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Thank You from Mr Eden

By now, everyone is aware that I will be leaving my post as Headteacher of Ancaster Church of England Primary School at Christmas. Having worked at the school for 12 years, and been the Headteacher for 9, I am so immensely proud of our school and everything that has been achieved during my time from almost doubling the number of children on roll to building new classrooms and completely changing the school from a very small rural village primary into the single form entry school we have today-what a journey!

Being a Headteacher is an absolute privilege and is quite honestly one of the best jobs in the world. Beginning my journey as a Headteacher of this wonderful school has enabled me to learn and grow in a community that has walked alongside me and provided so much support; for that I will continuously be forever grateful.

The families and children I have worked alongside will always provide me with memories that I will cherish and remember forever. As I step out of my comfort zone of Ancaster and into pastures new, I will be sure to take the spirit of Ancaster with me and I truly know that I am a better Headteacher for having led this wonderful school. I do think it is important to say that whilst I am excited for my new role, I am absolutely devastated to be leaving Ancaster. I often call the school my third child-sometimes with more time, effort and energy being given to the school than my actual children (but they understand, I promise)!

The growth and development of the school coupled with the incredible curriculum and wonderful staff, children, parents, governors and other key groups make the post of Headteacher at Ancaster a fabulous opportunity for another person to take on. I have every faith that the school will continue to develop and thrive as the foundations are so strong and I know that the current and future generations of children and families from in and around Ancaster will continue to access the school being as empowered to change the world as those that have gone before them. One thing is absolutely sure, I will always be the biggest champion of Ancaster, desperate and eager to hear about the successes that grow from being connected to this wonderful place.

Whilst I do not leave quite yet-I wanted to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you for the kind comments and well-wishes that parents and members of the community have given me. I have never had so many kind words said to me and it only reaffirms to me how much I am going to miss everyone. As always though, should you need anything-please don't ever hesitate to ask.

Best Wishes, *Mr Sam Eden (Headteacher)*

Safeguarding



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 the details you wish to share.

Wonderful Harvest Festivals



Thank you to everyone who supplied an item for the Harvest Festival. We are so grateful for your generosity and those who need these donations, we are sure, will be incredibly thankful. The children did a wonderful job of showcasing their wonderful harvest learning and we celebrated this special time of year as a school family in the church together once again!

Change of Weather

The weather is turning cold now as we embrace autumn and many children are coming to school without a coat or suitable PE kit for outdoor PE. Please could we ask that you ensure that your child has these warmer items so they can participate in all events inside and outside the classroom.

Goodbye and Good Luck

Goodbye and good luck to Miss Cartwright and Mrs Spratt who are two of our 1:1 Support Assistants within school. Both are leaving to pursue other opportunities and we wish them both all the very best as they step away from Ancaster. All recruitment for these roles has taken place internally but there is a job advert live for a 1:1 Support Assistant within Key Stage 2 that we are seeking. More details can be found on our website under the Vacancies section.

Homework



All children from Year 2-6 have been issued with a published Homework Book that they will complete set pieces of homework in. Please work with us to ensure that these pieces of homework are completed. It is useful for you to know that all work being asked to be completed is learning that has taken place in class and as such, the children should have an understanding of how to undertake the work independently. Children in Reception will continue to be asked to read, practice their sounds and complete simple tasks whilst Year 1 will extend their homework tasks beyond EYFS and begin to be asked to do more as the year progresses and in line with transition to Year 2. Thank you in advance for working with us on homework.

Open Morning Friday 4th November 9.30am onwards

Whether your child is already at school with us or looking to join us in Reception class next September (September 2023), why not come along to our Open Morning. You can:

- *Take an informative tour of the school*
- *Join in with learning in each class*
- *Learn of our mission, aims and successes and of course ask all the questions you might have.*

We very much look forward to seeing you at this special event. Please spread the word to any members of the community who may also be looking for a place for their child next September in Reception.

Parent Meeting Dates



As per the official communication sent out on Monday this week, our statutory Parent Consultations for each child will take place w/c 7th and 14th November. We have decided, after feedback from parents to hold half of the meetings as telephone consultations and the other half as face to face consultations.

Staff are busy preparing for these meetings and parents and carers need to visit/call the office to book the best slot for them and choose whether they would like a telephone call or a face to face slot. Unfortunately, we are unable to offer everyone their preferred meeting option and there will be some parents and carers who are seeking a face to face appointment who may find that only telephone appointments are left. Unfortunately, having committed to this system for this round of consultations, we are unable to keep making changes and ask that parents work with us on this occasion knowing that we are incredibly evaluative and if we find that this does not work for our parental community, we will look to make the necessary changes for the next round of consultations that take place in the spring.

Advance Notice of Date Children in Need (18th November)



We will be celebrating this charity on the official Children in Need Day with a non-uniform day and you can make a suggested donation to the charity of £1 either to us in school or directly to them.

Year 6 Secondary Applications

If your child is due to start Year 7 in 2023, Lincolnshire County Council has asked us to remind parents of the importance of applying for secondary school places in good time of the closing date.

Applications are made via

www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/schooladmissions

and need to be made by 31st October 2021.

Guiding Lights



Where can you see our Guiding Lights? These are taken from our vision-think and reflect on where you have seen examples of;

Inclusivity, Exploration, Empowerment and Values-Led (Wisdom, Courage and Respect).