



Ancaster
Church of England Primary School

Newsletter 9

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Dear Parents, Carers and members of the community welcome to Newsletter number 9, we hope this communication finds you well. The past two weeks have certainly flown by since the last newsletter, and what a couple of weeks it has been. A visit from OFSTED was seen as an opportunity to showcase our wonderful school and demonstrate how much progress we have made as a school family in all areas of school life (more information on this can be found below)! We have also been treated to some fabulous class worships, linked to animals in the bible, and this week Class Musical Performances have begun, demonstrating public speaking, team work, singing and instrument playing, which we're sure the contents of which will make their way into our Parent Sharing opportunities scheduled to be held in the last week of Term 3. We aim to always be available on the playground for a quick chat most mornings, however appointments can also be made to see us via the school office. We look forward to seeing you soon.

Best Wishes, *Mr Sam Eden (Executive Headteacher) Mrs Clare Talbot (Deputy Headteacher)*



Station Adoption

Our school is going to be 'adopting' Ancaster Train station through our Gardening Club, led brilliantly by Mrs Awcock and supported by the Parish Council and Dr Bike who has now 'transformed' in to Dr Train! Plans are already being made to brighten up areas of the station with planting that will be designed by our pupils. Competition sheets have already been sent home by ParentMail and the winner will see their design realised in the form of flowers in a flower bed at the station.

This is an incredibly exciting project that supports further links within our wonderful village and continues our vision of the school being at the very heart of the community.



Goodbye and Good Luck Miss Crosby!

Last newsletter we informed you that Miss Crosby will be undertaking her maternity leave from next week and today (Friday 27th) is her last day in school. We will all miss her smiley, happy personality in and around school and know Class Canada will miss her too but simply cannot wait to meet the newest addition to the Ancaster family whenever he/she decides it is time! We know you will all join us in wishing Miss Crosby and her partner all the best as they embark on becoming parents for the very first time! Goodbye for now and you have all of our best wishes and support!



Disco Fever!

Friday 3rd February

Our wonderful PTFA are arranging another of our popular Discos on the above date-we hope your child can join us. Entry is charged at £1.50 with unlimited free drinks. Sweets and treats will be available to buy throughout! The timings are as follows;

EYFS/KS1 5.30-6.30pm KS2 6.30-7.30pm

DJ Eden will of course be our DJ, so get your dancing shoes on and we'll see you at the disco!



Swim Marathon

On Friday 3rd February, a team of Year 6 children will represent our school at Grantham Meres, swimming as many lengths as they can in 30 minutes to raise money through sponsorship for Grantham Rotary Club. Thank you to Mrs Hiorns for organising and co-ordinating our participation.

Good Luck Swimmers-we are behind you 100% as you demonstrate the value of achievement!



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Science & DT Week-W/C Monday 6th February

As a school we will be undertaking an exciting Science & DT week, with each class given challenges to complete linked to their class topic and the whole school curriculum theme of 'Lets Investigate!' As part of this all classes will need junk modelling materials, particularly cardboard boxes and plastic containers. Please could you raid your re-cycling boxes and bring these materials to classes before Monday 6th February. We look forward to sharing the exciting outcomes from this week via our Twitter feed.



As you are aware, we had a visit from Ofsted last week and we would first like to take this opportunity to thank you for all your well wishes prior to, and during the inspection period. Whilst we are not yet permitted to share with you the outcomes of the visit, we can tell you that we all found it to be a very positive experience. Everyone showcased our school truly being 'the best it can be' and all enjoyed sharing lots of information with the inspector about what makes our school special. We will share the letter, which will be sent to school, detailing the findings with you as soon as it is published.



Do you use maths in the workplace?

In Term 4, on Wednesday 29th March, we will be having another of our exciting termly Maths Days.

Mrs Hiorns, our Maths Subject Leader, would really like to hear from parents and members of the community who use maths in the workplace or their every-day lives. If you would be willing to come in and share your experiences of maths with the children, to demonstrate its importance in the outside world, please see Mrs Hiorns or make contact through the school office. Thank you in advance!



School PE Kit

Each class has their own days in which PE is taught, and these can often change if other events take place so for this reason, it is useful if PE kits could stay in school all week. Please be reminded of the school PE kit expectations-we will be informing you if your child is repeatedly without their kit as at least 2 hours of Physical Education per week is statutory within the curriculum.

Indoor: Plain white T-shirt & Navy/black shorts or skirt (gym and dance is in bare feet)

Outdoor: Plain white T-shirt, navy/black plain tracksuit top & bottoms, spare socks, trainers



Dates for your Diary

Share & Shine-Parent Opportunities-Join us for an exciting opportunity to see the classroom in action on the dates below;

7th February – Cl. Switzerland 9.15am

8th February – Cl. Scotland 9.15am

8th February - Cl. Jamaica 3pm

9th February - Cl. South Africa 3pm

10th February – Class Mexico 3pm

22nd February – Class Canada 9.15pm (please note that this date is after half term)

9th February-Year 6 Parents Residential Information Meeting at 3.30pm

Friday 10th February – School closes at 3.30pm for Half-term

Monday 20th March-Schools opens for Term 4.

6th-8th March – Y6 Residential to Dearne Valley

24th April – Parents Consultation Evening (3-6pm)

26th April – Parents consultation Evening (3-6pm)

Sarah Outen MBE Visit

On Tuesday 31st January, our children will be given the chance to meet and listen to Sarah Outen in a special visit to school. Sarah is the first woman, and the youngest person, to row solo across the Indian Ocean and also the Pacific Ocean from Japan to Alaska. She completed a round-the-world journey, under her own power, by rowing boat, bicycle and kayak, on 3 November 2015. We are so incredibly excited to welcome her to Ancaster.

Health & Safety Reminders

Recently, we have had to remind several children about several health and safety expectations that the school has in place. Please may all parents be reminded that children with long hair should ensure it is tied up at all times in school. Only stud earrings may be worn with no further jewellery allowed and earrings must be either removed or covered over for PE. Watches may be worn and then removed for PE sessions. Finally, please note that make-up and nail polish is not permitted. Thank you in advance for ensuring your child is following these school expectations.