



## Newsletter 8 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2022

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Dear Parents, Carers and members of the community, welcome to Newsletter 8. I hope this communication finds you well and you had a wonderful Bank Holiday weekend. We have made a fantastic start to term 5 with so many aspects of the curriculum taking shape already despite this being a relatively short few weeks. The children's behaviour and attitudes to learning are exemplary and I am so excited to see the quality of learning continue to unfold for the remainder of this academic year. Best Wishes, **Mr Eden (Headteacher)**

### Parent Meeting Dates



Our statutory Parent Consultations for each child will take place **w/c 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> May** and for what we hope will be the last time, will continue to be in the form of telephone calls to limit the contact our teaching staff have with wide ranges of people. We are making plans for the Autumn Term where we envisage that we will be offering face to face meetings but for now, we feel that with high prevalence of the virus still within the community-working in this way will allow us to control potential spread via these meetings and ensure staff levels can be maintained as best as we possibly can. As we have for the last few rounds of these meetings, we will allocate your phone call slot and inform you of this by the end of the week. Class meetings will be held on the following days;

	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri
<b>w/c</b>	Year 1	Year 5	Year 2	Reception	X
<b>16<sup>th</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup></b>	Year 4		Year 6	Year 3	X

In addition to this, we have also chosen not to continue issuing the Pupil Profile Sheets that we have issued in previous years ahead of the Parent Consultation meetings. We have listened to feedback from various parent groups, and reviewed the sheets and the information held within them and instead when staff are talking with parents as part of the consultations, we will use the information we would have put into the sheet to guide and frame the conversation. This also means that staff will not be duplicating this information ahead of the meeting taking place. As part of the meeting, they will focus on children's attitude to learning, attendance, homework, behaviour, efforts, readiness to learn, social and emotional aspects of learning and their overall learning behaviours that contribute to them as an individual and a pupil of our school.

Staff are very excited to have these conversations with you and we look forward to the discussions taking place in a few weeks' time.

### Enrichment-Trips Update

We are delighted that we are now back up and running with our provision to enrich our curriculum offer with trips taking place again. Having battled our way through the last couple of years where trips were actively discouraged, facilities were unable to be booked and then once reopening large scale demand compounding the ability to be booked, we have now put in provision for every year group to go on an exciting, engaging and linked curricular trip by the end of this academic year.

Last week, Reception went on their first ever trip to Rand Farm Park in Lincoln and had such a wonderful time exploring the farm and using this learning to undertake some incredible linked opportunities that have just flourished beautifully in the classroom. Well done to our youngest children who represented our school beautifully with behaviour being exceptional all day!

There are trips planned in all other year groups and the information for these, if it hasn't already, will be coming out in the coming weeks. We undertook a checking exercise where we asked parental engagement with the potential for these trips in terms of voluntary contributions and due to a high level of responses stating that you would support these trips-the following have been booked for the remaining year groups to take place by the end of the academic year;

Date	Class	Trip
<b>13<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Year 6	PGL Residential, Caythorpe
<b>16<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Year 2	Cadbury World, Birmingham
<b>17<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Year 5	Space Centre, Leicester
<b>23<sup>rd</sup> June</b>	Year 3	Magna, Rotheram
<b>27<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Year 1	Yorkshire Wildlife Park, Doncaster
<b>30<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Year 4	Eureka! Halifax

### Parking at Drop of and Collection

Once again, we are urging parents who drive to and from school to think carefully about your actions whilst dropping off and collecting at this busy time. We receive regular complaints from residents who are infuriated with inconsiderate and dangerous parking and having taken advice, we are now having to direct them to the police. Ensuring the road safety of the public and other drivers is a police matter, rather than the school's and as such we have no jurisdiction outside of our school gates but we are now actively encouraging people who complain to take photographs and report to the police themselves as we do not want to upset our neighbours or much, much worse-see an innocent party become injured as a result of inconsiderate/dangerous parking. Please work with us and think carefully about your choices as a driver at these times. Thank you in advance for your support with this matter.

### Welcome Back Mrs Jackson!

You may have seen a familiar face back in and around our school as we have recently welcomed one of our fantastic teaching assistants back from Maternity Leave. Mrs Jackson is so happy to be back in Ancaster and reacquainting herself with the children and staff following the birth of her second child. Please join us in welcoming Mrs Jackson back into Ancaster!

### 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.

### Easter Fayre Fun

During the Easter break, the PTFA held a community event with stalls and an Easter trail. Despite the rainy weather, we saw so many families, ex-pupils from the school and members of the community come and be with us and embark on some Easter fun. Thank you to our wonderful PTFA and those who offered their help to make the event happen.

### New Starters

We are delighted to announce that we are once again full for the new intake of children starting Reception in September. Whilst we have 25 available spaces every year for each year group, due to us building our 7<sup>th</sup> classroom, we are now able to take up to 30 children in every year group. With most of our classes now operating in excess of 25 children, we have been able to welcome additional children and families into the school who were previously unable to access a school place with us. Recently, we are seeing unprecedented amounts of enquiries for places and we're also operating waiting lists in some year groups. If you know somebody who is looking to join our school, please do encourage them to have a conversation with us as the remaining places made available by the new build classroom are filling up fast and we are keen to ensure that everyone who want to access the school is able to do so.

### Mini Police /Social Media



Our Mini Police are currently working on raising awareness of the risk of posting negative/hurtful comments online and via Social Media. Too often, we see and hear about the effects of hurtful comments and actions from platforms such as Whatsapp, Instagram or other messaging apps.

Parents and carers can help by continuing to educate children and holding regular conversations with them about what they are posting and carrying out regular checks. Children are often unaware that their actions online should mimic the way they act in real-life and feel as though they are able to hide behind a screen or a keyboard but instead we need to help them understand that, if anything, they are even more exposed by their behaviour as what is placed online cannot be deleted fully and the ability to screen shot and share, leaves them more vulnerable if they act in a way that is set out to harm, hurt or cause offence. We are also seeking to educate that the police are becoming increasingly involved in dealing with these matters so please encourage these conversations with your child(ren) and help support them presenting the best versions of themselves both online and face to face!

### Swimming in Year 4 and 5



We are thrilled that we have been able to resume swimming lessons for the children in Year 4 and 5, marking the first time that physical swimming lessons have been able to back on the curriculum since the pandemic began. Having had their first session last week, they will now swim every week at Grantham Mere's swimming pool, taught by their swimming teachers to help the children on their journey to be able to swim 25m by the end of their time in Key Stage 2. Both classes had a wonderful first lesson and their behaviour was commendable.