



Ancaster CofE Primary School

Newsletter 1 – 6th September



A very warm welcome back to all of you and to our new pupils and their families. I hope it has been a good start for you and your children. We are all very impressed with how wonderfully the children have settled and at the learning that has already taken place. This is certainly a packed out newsletter this week but we hope you find many of the items useful and of interest to you-**Mr Eden**

The School Day



School starts at 8.50am. The gate will be locked promptly at 9am. Any children arriving after this time will need to go through the main entrance and will be marked in the register as late.

All parents/carers are welcome to collect their children from inside the school gates. Please collect your children:

3.25pm – KS1 on the school playground-

Please be reminded that KS1 children will need a password if collected by someone other than a legal guardian and no KS1 child will be allowed to go home with anyone under the age of 16.

3.30pm – KS2 at the gate beside Class 5.

Teachers will be on the playground at 8.45am and 3.30pm for any quick catch ups!

KEEPING YOU INFORMED

There are many ways we do our best to keep you up to date with all the things happening in school.

Newsletter

These are (where possible) sent via Parentmail and are sent out on a fortnightly basis.

Parentmail

We will continue to use Parentmail to give out urgent/ important information throughout the week. Please ensure Mrs. Beard has a working email and mobile phone number. We are only aware of you not receiving your emails or texts if you tell us and if you are encountering problems we can provide a paper copy.

Front of School Noticeboard

We have a fixed whiteboard positioned on Class 5's exterior wall next to the wooden gate onto the playground. Information will be written here to keep you as up to date as possible.

Parent Noticeboards

One is in the main entrance and is updated with newsletters, general school information, staff and governor lists, term dates and more. Our additional board is outside and next to our fixed whiteboard. This shares class curriculum maps, newsletters and other useful information.

Website – www.ancasterprimary.org.uk

Here you will find a range of information about the school with monthly updates. You can also find policies, our school brochure, children's learning, photo galleries and much more.

Staff

If there's anything you want or need please just ask; anyone of us will be more than happy to help.

Mrs Good



We are extremely happy to be able to inform you that Mrs Good safely delivered a beautiful bouncing baby boy on August 20th. Both Mrs Good and her husband have decided to name him Benjamin Neil Durant-Good. He was a very healthy 7lb 14 1/2oz (and growing rapidly) and is a little superstar. Both mother and baby are doing brilliantly and whilst we are all missing Mrs Good being around the school building, we wish her all the happiness in the world for the future. She will be letting us know when she is coming into school to see us all and we shall let you know so you can catch a glimpse!



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Dates for Your Diaries



- Friday 13th Sept** – 11+ Verbal (Y6 only)
Friday 20th Sept – 11+ Non Verbal (Y6 only)
Tuesday 1st Oct – Billy Bob Buttons author to work with Y5/6
Friday 4th Oct – Class 5 trip to workhouse
Friday 4th Oct – Class 3 and 4 Roald Dahl Day
Friday 11th Oct – Harvest Festival @ 9.30am in St. Martin's Church. All Welcome. Walkers needed.
Thursday 17th Oct – Last day of term
- Monday 28th Oct** – school opens for term 2
Tuesday 5th Nov – Parents Evening (4-6pm)
Thursday 7th Nov – Parents Evening (4-6pm)
Tuesday 3rd - Friday 6th December – Bookfair
Friday 20th Dec – Last day of term

Absence and Home School Agreements

Your child will have brought home a letter tonight regarding absence from school and how you can apply for leave of absence. If you have not received this letter for any reason then please let us know as the information on this letter is extremely important.

Each child in school will also be bringing home a 'Home/School Agreement', this is a document which clearly states the responsibilities of school staff, pupils and parents. It is vital that we work together to ensure that your child can be 'the best they can be' and we are asking that you sign the document at home and return it to school for us to sign. Once we have seen that all sections have been signed, we will then return the document to you at home to keep for your own records. **Please ensure that any copies of the agreement are sent back to school by Friday 13th September.**

EARLY STARTERS



Your children can join their friends in getting off to an early start and come for breakfast, fun and games at our 'Early Starters' breakfast club in the school hall every morning!

7.45 – 8.45am: £3 (including breakfast)
8.15 – 8.45am: £1.50 (not including breakfast)

Breakfast includes toast, a range of cereals and fruit plus juice and/or milk.

Please book your place with Mrs. Beard by 4pm the day before so we can ensure the correct adult : pupil supervision ratio.

Cake Sale



Having seen the devastation recently over in Syria, Class 5 have expressed an interest to hold a cake sale to raise money for those affected. We will therefore be holding a cake sale on **Wednesday 18th September** and any money raised will go directly to charity. If you are able to donate cakes of any variety we would greatly appreciate your contributions and ask that they are with us no later than the morning of the cake sale. If you are happy for your child to buy a cake, we suggest sending around 50p as there will be a variety of cakes on offer at varying prices.

Clubs

We are currently in the process of organising clubs for this term and aim to have them starting the **week commencing 23rd September**. Please look out for consent letters which will come home with the children and more information will be on the next newsletter.



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SHARE & SHINE TIME



We were really pleased with the success of our class assemblies last year, so will be continuing with these opportunities to share in your children's learning and give them the time to shine.

This term our class assemblies will take place during the week commencing 14th Oct. We hope lots of you can come and will communicate the dates of each individual assembly in the next newsletter.

PLAYTIME TUCK SHOP



This will start again next week. We will be selling a range of fruit and vegetables priced 10p or 15p.

Please support us and help your child be healthy. Children are very welcome to bring in their own fruit and veg as a playtime snack. (Chocolate or crisp type snacks are not permitted during playtimes.)

LUNCH BOXES

It is part of the school's responsibility to monitor children's lunch boxes to ensure they have eaten plenty but also to ensure they have a nutritional diet. Whilst we will not place sanctions on what a child may bring in their lunch box, we would advise against chewy sweets and request that chocolate and other treats are kept to a minimum.

New Members of Staff

A very warm welcome to new members of staff who have joined our fantastic team this term, I am sure you will join us in making them feel welcome here in school.

Mrs Talbot has joined us as our new Deputy Head and has made a very positive start with class 4. She is thoroughly enjoying getting to grips with all things 'Ancaster'.

Mrs Campbell has joined the team as a trainee teacher who will be with us all year working in class 3 alongside Mrs Parsons. She has had a fun start to the term and is a welcome addition to the staff team.

Mr Davies and Miss Heslam have joined our wonderful team of support staff and will be helping the children be the very best they can possibly be.

DOGS IN SCHOOL



Please could you ensure that any dogs brought onto the school premises are not taken off the lead and are tied to the lamppost near the bike shed/side gate. We're sure you can appreciate that we must ensure the health and safety of all our families and that some children and adults are not used to dogs and may be frightened. We must also insist that any mess must be cleared by the owner and that children do not approach any dog unless they have parental permission and the dog is with someone.

Labelled Clothing

As we are sure you can appreciate, the start of term means lots of new clothes that each of you have spent your money buying. We cannot stress enough the importance of labelling every item of clothing as our lost property section seemed to be growing by the day at the end of last term. Please ensure that jumpers, T-shirts, PE Kits, shoes and plimsolls etc are clearly labelled with your child's name to make sure it is returned promptly if lost.

Be the best you can be!