



Newsletter 2

8th October 2021



Dear Parents, Carers and members of the community, welcome to Newsletter 2 of the 2020/21 academic year. Time has truly flown over the course of the last few weeks and the learning that has been taking place across the classes is exceptional-not a moment of time has been wasted in introducing the children to new concepts, ideas and learning. All the way up from our youngest to our oldest learners, we are seeing huge amounts of resilience, perseverance and children who want to be challenged to take that next step in their learning. There is such a phenomenal buzz around the school and I know that there are lots more wonderful learning opportunities to come this term, Ancaster really is an exciting place to be and I thank you for your support and dedication in ensuring we work closely together for the good of your child(ren)! As always, if you need to catch me, I will be on the school gate several times each week or a longer appointment can be made via the school office. Have a wonderful week and I look forward to seeing you soon.

Best Wishes, *Mr Sam Eden (Headteacher)*

Open Morning

Friday 5th November

9.30am onwards

Whether your child is already at school with us or looking to join us in Reception class next September (September 2022), why not come along to our Open Morning. You can:

- *Take an informative tour of the school*
- *Join in with learning in each class*
- *Learn of our mission, aims and successes and of course ask all the questions you might have.*

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 their child next September in Reception. It is always great to see the school full of people from the community.

Clubs

Next term, we will be in a position to resume our offer of After School Clubs which focus on enrichment of the curriculum and these will be a mixture of free and paid for activities for children to access. Having not run clubs for nearly 2 years due to restrictions, we cannot wait until they are firmly back on the calendar as an integral part of each week. More details on the clubs that will be offered next term will be announced next week as well as how you will register your interest for a place. We offer a fair process for the allocation of places to ensure that all children have equal opportunity of accessing clubs and we will send more information on this next week as the final arrangements are clarified.

Harvest Festival-19th October



Our wonderful Harvest Festivals will take place on the date above. As usual, we are now too big to fit everyone, including parents, into the church as a whole school, so we will hold 2 Harvest Festivals, which means double the fun-they will be led by Revd Georgie.

Key Stage 2-9.15am-St Martin's Church
Reception/Key Stage 1-10.15am-St Martin's Church
If you are able to walk with us to St Martin's church where the services will be held-we always appreciate your support-please speak with your child's Class Teacher.

As always, donations to Grantham Passage will be greatly received. This year, they have asked for a variety of non-perishable items such as Longlife Milk; Porridge Oats, Tinned Chopped Tomatoes, Baked Beans, Heinz Big Soup, Squash (orange or blackcurrant), Mars Bars or similar, Cereal Bars, Sugar, Coffee, Tea, Cereal, Biscuits, Small Tins of Meat, Shower Gel, Shampoo, Toothbrushes, Toothpaste, Anti-perspirant deodorant, Men's Socks and Soap.

Thank you in anticipation of your kind donations.

School Photographs



Individual school photographs were taken of the children 2 weeks ago and the proofs were sent home recently-we hope that you enjoyed looking at the smart pictures of your child/ren. Orders are to be made directly with the company (Tempest Photography) and details are on the proof that was sent home-free delivery is available if you order before 11th October.

Parent Sharing Opportunities

As a school, we relish the opportunity to hold events where parents can come to see the classroom and share in the learning that is taking place. Coming back into the school academic year under the banner of 'normality' means that many elements of our practices have returned to operating as we did prior to the pandemic. However, after careful consideration and a sharp focus on maintaining the health, safety and wellbeing of all of our stakeholders-we have questioned how sensible it would be to promote an event where there could be up to 60/70+ people in one classroom space which, despite vaccinations etc, we feel could exacerbate infection levels and encourage transmission of the virus whilst it is still incredibly prevalent within the community. Instead-classes will be sharing information with parents and carers via digital technologies and Class Teachers will write to you separately to explain how this information will be shared!

Firework Extravaganza-Friday 5th November Gates open at 6pm with Fireworks at 7pm



After 2 very long years, our PTFA will once again be providing the jewel in our entertainment crown with our Firework Extravaganza which will return as a community event. Over the past 10 years, we have brought the community together for a wonderful fun-filled family evening and this year promises to be no different. Entry will be by payment on the gate on the evening. Prices are as follows;

Adults £4 Children £3 Under 4's Free
Family Ticket (2 adults, 2 children/1 adult, 3 children) £12

There will be a BBQ serving hotdogs, hot & cold drinks, cakes, candy floss & sweets will be available to purchase on the night.

Cash or card payments available on the gate and BBQ but cash only for refreshment and light up items.

The event is fantastic value for money and as well as the music, food, drink and of course the superb fireworks, our opportunity to reconnect as a wider community is one that should not be missed. Please let as many people know about this event, including those from other villages.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Advance Notice of Date Children in Need (12th November)

We will be celebrating this charity on the official Children in Need Day with a non-uniform day and you can make a suggested donation to the charity of £1 either to us in school or directly to them.

Flu Vaccine-Tuesday 2nd November

Children are entitled to a nasal spray Flu Vaccine and this will be administered by the NHS on the date above. Details have been sent to parents for you to register your child-please contact the school office if you need more information on this or alternatively the NHS contacts on the registration information you received who will happily answer any questions you might have.

Well Done 11+ Children

Over the past few weeks a large proportion of our Year 6 children have undertaken the 11+ test and have worked so hard and diligently. We are very proud of their achievements regardless of any outcome!



Safeguarding is the responsibility of everyone!

If you believe that a child may be a victim of neglect, abuse or cruelty call Children's safeguarding - 01522 782111 (Monday to Friday, 8am to 6pm). This is Lincolnshire Children's Services who will take the information and log the details you wish to share.

Parent Meeting Dates



Our statutory Parent Consultations for each child will take place w/c 8th and 15th November and will continue to be in the form of telephone calls to limit the contact our teaching staff have with wide ranges of people and to protect them from potentially catching Covid-19 and then not being able to come to school for a significant period of time. Again, with careful consideration-we feel that this is the safest option for the learning conversations to still take place but to do so in the safest form at this current time. Prior to the meeting taking place, you will be sent your child's **Pupil Profile Sheet** which gives you a breakdown of their attitude and attainment information ahead of the conversation with the teacher and an opportunity to discuss this further as part of the meeting. More information on the specific times of meetings will be sent prior to breaking up for the upcoming half term.

Year 6 Secondary Applications

If your child is due to start Year 7 in 2022, Lincolnshire County Council has asked us to remind parents of the importance of applying for secondary school places in good time of the closing date. Applications are made via www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/schooladmissions and need to be made by 31st October 2021.