



Wisdom

Courage

Respect



Newsletter 1

8th September 2023

Dear Parents, Carers and members of our school community,

Welcome to the first newsletter of the school year. I hope you have all had a restful summer break and were able to take time to enjoy special family times together. A special welcome to all our new starters – we hope you feel very welcome here at Ancaster and we look forward to getting to know you all over the next few weeks.

We have been really impressed with how well the children have returned to school. They have enjoyed seeing their friends, teachers and having time in class finding out about their new class countries. They all seem to have been having a great time settling back in. Please keep an eye on our Facebook page for some photographs.

Hellos and Goodbyes

We would like to welcome Mrs Carpen on to our permanent staff support team and Miss Moore as our new PE apprentice. Mr Johnson will leave us at the end of the month to move to a new school for the next phase of his training. We would like to thank him for all his work over the last year and wish him all the very best at his new school.

SIAMS Inspection – July 2023

We are thrilled to be able to share with you the findings of our recent SIAMS inspection. Please find a copy attached. Here is a small extract to give you a flavour of the contents.

The school's Christian vision is embedded in everything that it does. Pupils, staff and governors refer to the life of St Martin and they follow his example for living with wisdom, courage and respect. It is the foundation upon which the school builds its decisions. A deeply loving and inclusive culture enables everyone in this community to feel they belong, consequently they flourish. They explain how they embrace wisdom in their learning. They recognise that by having courage to try, even when they find things difficult, they grow in experience. By respecting each other they build inclusive relationships where everyone is valued.

Class Newsletters

All class teachers will be sending home a short newsletter sharing details of the term ahead by the end of next week. These will include details of new class email addresses which can be used for homework submission. Please note these will not be monitored daily so please do not use to replace usual lines of communication.

Midday Supervisor and Cleaner required

We are looking for a new member of our midday supervisor and cleaning teams. The hours would be daily, 11.45am – 1.15pm for the midday role and 3.30-5.30pm for the cleaning role. Please pop into the office if you are interested in applying for either or both roles and Mrs Moore will be able to provide further details and discuss the application process with you.

Celebration Worship

We are keen to bring back our weekly celebration worships on Fridays. Following some 'big conversations' with all children last term, we are looking at how children would like these to be run. We are hoping to restart them on Friday 29th September, once we have finalised the plans. We will let you know more details nearer the time.

Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete

We are pleased to report that we have now received confirmation from the Local Authority that we do not have any RAAC at Ancaster.

Mrs Lucy Jackson (Headteacher)

Sports Afternoon

Our postponed Sports Day will take place on the afternoon of Friday 15th September for children in Year 1 to Year 6. Children will not compete in races but will be involved in a series of sporting events and challenges. Parents from Years 1 to 6 are welcome to join us in the afternoon and further details will follow on ParentHub early next week.



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 any details you wish to share.

Changeable weather

Yet again we seem to be having unusual weather for the time of year. Please ensure children are well equipped for the day ahead – which may include sun hats or raincoats!



Key Dates for Term 1

Week beginning 11th September

15th September – Sports Day Y1-6

Week beginning 25th September

29th September – Celebration Worship restart

29th September – PTFA Welcome Disco

Week beginning 2nd October

5th October – Online safety workshops Y2-6

6th October – National Poetry Day

Week beginning 16th October

16th October – Start of Black History Week

19th October – Harvest Festival at St Martin's Church

9.15am KS2 (Y3-6)

10am KS1 and EY (YR-2)

20th October – Last day of Term 1

Half term – Monday 23rd to Monday 30th inclusive.

Children return to school on Tuesday 31st October.

Term dates can be found here –

[School term times – Lincolnshire County Council](#)

'A happy heart makes the face cheerful'
Proverbs 15:13