



Newsletter 5

15th November 2019



Dear Parents, Carers and members of the community, welcome to Newsletter 5. I hope that this communication finds you well and hope that you are managing to stay dry in this wet and soggy weather. I cannot stress enough the importance of ensuring that your child has a coat as we do still try to get outside in all weathers so the children are not kept inside unnecessarily. We also still have a number of children still coming to school without the correct PE kit-please can we ask that all children have the correct clothing to allow them to access PE (both indoor and outdoor). Thank you to everyone who attended the recent Parent Consultations. It was so lovely to see the school full of conversation and discussion about how brilliant the children have been and setting targets for next steps. Thank you for your continued support. I very much look forward to seeing you over the course of the next 2 weeks. Best Wishes, *Mr Sam Eden (Headteacher)*

Fantastic Fireworks!



Our fireworks night was such a wonderful event with a fantastic family feel throughout the evening. We had so many visitors to the school, raising a phenomenal £2000 profit! This is the best event yet and we have so many people to thank for helping make the evening such a success.

Please join the school in saying a big thank you to all of the PTFA and their helpers and the 'firework men', who without them, there wouldn't be a show and not least each and every parent, family and community member who attended for supporting the school and making the event such a spectacular evening!

Poppy Donations



Thanks to all who donated to the Royal British Legion via the Poppies that we have had in school over the last 2 weeks. We held our own enrichment day on Monday 11th to commemorate Armistice Day and there were some wonderful pieces of art created by the whole school which are now on display in school.

Please can we also say a big thank you to Mr Clark-Monk, ex-service personnel, for giving up his time on this very important day to come and speak with the children in worship and lead us in a 2 minute silence. He also spent time in classes and discussed the roles and responsibilities of service personnel with the children in Key Stage 2.



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

Open Morning

Last week, we welcomed lots of new, prospective parents into school for the Open Morning to showcase our school for the children looking to join us from September 2020. If you know of anyone who is looking for a school place for their child from September 2020, please do not hesitate to let them know that they can arrange a visit to look around ahead of the application round opening.

Children in Need



Thank you to everyone who supported Children in Need today and sent donations of cakes and children in non-uniform with a donation. We are busy calculating the total and will announce how much has been raised in the next newsletter.

Joules Seconds Sale-PTFA-NEXT WEEK
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!

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.

Christmas Fayre-Friday 13th December

2.15pm collection and fayre after choir have sung



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)!

Children can be collected from 2.15pm onwards from their classrooms and then at 2.30pm, any remaining children will be in Class Scotland (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.

Flu Vaccine-additional session

The nurses who administered the Flu Vaccine were very impressed with our children's wonderful attitude and with the number of pupils who received the vaccine. Anyone who missed the paperwork for this vaccine can sign up to an additional session where the nurses will return on the 9th December. Please see the school office for more information.

Non-Uniform Day

Friday 6th December-Tombola



In preparation for our Christmas Fayre, we are inviting the children to wear non uniform on the date above in exchange for an item in our Christmas Fayre. There are no limits to the items we ask for and are always so impressed by the different things given to us. We will be holding a raffle (alcohol/wine gratefully received) as well as a tombola so any unwanted gift items would be fantastic. Thank you in advance.

Parent Consultations

We had 96% of our parent body make, and attend, parent consultations with Class Teachers last week. We aim for 100% as these meetings are a statutory requirement. If you have not had a meeting, we will be contacting you to arrange a meeting or you can do so by speaking with the Class Teacher.

Headlice

We have been notified by a number of parents that they are finding that they are having to treat headlice on numerous occasions due to the spread of headlice within school. We are keen to support parents in tackling this issue but ask in the first instance that treatment is applied followed by continuous checking for up to two weeks after treatment to identify and remove the eggs that are laid prior to the treatment being applied. When applying the solution, this will not remove the eggs, only the active lice.