

Dear Parents, Carers and members of the community, welcome to Newsletter 11. I hope this communication finds you well. Well, what a few weeks it has been since the previous newsletter. We have had 'snowmageddon' and 'Storm Emma' raging to wreak havoc with our abilities to attend school and I am thankful that the so-called 'pest from the west' has not caused any damage to continue this. It is such a difficult decision to make as a Headteacher, when faced with school closing with the snow as there are so many factors to take into consideration. I am a huge advocate of the children being in school and time away from the site being reduced. However, when it comes to the safety of everyone, there is only one choice that could be made and I want to thank everyone for your understanding during those few days. I made the decisions based on public health advice issued via the Local Authority and as early as possible to ensure parents could make choices for the next day. I have received some great feedback from parents who wanted to thank us for the increased communication and I am grateful for this as it is important we helped keep everyone safe! Have an enjoyable (hopefully snow-free) 2 weeks and I will look forward to updating you in the next Newsletter before Easter. Best Wishes, **Mr Sam Eden (Headteacher)**

Department for Education Case Study



We have received the excellent news that a case study we have been selected to take part in has been published. We are delighted to have been asked by the Department for Education, who have been conducting research into the fantastic work undertaken by School Business Leaders and the impact they have in schools. We are incredibly fortunate to have the expertise of Mrs Moore in school and this case study, and the others that have also been published, recognises how important the role is in schools to impact on pupil outcomes. You can read the case study by clicking on this link <https://www.gov.uk/government/case-studies/school-business-professional-helps-school-expand-places-by-25>

Easter PTFA-Chocolate Tombola



Once again, the PTFA are organising an Easter Trail for the children on **Tuesday 27th March**, where older and younger children will work together to find the Easter clues and solve the puzzle. On this day children can come in non-school uniform, in return for a donation of Easter chocolate.

Each child will receive a ticket on completing the Easter trail and win the corresponding chocolate prize.

Fantastic News-Mrs Dickinson welcomes baby Reuben!



Huge congratulations to Mrs Dickinson and her husband who have recently welcomed baby Reuben into the world. We simply cannot wait to meet him and catch up with Mrs Dickinson. Please join us in wishing Mrs Dickinson and her family all the very best as they venture into this wonderful new chapter of their life!

Playground Markings

We have had the previous playground markings removed and the surface treated to ensure that the new markings we have invested in can last for a long time. This process is now complete and we have loved seeing the children play lots of new games and have endless amounts of fun together. We have introduced a 'Daily Mile' consisting of footprints around the outside of the playground, which if followed 18 times, will equate to 1 mile. We are actively trying to encourage every child to participate!

World Book Day-Amazing Dress Up!

Today's dressing up for World Book Day was incredible. The children had a wonderful day and enjoyed celebrating their characters with each other and listening to stories by different adults! Thank you for your hard work and efforts in creating the costumes.

Twitter

Keep up to date with what's happening in and around school by following us on Twitter **@AncasterPrimary**

Headlice

The recent outbreak of headlice is much improved. Thank you for your participation in ensuring that your child's hair is checked regularly and treated. We continue to support the PTFA who are running the Hedrin 'Once a Week, Take a Peek' campaign. Please see their Facebook page for further information.

Medical & Dental Appointments



As you are aware, the school takes the attendance of our pupils very seriously and we expect children to be in school all day every day, except in exceptional circumstances and when serious illness prevents this.

We understand that emergency medical appointments can be difficult to obtain outside of school hours, however, we do know that routine medical, hospital and dental appointments booked in advance can be arranged outside of the school day and in the school holidays; we know that medical professionals are keen to support families and schools in this.

If your child has to have time off school for medical or dental appointments, **we will need to see the appointment letter or card to authorise this absence and ask that notification is given to the office in advance of you collecting your child**, even when this is an early collection at the end of the school day. We thank you for supporting the school in this matter as we aim to ensure every child is 'the best they can be!'

Goodbye and Good Luck!

Best wishes to Mrs Beard who has recently left her Administrator position. Please join us in wishing her all the best for the future.

Sport Relief



Sport Relief will take place on **Friday 23rd March**. We are looking forward to celebrating this day with everyone. Please note, on this occasion, we will not be dressing up but will ask that PE Kits are in school as there will be lots of brilliant activities in and around the school across the day.

Easter Services-Advance Date



Our Easter Services will take place on 28th March at Church. We hope you can join us-it is sure to help everyone think about the true meaning of Easter. KS2-9.30am and KS1-10.30am. Please let your child's Class Teacher know if you can help us to walk to Church.

Science Week-Next Week!



Next week, along with many other schools around the country, we will be taking part in British Science Week. The theme for the week is Exploration and Discovery and throughout the week children will be taking part in a number of activities relating to this theme. They will also be learning about the lives and work of a range of different scientists. As part of this special week, we are holding a 'Selfie' Science Competition. Look out for the entry form in your child's bag on Monday! The children will need to take a 'selfie' photo of them doing an everyday activity that they think is science and to explain why they think it is science. The closing date for entries is Monday 26th March. We look forward to seeing all the Science Selfies and announcing the winners!

Recruitment Update

We are busy advertising for an Administrative Assistant, which is a brand new role for our office. The advert is currently 'live' and can be found on our school website as well as on the Lincolnshire County Council website. We have had lots of interest in this exciting position and have shown over 30 people around the school. If you know of someone who might be interested in the post, please alert them to this opportunity. The advert closes on Monday 12th March. We will update you on the outcome, once we have appointed the successful candidate.

Rearrangement of Thailand Trip

Class Thailand's trip to Woolsthorpe Manor has been rescheduled for 21st March. Further communication has been sent to Thailand's parents. Please contact the office if you have not received this.