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Newsletter 11

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Dear Parents, Carers and members of the community, welcome to Newsletter 11-I hope this communication finds you well. What a wonderful few weeks we have had in school since the previous newsletter with much to report. Whilst this term is very short, it is certainly action packed with lots planned. I thought I would take this opportunity to list key diary dates and any other information parents should be aware of.

Date	Activity	Information
Thursday 3rd March	World Book Day	Children will be celebrating all things book related. We will not be dressing up on this occasion-children can bring in their favourite book to share and there will be lots of exciting events happening around school.
Friday 4th March	Y1/2 Where the Wild Things are WOW Day	The Class Teachers will be sending more information out about this.
Fri 11th March	Maths Day	We will be celebrating maths all day today across the school.
Monday 14th March	Class Iceland trip to Woolsthorpe	Class Iceland trip to Woolsthorpe Manor-please ensure that reply slips are back at the school office.
Wednesday 16th March	Daniel Blythe-Author Visit KS2	A published author is visiting the school to work with KS2 on creative writing workshops. More information to be sent.
Thursday 17th March	Sport Relief Fundraiser	Our School Council are busy finalising details of this fundraiser and will communicate this with you asap.
Friday 18th March	Y1/2 trip to Stibbington	Class Madagascar and India trip to Stibbington-please ensure that reply slips are back at the school office.
Thursday 24th March	Easter Services in Church & Last day of term	We will be holding a KS2 Easter Service at 9.30am and a FS/KS1 Service at 10.30am in church. All welcome to join in the celebrations.

I hope you find this information useful and look forward to seeing you in and around the school each day. Should anyone wish to catch me, I am always available for a quick chat each morning or appointments can be made via the school office. Have a wonderful two weeks and I look forward to keeping you further updated. **Best Wishes, Mr Sam Eden.**

Be the Best You Can Be!



Our certificates for achievement were awarded to the following children in our special Friday assembly-well done all;

Class France-Alan Hunter and Troy Chapman

Class India-Ted Duggan, Keiley Hayter and Ruby-Rose Rosling

Class Madagascar-Christopher Clark-Monk, Amy Sadler, Ally Buffham and Lewis Davies

Class Australia-Gus Phillis, Alice Pellett, Ellie Barr and Benji Heron

Class USA-Charlie Baker, Whole of Class USA, Gustas Kurinskas and Arabella Seng

Class Iceland- Oliver Undy, Harry Demetriou, Chloe Gresham, George Taylor and Shawn Pellett

Well done to all children, across the school, for being the best you can be!

Further improvements to the school

Over the course of the half term holiday, further improvements were made to the school to continue improving every area of the main building. The main corridor has now been completed with a full paint and refurbish and over twenty different canvas portraits have begun springing up around the school showcasing the many talents of our wonderful young people.

We are continuing to reimagine our learning environments with our attention now turning to the last few remaining places that are still in need of refurbishment. We are committed to providing the best possible school for our children and their positive comments are testament to how wonderful the school is looking.

'Our school feels brand new; it makes me very proud to be here'. Y3 child

'I feel as though everyone is taking care of the school now as it looks nicer and makes you feel good as you walk around'. Y5 child



School Council Open the new Local Co-Op



We were delighted to be asked if our children could be the VIPs to open the new local Co-Op in the village and our wonderful School Council did not disappoint. What a fantastic opportunity for these children who helped cut the ribbon and officially announce that this very necessary local amenity is now open. The School Council represented the school very well and we hope that you all enjoy this fabulous new shop.

Our New Website

We are currently preparing for our brand new website to go live and this has been designed to tie in with the recent changes made to the school logo and prospectus. We hope you find it easy to navigate and use and that access to information is easier. The front page has been designed to keep you up to date in the easiest possible way and has also been configured to be viewed on mobile devices. There is also a link to our Twitter Feed which is now one of the best ways to keep fully up to date with the many different things happening in school. Follow us at @ancasterprimary

Sarah Outen Visit via Inspire+

This week, the children (and staff) were treated to the most awe inspiring talk from the adventurer, Sarah Outen, who recently completed her round the world trip by rowing, biking and kayaking her way to success. Sarah is acting as an ambassador for the charity Inspire+ who the school work with to provide PE and sport provision. Taking over 4 years to complete, her many tales were a true delight and an absolute pleasure to listen to. Staff and children held back the tears as she recounted various parts of the journey and watched in delight as she shared and discussed riveting memories from her amazing efforts. If you would like to find out more about her click on <http://www.sarahouten.com/>

Fantastic Scout Help!

We were very lucky to have the help of the BHM scout group (Horbling) who spent their own time one weekend laying a new pond liner and ensuring that the wildlife was carefully place to survive. It was fantastic to have the help of these enthusiastic and dedicated young people. Thanks to Mrs Tomlinson and her husband Neil for organising and arranging this on behalf of the school.



Attendance Update

Attendance figures have now been recorded from September until February Half Term.

They are as follows;

Class France-96.62%

Class India-97.33%

Class Madagascar-97.87%

Class Australia-97.71%

Class USA-97.20%

Class Iceland-95.83%

We are aiming for the attendance of each class being well above 97% and are well on the way for this to be achieved by all classes. Well done to Class Madagascar who have had the highest attendance at this mid-point in the year.

Attendance for the whole school is 97.06% which is excellent-can we make this even higher? Remember-every day counts!

Get Well Soon Mrs Dickinson!



On a recent skiing trip during half term, Mrs Dickinson has unfortunately had an accident which has resulted in her breaking her knee. She has been in touch with the school and assures us she is ok but is feeling understandably frustrated. We know that Mrs Dickinson will be absent until after Easter and look forward to seeing her once her knee has healed. We are sure you will join us in wishing her a very speedy recovery!