

Dear Parents, Carers and members of the community, welcome to Newsletter 9. We have had a fantastic couple of weeks in school since the previous newsletter and the children are working so hard to showcase their talents across the curriculum. I cannot quite believe that we are here at the mid-point of the academic year and know that the children will relish the opportunity to relax and unwind during the forthcoming half term. I very much look forward to hearing all about your adventures during the break. Have an enjoyable few weeks and I look forward to seeing you on the gate each day.

Best Wishes, **Mr Sam Eden (Headteacher)**



Operation Encompass is a police and education early information sharing partnership that our school is now involved with. Ensuring that safeguarding is always the highest priority, Operation Encompass ensures that a notification is sent to trained member of staff, before a child arrives in school the next day. The notification would be triggered by police who have recently attended a child's home where a domestic abuse incident has taken place. This information sharing ensures that appropriate support can be given to the pupil in the first instance and to ensure that services involved with families are working together. More information can be found at <https://www.operationencompass.org/>

Clubs-Term 4

We have recently sent out information regarding Clubs for Term 4. Please ensure that you sign children up by emailing clubs@ancaster.lincs.sch.uk stating their name, Class Teacher, pick-up arrangements for the end of the club, emergency contact information and the list of the clubs that you wish your child(ren) to join as soon as possible. We are incredibly proud of our enrichment offer for after school provision and look forward to seeing the children enjoying their time in these clubs.

Wow Days

In Key Stage 2, we have had three wonderful Wow Days taking place today (Thursday 13th February). Using their history learning as the stimulus for the day, the aim of the wow day is to bring all of the learning together and allow the children the opportunity to showcase, and apply, all of their new found knowledge in their area of study. The Wow Days in KS2 have been as follows;
Class Tanzania-The Shang Dynasty
Class Belgium-The Romans
Class Barbados-The Benin Kingdom

New Appointments



Having recently completed a rigorous recruitment process, we are delighted to announce that we will soon be welcoming new members of staff to our team.

Mr Stuart Prosser will be joining us as our new Caretaker and Mrs Kim Smith will also be joining our cleaning team. We will be welcoming Mrs Karen Spencer and Mrs Astou Tombling who will be joining our Midday Supervisory team. We are sure that you will join us in welcoming these new members of staff to our team and into the Ancaster family.

PTFA Disco



The recent PTFA Disco was a huge success with a wonderful £331 raised. Well done to everyone who helped and made sure that the event was an excellent evening for all of the children who attended.

Safer Internet Day

This week we explored Safer Internet Day. The theme for this year is 'Free To Be Me' exploring online identity and asking young people to consider whether they and their peers are truly free to be themselves online. Follow the link below to find out more information.

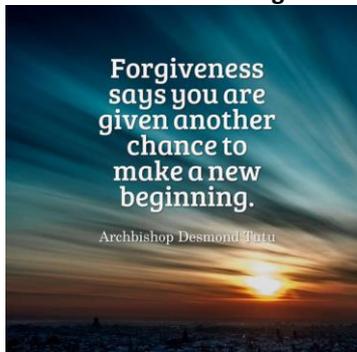
<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day-press-release-2020>

Please be reminded that school closes today (Thursday February 13th) at the usual times and reopens on Monday 24th February. Please note that Friday 14th February is an INSET day and school is closed to pupils.



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Church School Value-Forgiveness



This term in our Collective Worships we have focused on the values of **forgiveness, friendship and Trust**. Discuss these themes/values with your children.

In school, we use a lot of quotes to help frame our thoughts around different values. The quote above, by Desmond Tutu, recognises the importance of the value of **forgiveness** in order to move forward and establish a new beginning and make amends. As a church school, it is vitally important that we teach our children the value of forgiveness to help make them be the best person they can be.

Share and Shine Time!



Thank you to all of the parents and carers who came to the Share and Shine events over the last two weeks. It has been incredible to see so many parents in school and seeing all of the wonderful learning brought to life. Children are being taught lots of new vocabulary and associated knowledge. Set them a quiz based on what you found out about their learning so they can impress you with how much they now know!

Bikeability



Well done to our Year 5 children who have spent much of the week outdoors on their bicycles undertaking their Bikeability training. This hands-on training programme ensures that they are safe on the roads and that they know what to do in a variety of different scenarios. The children have had some very changeable weather conditions to contend with this week and their resilience and perseverance has been commented upon positively by the instructors who have been so impressed with the children.

School Council and Pupil Voice



Miss Rogers has ensured that each of the classes have held their own vote to elect the newest members of our School Council. Ensuring that we respect the Modern British Value of Democracy, all children who wished to be considered were asked to write a speech and then perform that speech to the class. Exercising their own democratic right, the children then had one vote in which they voted for the child they feel will represent them best. We are so excited about this newly formed group of pupils who have worked so hard to be elected!

We are proud to have several ways in which our pupils are able to exercise pupil voice. In addition to our School Council, we also have our very own Mini Police, Team Captains, Young Ambassadors and Play Leaders.

We also regularly listen to the views of all of our children by asking a 'Big Question' through the Big Conversation and then use the views of all of the children to make changes to the school based on their incredibly valuable feedback.



World Book Day -March 5th (Advance Notice)

Next term we will be celebrating the 23rd annual World Book Day and are inviting all children to dress up as a book character on this day. Outfits do not need to be specially bought as homemade ones are often the most effective, utilising what you already have at home. Classroom staff will also be dressing up-see if you can spot the stories we will be representing! There will be lots of exciting learning taking place on the day, including: using digital media to make film trailers to turn our books into movies, writing book reviews to inspire others in our library, role play and so much more! We know it's going to be another fabulous event for promoting reading for enjoyment and a lifelong love of reading and we cannot wait to see the school value of creativity flowing through the costumes we will see on the day.

Please note that we will not be asking for any donations on this day.