and Empowerment Ambassadors for this – and the Year 6 helpers. There are some fabulous photos on our school Facebook page and over £200 was raised.

### **Rainbow challenge**

Thank you to all the children who submitted an entry into Mrs Green's 'Rainbow Challenge'. She was so impressed with all the entries and we now have a wonderful display in the school hall. Thank you to everyone who got involved.



### **Worship Theme**

In my worship on Tuesdays, we have been exploring the theme of friendship and Jesus' teachings on this. We will continue this after the half term break.

### **Spaces in school for new starters September 2023**

We have a small number of spaces available in our reception class for next year. If you know anyone who is in need of a school place, please ask them to contact the school where we can guarantee them a very warm welcome.

*Mrs Lucy Jackson (Headteacher)*

### Parking

It has been brought to our attention that a number of parents waiting in cars outside school are keeping their engines running. In a bid to lower emissions and noise pollution around school, please can we ask parents to turn their engines off whilst waiting.

We continue to ask parents to drive with care and attention to other road users. Please be considerate to the needs of others and ensure driveways are not being blocked.

### 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.

### Changing weather

Please remember to ensure your child is equipped for the day ahead. This may include raincoats or sun hats and suncream!



### Key Dates for Term 5 and 6

**26<sup>th</sup> May** Last day of term  
**Term Break**

#### Week Beginning 5<sup>th</sup> June:

**5<sup>th</sup> June** First day of term  
**5-9<sup>th</sup> June** Y4 multiplication check

#### Week beginning 12<sup>th</sup> June:

**12-16<sup>th</sup> June** Y1 phonics screener

#### Week beginning 19<sup>th</sup> June:

**21<sup>st</sup> June** – Y5 trip to London  
**23<sup>rd</sup> June** – Health and well-being festival

#### Week beginning 26<sup>th</sup> June:

**28<sup>th</sup> June** – Ancaster's Got Talent  
**30<sup>th</sup> June** – Y1 trip to Yorkshire Wildlife Park

#### Week beginning 3<sup>rd</sup> July:

**5-7<sup>th</sup> July** – Y6 Residential

#### Week beginning 10<sup>th</sup> July:

**10<sup>th</sup> July** – Y5 Taster Day at St George's  
**11<sup>th</sup> July** – Last swimming day for Year 3  
**13<sup>th</sup> July** – Cricket Day  
**14<sup>th</sup> July** – Sports Day

#### Week beginning 17<sup>th</sup> July:

**17<sup>th</sup> July** – Moving up morning  
**21<sup>st</sup> July** – Last day of term

***Encourage one another and build each other up.***

***Thessalonians 5:11***