



Newsletter 3

5th November 2021



Dear Parents, Carers and members of the community, welcome to Newsletter 3 of the 2021/22 academic year. It has been a wonderful start back to Term 2 with all children working hard and making excellent progress already. Despite our school returning to 'near normality' since our return in September, it is very important that we continue to remember that Covid-19 is still circulating and we must remain vigilant and sensible in ensuring we all do our best to limit the spread of infection as best as possible. We are experiencing more cases in school than ever before due to the way in which restrictions have eased and whilst this undoubtedly impacts upon adult capacity when staff test positive, we will always do our best to meet the needs of every child as well as maintain educational consistency. As ever, we appreciate your ongoing support and partnership as we continue to navigate these times. For now, have a wonderful week and I look forward to seeing you soon. Best Wishes. *Mr Sam Eden (Headteacher)*

Firework Extravaganza-TONIGHT

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.

Mrs Archer

We have recently heard the very sad news that Mrs Archer, a Teaching Assistant who worked at the school for many years and left the school last year, has sadly passed away. Please join us in sending our very best wishes to Mrs Archer's family and friends at this difficult time.

Harvest Festival-Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who supplied an item for the Harvest Festival. We are so grateful for your generosity and those who need these donations, we are sure, will be incredibly thankful. The children did a wonderful job of showcasing their wonderful harvest learning and we celebrated this special time of year as a school family in the church together once again!



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.

Poppy Donations



Thanks to all who have already donated to the Royal British Legion via the Poppies which we currently have in school. Please note that these items will visit classes each day-if you wish your child to buy an item there are suggested donations up to £1.50. You are also able to donate by visiting the school office. We will be holding our own enrichment day on 11th November to commemorate Armistice Day which has an arts focus and we look forward to sharing the designs, work and creations with you.

Change of Weather

The weather is turning cold now as we embrace autumn and many children are coming to school without a coat or suitable PE kit for outdoor PE. Please could we ask that you ensure that your child has these warmer items so they can participate in all events inside and outside the classroom.

Parent Meeting Dates



Our statutory Parent Consultations for each child will take place w/c 15th and 22nd November (please note change of weeks) 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. We feel that this is the safest option for the learning conversations to still take place. Prior to the meeting taking place, you will be sent your child's **Pupil Profile Sheet** on Friday 12th November. This document will give you a breakdown of your child's attitude and attainment information ahead of the conversation with the teacher and an opportunity to discuss this further as part of the meeting.

Each teacher will make their phone calls to parents in w/c 15th November and w/c 22nd November as per the timetable below and phone calls will take place between 4-6pm.

Monday (15 th /22 nd)	Tuesday (16 th /23 rd)	Wednesday (17 th /24 th)	Thursday (18 th /25 th)
Year 1	Year 4	Year 2	Reception
Year 5	Year 6	Year 3	

When you are sent your Pupil Profile Sheet on 12th November, you will find that you will have been allocated one of the dates above according to which year group your child is in and also a time when this phone call will take place. All we ask is that once you know your information, if the time and date of your proposed scheduled phone call is unsuitable, you let us know and we will work with you to schedule a more convenient time. Please do make every effort to be able to hold this conversation in the first instance as we want to limit the time the teacher is away from class during the school day as they are working hard to close the gaps that have occurred during the period in which school was closed from lockdowns. All staff are very excited to be able to talk to you and I know that these conversations will be as fruitful as ever in ensuring that your child is being the best they can be!

Advance Notice of Date Children in Need (19th 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.

Power to Change Award

This week, we have launched our brand new 'Power To Change Award'. We are asking children to do something themselves, over a period of time, which they believe will help to make a **positive change** in the local community, in school or the wider area; this could be picking up litter in the local community, helping a neighbour with some jobs, raising money for charity etc. We collected and discussed many ideas with the children through the launch and if you feel your child (or another child) is doing something which you feel needs to be recognised as part of our 'Power To Change', then please email powertochange@ancaster.lincs.sch.uk with the name of the child and a brief description of what they have been doing. All children who receive the award will be awarded with a Power To Change badge and celebrated in front of the whole school during worship time.

10k Charity Fundraising Success



Recently, Mr Eden decided to enter in this year's Lincoln 10k race and wanted to support a charity close to the school's heart. He selected a charity that supports children with Congenital Hyperinsulinism, which is such a worthwhile cause to not only help the children and families that live with this condition but also to raise awareness for a smaller charity. We are delighted to announce that Mr Eden completed the 10k on Sunday last week and raised £820 for this brilliant charity!

Anti-Bullying Week!

Odd Socks Day-Monday 15th November

W/c 15-19th November is Anti-Bullying Week and we will be using this as a mechanism for discussing issues with the children and ensuring they understand what they need to do in order to recognise bullying as well as how to tell relevant adults in order to stamp it out. Within class, we will be undertaking drama, song, artwork, writing and much more linked around the bullying theme.

On the Monday 15th, we are encouraging children, parents and staff to wear odd socks to promote the start of the week on Monday. We will not be asking for any money to fundraise for this but will use it to promote the messages of the week. The national theme this year for Anti-Bullying Week is '**One Kind Word**'.