



Newsletter 6 1st December 2017



Dear Parents, Carers and members of the community, welcome to Newsletter 6-I hope this communication finds you well. I cannot quite believe that we are now in December and hurtling towards Christmas at an alarming speed. The school gets taken over with the sound of the upcoming performances and the building literally sparkles as we use our own fair share of glitter to prepare for this wonderful celebration. As Headteacher, Christmas is literally one of my favourite times within the school calendar and this year is certainly no exception. We have so many exciting activities planned and as the children begin to close their topic themes in readiness for the enrichment week of Christmas from 11th December, I cannot wait to see the children enjoying themselves, having fun whilst still continuing their learning journey. The children have excelled this term. There is an undoubtable calmness around school and the children are so incredibly focused working hard on their targets and next steps! Keep up the hard work, children! I very much look forward to seeing you over the course of the next two weeks. Best Wishes, *Mr Sam Eden (Headteacher)*

Midday Supervisors Needed



We are seeking to appoint two Midday Supervisory Assistants to work with our dedicated midday team at Ancaster.

Midday Supervisory Assistants are required to:

- Prepare rooms for dining, including setting out tables and chairs.
 - Distribute meals and serve water.
 - Supervise children during the meal, in the playground, classrooms, corridors, cloakrooms, toilets, etc and escort children between areas where necessary.
 - Clear tables and collect rubbish, wash and stack away tables, chairs, water jugs and clean dining area as required.
 - We are looking for someone who:
- Enjoys working with children of primary school age;
 - Is passionate about healthy eating;
 - Is flexible and can adapt to the changing needs of life in school.

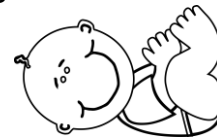
For further information and details of how to apply, please email Debra Moore, our School Business Leader. Her email address is debra.moore@ancaster.lincs.sch.uk

Children in Need



We are delighted to announce that the total raised for Children in Need was a mammoth £264.01- thank you for all of your fundraising for this incredibly worthwhile charity.

****Baby Bump Alert**** **Congratulations Mrs Owen**



We are so excited to be able to share that Mrs Owen, our Foundation Stage Teacher, has recently announced that she is expecting her first baby. Whilst it is still early days, she is struggling to hide her growing bump and Mrs Owen didn't want anyone thinking that she had been secretly feasting on mince pies. This pregnancy is such lovely news and we are so happy for Mrs Owen and her husband. More news on the maternity cover will be shared in due course but for now, please join us in congratulating them on their impending arrival.

Starting School in September 2018?



If your child, or someone you know is due to start school next September, please be aware that the application round is now open and closes on January 15th 2018. Should your child have a sibling in school, make sure that this criteria is outlined in the application as this will strengthen the application and secure a place at the school. If someone you know is interested in sending their child to our school we would love to hear from them and will be happy to show them around. This year we have had a record number of enquiries again for places and look forward to welcoming the newest intake of children into school ready for the next academic year.

Communication



Please be aware that we are no longer subscribing to Parentmail and as such will not be sending any communication out via this method. We will be sending newsletters and other information out to parents via Integris, our data management system which offers this functionality and we are also looking into a new app for your phones, called Parenthub, which will allow for more direct communication from the school as well as each class. Please ensure that the office has your most up to date email address.

Tombola

Thank you to everyone who sent in tombola contributions. It was wonderful to see the children in their own clothes today and we look forward to these gifts being part of the Christmas Fayre. If you have any other items that could be donated/gifted to the school for the Fayre, we will happily accept these up to the day of the Fayre. There is also the Christmas Card competition live at the moment as well as the Bake Off competition for the Christmas Fayre. All details about these have been sent to you. Should you require more information, please contact the school office.

Christmas Fayre-Friday 15th December

1.15pm collection and fayre from 1.30pm onwards



Get in the Christmas spirit and purchase some of your gifts at our annual Christmas Fayre. Each class will be running their own stall plus we've invited local businesses too. We have crafts, gifts, decorations and so much more. You can join in the raffles, tombola, or play some games and indulge in some Christmas refreshments (mince pies)!

We are very lucky to have Santa agree to come and see us for the duration of the fayre. He will be delivering presents from the PTFA to each class and then there will be a very special grotto in which children of all ages can pay to visit him and receive a gift.

Children can be collected from 1.15pm onwards from their classrooms and then at 1.30pm, any remaining children will be in Class Wales (Reception). When collected, children will need to be signed out by an authorised adult who will then take full responsibility for them for the remaining time in school. Any child not collected before 3.30pm will either be helping on stalls or be supervised undertaking Christmas activities in class. **ALL children must be collected by 3.30pm.** We are sure to have a wonderful Christmas Fayre and hope that you are able to join us and begin the festive celebrations.

Parking



Further to the emails and reminders set out in the previous newsletter, parking is now much better. Spot checks have been carried out and we hope that this only now continues. We do not want anyone to get hurt as a result of poor parking choices and it would be such shame if the only way that people choose to change their parking habits is as a result of an accident with an adult or a child. Please be vigilant and ensure that the morning and evenings are as safe as possible. Thank you for your continued efforts in ensuring road safety.

Den Building Day



The children had such a brilliant day on Wednesday 29th November where we invited an outdoor specialist in to work with the children on developing their Den Building skills. The cold weather did not faze anyone and the children exclaimed that this was one of the best days ever at school. They had to work in mixed age teams to locate the materials and construct their dens to protect them from the elements and the outcomes were just phenomenal. Well done to everyone for the enthusiasm and hard work poured into the day. Thank you to Mrs Woods for organising the day and pictures of can be seen by logging on to our Twitter feed @ancasterprimary

Dates for Christmas Festivities



- 12th December at 2pm**-EYFS Christmas Spectacular
- 13th December at 2pm**-KS1 Christmas Performance
- 14th December at 2pm**-KS1 Christmas Performance
- 14th December**-Christmas Lunch (available to book via Good Looking Cooking)
- 15th December at 9.30am**-KS2 Performance in Church
- 15th December at 1.15pm**-Christmas Fayre in school
- 18th December AM**-Pantomime Trip to Grantham Guildhall (Whole School)
- 18th December PM**-Class Christmas Parties
- 19th December**-Last Day of Term