



Newsletter 4

1st November 2019



Dear Parents, Carers and members of the community, welcome to Newsletter 4. I hope you all had a wonderful half term break (which now feels like a distant memory) and enjoyed the time away from school. It was so lovely to come back into school this week and hear all about the adventures of the children, who were eager to share their stories, and find out from others what they had been doing. We have made such a wonderful start back to Term 2 and I love the way that the children have set themselves their targets for the coming weeks and are busy working on them in their learning. The progress that we are seeing from the children is incredible and I am looking forward to seeing you all at the Parent Consultations in the next couple of weeks.

Best Wishes, *Mr Sam Eden (Headteacher)*

Firework Extravaganza-Tuesday 5th November Gates open at 6pm with Fireworks at 7pm



Once again, our PTFA will be providing the jewel in our entertainment crown with our Firework Extravaganza. Over the past 7 years, we have brought the community together for a wonderful fun-filled family evening and this year promises to be no different. Entry will be by payment on the gate on the evening. Prices are as follows;

Adults £4 Children £3 Under 4's Free
Family Ticket

(2 adults, 2 children/1 adult, 3 children) £12

This is fantastic value for money and there will be music, food and drink and of course the superb fireworks. Please let as many people know about this event, including those from other villages. We look forward to seeing you there!

Anti-Bullying Week! Odd Socks Day-Tuesday 12th November



W/c 11-15th is Anti-Bullying Week and we will be using this as a mechanism for discussing issues with the children and ensuring they understand what they need to do in order to recognise bullying as well as how to tell relevant adults in order to stamp it out. Within class, we will be undertaking drama, song, artwork, writing and much more linked around the bullying theme.

On the Tuesday of this week (so not to clash with Armistice Day), we are encouraging children, parents and staff to wear odd socks to promote the start of the week on Monday. We will not be asking for any money to fundraise for this and will use it to promote the messages of the week. The national theme this year for Anti-Bullying Week is 'Change Starts With Us'.



We're delighted to share with you that we've been chosen as one of the Co-op Local Causes for the next 12 months! Remember to use your Co-op membership card every time you shop and this helps us to raise funds for our new classroom as the Co-op kindly donate 1% of what you spend on their products to local causes.

However, in order for us to receive the most benefit you must select us as your chosen cause. Please visit the Co-op website, login, click on our profile and select us as your chosen cause. Please share and encourage family and friends to do the same, the more people supporting us the more funds we receive. Thank you in advance!



Our use of the Parenthub app has exceeded all expectations and we are delighted with the parental engagement. We hope that you find having all of the information in one place very useful. Please be aware that school staff are unable to subscribe you to individual channels-if your child is taught in multiple classes (KS2 Year 4 and Year 5), you will need to ensure that you personally subscribe to the morning class and the afternoon class to receive all updates. Should you encounter any issues, please see Mrs Mantle (School Office) who is more than happy to help.

Flu Vaccine Tuesday 5th November

All of our children are entitled to a nasal spray Flu Vaccine and this will be administered by the NHS on the date above. If you have sent your paperwork back to the NHS, nothing more needs to be done and your child will receive this on the date above from NHS nurses.

Joules Seconds Sale-PTFA 19th November 2019-Woodland Waters



The date is quickly approaching for the upcoming Joules Sale, which our brilliant PTFA have managed to secure. The clothes on sale will include women's, men's, children's as well as accessories all at heavily reduced prices.

All items are provided by Joules and are either samples, returns, imperfect, previous season, bulk or surplus stock.

Tickets are selling fast but are still available and allow entry to the saleroom at 6.30pm. These are priced at £5 each and are available at <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/ancasterptfa/>

We look forward to seeing you there!

Children in Need 2019

15th November



On Friday 15th November, we are inviting children to come to school dressed in non-uniform with a £1 donation to the charity and any donations of cakes.

We will be holding a cake sale so please send any money/cakes into school with your child so they can participate if you wish. Thank you in advance, we look forward to seeing the children going spotty and dotty for Children in Need.

PE Kits

On the previous newsletter, we reminded you of the need to send a warm coat and additional PE kits, we still have children who do not have these items and we are asking that ALL children have their coats every day as well as an outside PE kit comprising of track-suit bottoms and a warm top as well as a pair of trainers to wear outdoors.

Dates for Christmas Festivities



We have been busy sorting out the arrangements for our Christmas Festivities and whilst we are only in early November, we wanted to give you advance notice of these dates so you can make any arrangements in advance.

12th December at 1.45pm-EYFS Christmas Spectacular to parents

13th December AM- KS2 Christmas Carols in church 10am

13th December PM-Christmas Fayre 2.15pm

16th December-KS1 Christmas Play 1.45pm

17th December- KS1 Christmas Play 1.45pm

18th December-Christmas Dinner Day (available to book via Good Looking Cooking)

18th December-Class Christmas Parties (PM)- children can bring a change of clothes

19th December-Last Day of Term-school closes at the usual time.

More details regarding each of these events will be given nearer the time.

Poppy Donations



Thanks to all who have already donated to the Royal British Legion via the Poppies which we currently have in school. Please note that these items will visit classes each day-if you wish your child to buy an item there are suggested donations up to £1.50. You are also able to donate by visiting the school office. We will be holding our own enrichment day on 11th November to commemorate Armistice Day which has an arts focus and we look forward to sharing the designs and creations with you.

Celebration Worships-Parent Invites

We are delighted to announce that we have restructured our Celebration Worships which happen every Friday at 2.50pm. At present these take place with a whole school celebration and parents have not been able to be invited due to space constraints. From next week, we will be alternating Celebration Worships for R/KS1 (first one is taking place next week 8th November) and then KS2 (Friday 15th November). As we have decided to split the celebration, we can now invite parents/carers of children who have been chosen to receive a certificate. If your child has been selected, you will be informed via ParentHub (direct message) on the Friday of the week before to allow you to make the necessary arrangements to attend or send someone else in your place. When your child is selected to receive a certificate, we will ask that you arrive at school for 2.45pm in order to be seated prior to the start of the celebration taking place. We look forward to seeing you at these events to celebrate your child!