



# Newsletter 7

## 10<sup>th</sup> January 2020



Dear Parents, Carers and members of the community, welcome to Newsletter 7 and the very first of the year 2020 (how did that happen?). Thank you, as always, for your continued support. I very much look forward to seeing you over the course of the next 2 weeks. First of all, can I wish you all a Happy New Year-I hope that you all had a wonderful Christmas break and enjoyed the festivities. The children have been so eager to share their news and tales; we are all so pleased to be back in school with the children, working hard together! All classes have sent out a curriculum map and letter today, detailing the latest information from the class and the learning due to take place this term-we hope you find this information useful. These documents can be found on the school website pages should you misplace your copy. We have many more exciting activities planned for the coming terms and I look forward to sharing these with you in future newsletters.

Best Wishes, *Mr Sam Eden (Headteacher)*



Please be reminded that we've been chosen as one of the Co-op Local Causes! 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!

**If you're not yet a co-op member you can also sign up on line to receive a co-op membership card.**

### Christmas Fayre



Our Christmas Fayre, held in December, has always continued to evolve as we took it outside again to add to the festive feel. There was such a lovely buzz around the event and we appreciated the brilliant feedback we have been given.

Thank you to everyone who supported us-as a result of all of the hard work of everyone involved, a mammoth £792.94 was raised!

### Share and Shine Time!



This term, family sharing will take place in the sessions outlined below. This is the children's opportunity to share with you the learning that has taken place across the curriculum. The dates for these sharing opportunities are as follows;

Class Scotland -12<sup>th</sup> Feb at 9.10am  
Class Indonesia-13<sup>th</sup> Feb at 3pm  
Class Morocco- 13<sup>th</sup> Feb at 9.10am  
Class Tanzania- 10<sup>th</sup> Feb at 3pm  
Class Belgium-11<sup>th</sup> Feb at 3pm  
Class Barbados-5<sup>th</sup> Feb at 3pm

### Attendance

Please be reminded that we will now be following Lincolnshire County Council's protocols for fining parents who take their children out of school during term time without there being an exceptional circumstance. This includes holidays as we know that parental decisions to take holidays during term time are having a severe effect on not only individual children's outcomes but also on school data overall.

All applications for absence that are not illness related will need to be applied for by completing an 'Exceptional Circumstances' form and this can be gained from the school office or from our website.

Once the criteria has been met for issuing a Fixed Penalty Notice (FPN), LCC would administer the fine and parents would be charged on a per parent, per child basis.

**The attendance figure overall for our school this academic year is currently 96.34%. Let's work together to bring this figure above 97%, which is our school expectations for all children.**

## Starting School in September 2020?



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 15<sup>th</sup> 2020. Should your child have a sibling in school, make sure that this is outlined within 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 early indications show that we will be oversubscribed in Reception next year, which means we have more families than ever wanting to access our wonderful school. We look forward to welcoming the newest intake of children into school ready for the next academic year.**

### Clubs

This term, we have yet another vast array of clubs on offer and we are delighted that we are able to offer this fantastic provision for our children. There are still some places left in clubs, please contact the school office who will be able to assist you in booking children into clubs.

### Informing the School Office of changes to picking up arrangements



We recognise that changes can occur with respect to collection arrangements at the end of the school day. However, we have recently noticed, once again, that the number of calls the school receives in a day asking us to inform children of changes has increased dramatically.

To reduce the additional burden this administration is placing on the school; please can we ask that, where possible, arrangements are made prior to the school day starting and changes are only communicated via the school office as a last resort. Thank you for your cooperation with this.



### School PE Kit

Each class has their own days in which PE is taught, and these can often change if other events take place so for this reason, it is useful if PE kits could stay in school all week. Please be reminded of the school PE kit expectations-we will be informing you if your child is repeatedly without their kit as at least 2 hours of Physical Education per week is statutory within the curriculum.

**Indoor:** Plain white T-shirt & Navy/black shorts or skirt (gym and dance is in bare feet)

**Outdoor:** Plain white T-shirt, navy/black plain tracksuit top & bottoms, spare socks, trainers.

### Snow

As the winter months continue, the threat of snow is always upon us. We will always endeavour to stay open in all but the most extreme conditions. Please keep up to date with the latest information on school closures and check the school website; this will be updated as soon as any decision has been made, listen to Lincs FM and look out for communication from school.

### Times Tables Rock Stars

All children within Key Stage 2 continue to be given a login for an online website (and app) called Times Tables Rock Stars.

The aim of the website is to improve the children's knowledge of times tables and related facts. The National Curriculum has an expectation that children confidently and competently know and understand all of the times table facts up to 12x12 by the end of Year 4. We are attempting to get as many children accessing this brilliant site as possible and hope that you will support your child in logging in and taking part.

One of our children is now a Rock Hero having become so fast at answering questions that they can answer 69 random questions in under 1 minute-can your child train themselves to answer questions rapidly?

<https://trockstars.com/>

### Online Safety



Please find attached a link for help and support for parents in a digital world. As children will have received new devices in the last month for Christmas, this guidance on setting, updates and apps for different ages will be useful. <https://parentinfo.org/>

*Happy New Year from all at Ancaster Church of England Primary School  
Let's make 2020 the best year yet!*