

Dear Parents, Carers and members of the community, welcome to Newsletter 19 – the last of this academic year. It is hard to believe that we are already at the end of the year and the much anticipated Summer Holidays are about to begin. What a fantastic year it has been with much celebrated through the 18 newsletters we have published. Ancaster is such a special school and one that has continued to evolve and develop again across this year. Thank you to everyone for your continued support of our school and all that we are working hard to achieve for your children. As we finish for the summer break and move to our new academic year, we say ‘goodbye’ to our brilliant Year 6 children who have worked so very hard to finish their time in primary education with their heads held high! Goodbye to their families who are leaving us too-we hope the transition to Secondary School is seamless and stress free! Once again, may I take this opportunity to say the biggest thank you for every ounce of support you give to Ancaster-have the best summer break and we look forward to seeing you in September. Best Wishes, *Mr Sam Eden (Headteacher)*

New Class Identities



During Moving-Up morning last week, all classes voted for their choice of new class names for September which are as follows:

Reception: Class Ireland

Year 1: Class Kenya

Year 2: Class Egypt

Year 3: Class Brazil

Year 4: Class Portugal

Year 5: Class Russia

Year 6: Class Nepal

The children are all extremely excited to learn about these countries and will begin doing so in the first week back in September, culminating in a Class Identity Day on Friday 7th September where children can come dressed in their country’s national dress, colour of the flag or another idea associated with that country e.g. typical animal. The children always enjoys these days which typically involve dance, art and food tasting! We cannot wait to see our school value of creativity being displayed in the wonderful dressing up!



Exceptional SATs results

Each year, our children in Year 6 are required to undertake end of Key Stage 2 tests commonly known as SATs. Earlier this year, you will recall communication from the Chair of Governors, Sally McDowall who wrote to explain the outcomes from the last academic year and outline our plans for this year to ensure improvement. With the most recent results announced last week, we are delighted to share that our outcomes have improved considerably and are now, once again, in line with and/or above figures seen nationally. Well done to the children in Year 6 for their hard work and efforts and to all of the staff involved in ensuring the children are the best they can be!

Subject	School	National
Reading	75%	75%
Writing	80%	78%
SPaG	75%	78%
Maths	71%	76%

Sports Day and Summer Fayre

Thank you to everyone who showed their support on Sports Morning. We had the best time undertaking sporting activities and competing in races together! Thank you also to everyone who joined us for Summer Fayre-Wow, what a wonderful afternoon and the sun shone brightly for us all. We are so incredibly grateful to be able to announce that the school raised £400 over the course of the afternoon and we cannot thank you enough for your support! This money goes straight back into school to enable enrichment activities and relax costs for trips so that we can keep offering a wide range of opportunities.

Goodbye and Good Luck!

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As you are aware, Miss Castle is leaving us to pursue her aspirations of becoming an Educational Psychologist. Having worked in Year 1 for the last two years, we are very sorry to see her go and I am sure you will want to join us in thanking her for her hard work in school. Good Luck Miss Castle!

Also, Mr Rudd has accepted a new job returning to his previous place of work to undertake a new and exciting role and will not be returning to his post as Caretaker. Good luck Mr Rudd and thank you for your contributions to our school. See the advert below for more information on our recruitment of a new caretaker.

Class New Zealand-Amazing Performance
Class New Zealand put on another fantastic show with their production of Robin and the Sherwood Hoodies, with some clear acting talent emerging-watch out West End! What a wonderful way for the children to end their year; many thanks to the staff and children who all worked so hard to put this brilliant production together!



Volunteers Tea

On Tuesday this week, we were able to thank our hard working volunteers who, across the year, give up so much of their valuable time to help us be the best we can be. A super time was had by all. Many thanks must go to Mrs Garriock for organising this annual event and to Mrs Phillis for providing the entertainment. If you are interested in volunteering next year, we always need extra pairs of hands and would love to have this conversation with you. Please see our school website for more information.



Caretaker Recruitment

Do you know someone who could be our new Caretaker? We need someone who is able to spot a problem and work their magic to ensure our school continues to look amazing, keep the school spotlessly clean and manage the site to maintain security at all times. If you know of someone, please see our website for more information
<http://www.ancasterprimary.org.uk/Vacancies.asp>

Year 6 Leavers

Year 6, and invited guests, had a wonderful party to celebrate their time spent at Ancaster on Wednesday evening. What a wonderful group of Year 6 children we have had the pleasure of educating, some for all 7 years of their Primary school journey, and we are very proud of every single one of them. The Leavers Service was also a wonderful, and fitting way, to say goodbye. Thank you to everyone who joined us in church for the Leavers Service yesterday. Goodbye Year 6-we will miss you so much!

Safeguarding Online

Please find attached some short video clips to help keep your child safe online. There is some information on both game ratings ensuring your child only plays games with appropriate content for their age, and parental controls- a great way to set time limits and access to appropriate content. To use these clips, please follow the link below:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCxMnZ02Sl1AbtIhq-m3rrVQ>

Welcome back!

Mrs Parsons and Mrs Field have both recently returned to school from their maternity leave. We are delighted to have them back in school and know they are as equally excited to be back!

Happy holidays to everyone-have the best Summer break and we look forward to seeing our returning families on September 4th where the gates will open at 8.45am