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Newsletter 13 15th April 2016



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Dear Parents, Carers and members of the community, welcome to Newsletter 13-I hope this communication finds you well. What a fantastic start to the term we have had since returning earlier this week. The children have wasted no time in getting to grips with the learning on offer and there has certainly been lots of fun and laughter on the playground too as children reacquaint themselves after the Easter break. It has been wonderful hearing all about the half term adventures that took place over the last couple of weeks and the holiday has also been a great opportunity for some distance and time to allow the bugs and viruses that worked their way through the school to have hopefully disappeared for a while. Attendance this week has been much better than it was before Easter and whilst whole school attendance figures are lower as a result of the illness from last term, I know that this will only rise with a good term of attendance ahead. Should anyone wish to catch me, I am always available for a quick chat most mornings or appointments can be made via the school office. Have a wonderful two weeks and I look forward to keeping you further updated in future newsletters. **Best Wishes, Mr Sam Eden (Headteacher)**

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- Charlie Hague and Leo G

Class India- Angelina G, Ashleigh Rear, Molly Harris and Charlie Frazier-Dickens

Class Madagascar- Ewan Hull, Meredith Lawson and Emily Gresham

Class Australia- Matthew Holmes and Evie Frazier-Dickens

Class USA- Josh Welby and Mason G

Class Iceland- Ethan G and Hannah Franklin

Rip roaring Readers have been celebrated by the school for their commitment and enthusiasm to reading. These children are;

Conrad Jackson, Emily Maughan, Imogen Taylor, Romeo Gibson, Eliana Shelbourn, Khya Colcomb and Jack Stonestreet.

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

Parent Consultations

Our latest parent meetings will take place on Monday 18th and Wednesday 20th April. Mrs Beard has been busy coordinating the appointments-please ensure you have booked in as these meetings are statutory and school will approach you to arrange a meeting if a meeting is not booked. Please try to bring your child along to the meeting as the discussions will have the most impact if we work together.

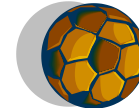
158 Pupils on Roll!

It is with such delight that we are able to say that there are now more pupils at Ancaster than ever before in over 150 years.

With 9 new pupils joining the school in various year groups across the school, we now have 158 children on roll which is 33 more children than the school had 18 months ago.

Welcome to all our new families-we hope you have had a great start to the term.

Sport Relief Update



We are thrilled to be able to update you and let you know that due to your very kind donations, an impressive £147.32 was raised for Sport Relief. This money has been sent off and will be put to good use by the charity. Thank you!

Queen's Birthday Celebrations



We will be celebrating the Queen's 90th Birthday on Thursday 21st April. We will be marking this occasion with activities and learning ensuring children understand the importance of our monarchy and the Queen. There will be more celebrations later in the term when her official birthday is marked on June 11th.

Welcome to Mrs Lord

Welcome to Mrs Lord who has begun covering whilst Mrs Williams is absent on a Thursday and Friday in Class Australia. She has started working in school this week and has settled in beautifully, working alongside the children and delivering lots of fun, exciting and engaging learning. We are sure you will join us in welcoming Mrs Lord to the Ancaster teaching team.

PTFA Update

Our newly rejuvenated PTFA have many ideas which they would like to explore over the coming terms. Led by the new Chair, Kirsty McGauley, the team want to explore new ideas to inspire future fundraising events. We would like to hear your very best fundraising suggestions and a dedicated PTFA suggestions box will be positioned in the foyer for you to add your suggestions. We cannot wait to hear all of your ideas.

We're Alive!

Our overarching topic for this term is entitled, 'We're Alive' which will allow for so much learning to take place across the curriculum. Each Class Teacher has been busy preparing the curriculum map and letter explaining how the children in each class will learn about different aspects of this theme. Parents can expect this communication on Monday 18th April. If you lose the hard copies that are sent out, please be reminded that they are always uploaded onto the school website on the class pages.

The Big Pedal-Cycle/Scoot to school-let's win!



The Big Pedal begins on Monday for two weeks and will be a whole school virtual race against other Lincolnshire schools. The more people bike/scoot to school each day, the further we will travel in the race. The number of bikes and scooters on the premises each morning will be the total figure for that day so any parents wanting to join in are more than welcome! We will also be holding competitions between each of our own classes to find out which class is contributing the most-Good luck everyone and happy cycling.

Fantastic Easter Services



Our children did us very proud when they showcased their many talents in church for their Easter services. There was a wide variety of songs, performances and creativity on offer throughout each service and reaffirms our commitment to ensuring our children are well rounded individuals who succeed across a broad and balanced curriculum.

Relief Midday Supervisor Needed

We are currently looking for a relief Midday Supervisor to join our fantastic team of lunchtime staff. This role will not have designated hours, however the successful candidate will need to be available on days between 11.45am and 1.30pm. Should you have any questions about this role, please see Mrs Debra Moore (School Business Leader and Midday Staff Line Manager) who will be more than happy to answer your questions.

Twitter Followers



We now have over 200 followers on Twitter and this number is growing every day. This is fast becoming one of the very best ways to keep up to date with the many different elements of the school day. Joining Twitter is very easy and you're able to interact with the tweets made by the school. We look forward to welcoming you to our Twitter feed.

Refurbishments over Easter

Our school underwent a further transformation over the Easter break will the hall being painted and the front of the gallery being boarded and painted to make way for a more contemporary feel to the school hall. Next time you are in school, pop your head around the door to have a look.