

Dear Parents, Carers and members of the community, welcome to Newsletter 2 of the 2019/20 academic year. Time has truly flown over the course of the last 2 weeks and the learning that has been taking place across the classes is exceptional-not a moment of time has been wasted in introducing the children to new concepts, ideas and learning. All the way up from our youngest to our oldest learners, we are seeing huge amounts of resilience, perseverance and children who want to be challenged to take that next step in their learning. There is such a phenomenal buzz around the school and I know that there are lots more wonderful learning opportunities to come this term, Ancaster really is an exciting place to be and I thank you for your support and dedication in ensuring we work closely together for the good of your child(ren)! As always, if you need to catch me, I will be on the school gate several times each week or a longer appointment can be made via the school office. Have a wonderful week and I look forward to seeing you soon.

Best Wishes, *Mr Sam Eden (Headteacher)*

Parent Sharing Opportunities



This year we will be holding family sharing in Terms 1, 3 and 5. This term, these opportunities will take place week commencing 14th October and are the children's opportunity to share with you the learning that has taken place over the course of the term. The dates of the sharing are as follows;

Monday 14th October at 3pm: Class Scotland and Class Belgium

Tuesday 15th October at 9:15 am: Class Morocco

Wednesday 16th October at 9:15 am: Class Indonesia

Wednesday 16th October at 3pm: Class Barbados

Thursday 17th October at 3pm: Class Tanzania

Please try to support your child by attending. Children are so incredibly motivated by their parents coming into school and helps inspire children to strive to **be the best they can be.**

Bookfair is Coming! Thursday 3rd October



Bookfair will be available after school each day from Thursday 3rd October until Tuesday 8th October. You will be able to buy a wide selection of books as well as other items such as posters and stationery. The beauty of the Bookfair is that for every book bought, we can then buy books for our school as we have a 100% commission with Scholastic who host the fair. We look forward to seeing you there.

Harvest Festival-8th October



Our wonderful Harvest Festivals will take place on the date above. As usual, we are now too big to fit everyone, including parents, into the church as a whole school, so we will hold 2 Harvest Festivals, which means double the fun-they will be led by Revd George.

**Key Stage 2-9.30am-St Martin's Church
Reception/Key Stage 1-10.30am-St Martin's Church**

If you are able to walk with us to St Martin's church where the services will be held-we always appreciate your support-please speak with your child's Class Teacher.

As always, donations to Grantham Passage will be greatly received. This year, they have asked for a variety of non-perishable items such as Longlife Milk; Porridge Oats, Tinned Chopped Tomatoes, Baked Beans, Heinz Big Soup, Squash (orange or blackcurrant), Mars Bars or similar, Cereal Bars, Sugar, Coffee, Tea, Cereal, Biscuits, Small Tins of Meat, Shower Gel, Shampoo, Toothbrushes, Toothpaste, Anti-perspirant deodorant, Men's Socks and Soap.
Thanks in advance for your kind donations.

School Photographs



Individual school photographs will be taken of the children on the morning of 1st October. We will also take sibling photographs (school age children only) whilst the photographer is in school and these will be available for you to buy.

Open Morning

Friday 1st November
9.30am onwards

Whether your child is already at school with us or looking to join us in September next year, why not come along to our Open Morning. You can:

- Take an informative tour of the school
- Join in with learning in each class
- Learn of our mission, aims and successes and of course ask all the questions you want any answers too.

We very much look forward to seeing you at this special event. Please spread the word to any members of the community who may also be looking for a place for their child next September in Reception. It is always great to see the school full of people from the existing, and new, school community.

Well Done 11+ Children



Over the past 2 weeks a large proportion of our Year 6 children have undertaken the 11+ test and have worked so hard and diligently. We are very proud of their achievements regardless of any outcome!

Autumn Fruits Cooking-w/c 14th October

To celebrate this wonderful time of the year where the leaves begin to change colour and the seasons alter to a more-cooler climate, we will, once again, undertake our Autumn Fruits Cooking sessions in which Miss Heslam works with children from every class, using our new and improved Curriculum Kitchen to cook and bake tasty autumnal inspired treats. These will be sold in a special bake sale at the end of the day on Friday 18th October on the playground and we hope you enjoy eating them as much as the children will enjoy making them!

Medical Updates

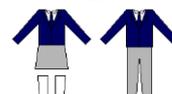
Flu Vaccine-5th November

Years R, 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 are entitled to a nasal spray Flu Vaccine and this will be administered by the NHS on the date above. Details have been sent to parents for you to register your child-please contact the school office if you need more information on this.

Inhalers

Recently, parents and carers have been sent information about asthma medication and the importance of medical records being kept up to date. Please speak with the school office should you require further information on this.

Labelling Clothes



Despite reminders in the previous newsletter to label clothing, we have amassed a large amount of lost property over the last two weeks. Please can we ask you to ensure you have named or labelled **every item** of your child's belongings and checked them again after washing them to help us return clothing to its owner should it become lost or misplaced. As well as storage being an issue, we know these items cost you money and want to stop parents having to pay unnecessary costs for replacements.

PTFA News

If you would like to join our wonderful team of PTFA members, as either a full member or simply a helper at events, please register your interest by contacting Kirsty McGauley, the Chairperson of the PTFA at ancaster.ptfa@gmail.com

This week, you have been sent the events that the PTFA are busy planning and what an action packed calendar it is.

Disco-Tonight!

We are looking forward to welcoming children back into school this evening for the PTFA disco.

Reception/Key Stage 1 5pm-6pm
Key Stage 2 6pm-7pm

Joules Seconds Sale

19th November 2019-Woodland Waters

There will be 1000s of Joules items, including women's, men's, children's and accessories all at heavily reduced prices. All items are provided by Joules and are either samples, returns, imperfect, previous season, bulk or surplus stock.

Preview tickets allow entry to the saleroom at 6pm, 30 minutes before Standard tickets and are priced at £8.50 each.

Standard tickets allow entry to the saleroom at 6.30pm, 30 minutes after Preview tickets and are priced at £5 each.

Tickets for this event are available at <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/ancasterptfa/>

Don't forget Bag2School collection on 8th October