



Ancaster  
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# Newsletter 3 10<sup>th</sup> October 2016



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Dear Parents, Carers and members of the community, welcome to Newsletter 3. I hope this communication finds you well. Since the previous newsletter, there have been lots of exciting announcements regarding the school's shared use of myself as Headteacher with Welbourn Church of England Primary School from January. I am incredibly excited to be working with Welbourn to help secure outstanding outcomes for their pupils and would like to take this opportunity to reiterate the Chair of Governor's comments in her letter which stated that my focus will remain with Ancaster. I often describe Ancaster as 'my baby' and it continues to feel this way even with the introduction of a second school. I feel such a sense of loyalty to this school and to the children, staff, parents and families that I would not have agreed to this Executive Headship if it meant leaving Ancaster vulnerable in any way. With the increased leadership capacity coming from Mrs Talbot and Mrs Moore, as well as my continued involvement with the school, I am confident that the school will continue to flourish and develop even further. Please be reminded that if further clarity on this (or another matter) is required, you can always seek me out on the playground each day, or make an appointment to come and see me. A meeting is to be held this evening (Monday 10<sup>th</sup>) at 6pm to further discuss any questions or queries that parents may have regarding the Executive Headship. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the great swathes of parents who have taken the time to congratulate me and recognise the benefits that will be realised when our 2 schools work in close partnership together.

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

## New Signs and Areas

The school continues to be redecorated and re-designed to look even more phenomenal with the library now completed and the signs in and around the school fully completed to showcase our new logo in all its glory. In worship this morning, we spent the time looking at how far the school has come in recent times and recognising how lucky we are to have such a wonderful building, resources and environments. The children have been eagerly discussing the improvements and again, they have commented on how valued they feel as learners to be educated in such a bright, stimulating and caring school. See the new signs and spaces in the pictures below-we hope you like them as much as we do!



### Harvest Festival

Our Harvest Festival took place last week in St Martin's Church and was a real celebration of this very wonderful time of year. Pupils from every year group showcased their many talents and shared songs, poems and readings which helped us all to focus on the key messages and consider those that are less fortunate than us. Thank you to Reverend June for leading both services and thank you to everyone who sent in kind donations to be given to Grantham Foodbank.

### Dr Bike

As Dr Bike was held up at a different engagement on the last Biker Breakfast and therefore unable to host a Dr Bike safety check session; he has promised, by way of an apology to host another Biker Breakfast and Dr Bike session on 19<sup>th</sup> October 2016. If you come to school on wheels (scooter/bike), you can help yourself to a free breakfast and have your bike serviced by Dr Bike. We look forward to seeing you there.

### Open Morning Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 9.30am – 11.30am

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

- Take an informative tour of the school
- Join in with learning in each class
- Talk to the staff and pupils
- Have coffee and cake at breaktime with staff and other key members of the school community
- 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 next September, it is always great to see the school full of people from the existing, and new, school community.

### National Poetry Day Fun

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October was National Poetry Day and the school celebrated by reading, writing and performing poems. These were exceptional and we look forward to sharing them with you.

### Disco update!



Thank you to everyone who sent their children to the recent disco-a mammoth £300 was raised for PTFA funds which will all come back to the school to provide excellent resources for pupils. The PTFA recently used the donations from last year to contribute to the new library development. Thank you for your very kind contributions and to our wonderful PTFA for all of their hard work and efforts!

### Autumn Fruits Cooking



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 are once again undertaking our Autumn Fruits Cooking sessions in which Miss Heslam will be working with children in every class to use our Curriculum Kitchen to cook and bake tasty treats. These will be sold in a special bake sale at the end of the day on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October.

### 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 17<sup>th</sup> 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;

**Class Scotland-Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> at 9.15am**

**Class Jamaica-Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> at 3pm**

**Class Mexico-Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> at 3pm**

**Class Switzerland-Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> at 9.15am**

**Class South Africa-Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> at 3pm**

**Class Canada-Friday 21<sup>st</sup> at 3pm**

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.

### Headlice

Cases of headlice have been reported by several parents recently across the school. Please help by checking your child's hair regularly and treating in each instance.