



Wisdom

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## Newsletter 3

### 6<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Dear Parents, Carers and members of our school community,

*What a super couple of weeks we have had in school. It has been fabulous seeing the children settle into their new classes and taking such pride in their achievements. The highlight for me was definitely the launch of our new Celebration Worship last Friday for Key Stage Two and today in Key Stage One. Parents will be notified by Thursday each week if their child is Star of the Week.*

#### **Welcome to 'Fluffy' – Ancaster's Attendance Alpaca**



We are always looking for ways to promote and reward good attendance. We have introduced a new weekly award for the class with the highest attendance percentage that week. 'Fluffy' has been named by the children and was won by Class England last week and Class USA this week. Fluffy spends the week with the winning class and is looking forward to getting to know all the children around school.

#### **Naming Items**

Please ensure all items in school are clearly named. This way, when items are misplaced, they can be swiftly returned to their owner. We are seeing lots of children with coats, jumpers and cardigans without names. Please can all parents check children's uniform and accessories and add names if required.

Thank you for your support in this matter.

#### **Worship Theme**

Our current worship theme is Thankfulness. Children have been considering what they are thankful for and reflecting on ways to show thanks. We have also considered how it makes us feel when we receive thanks.

In our worships we are also welcoming new visitors to school. We had our first monthly visit from the 'Open the Book' team of volunteers who bring Bible stories to life. The children really enjoyed the story of Jesus getting left behind at the temple as a child. We also have visits booked in from Light Space Church, Inspire + and Rev. Georgie this term.

#### **Harvest Festival**

Our Harvest Festival Celebration will take place at St Martin's Church on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October. Parents are welcome to join us at 9.15am for Key Stage Two and 10am for Key Stage One and Early Years. We will be collecting donations for Grantham Foodbank. We hope you can join us in this special event. The children in all classes are busy learning harvest songs and thinking about what an important time of year this is.



#### **PTFA Welcome Disco**

Thank you to all the children and families who supported the PTFA Welcome Disco. The event raised over £400 and the children's excellent behaviour was commented on by the volunteers on the night. Well done everyone!

#### **National Poetry Day**

This week we have celebrated National Poetry Day by reading and reciting poems in class around the theme of Refuge. Keep your eyes on the Facebook page for class updates.

#### **Online Safety Workshops**

Our 'Online Safety' Workshops for children in Year 2 to Year 6 took place yesterday in conjunction with Lincolnshire County Council's 'Stay Safe' Partnership. The children and staff have all reported positively on the workshops which help to support children to stay safe online.

Best wishes,

*Mrs Lucy Jackson (Headteacher)*

### Harvest Festival Collection

During the last week of this half term, we will be collecting for the Grantham Foodbank.

Any items can be brought into school from Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October.

The foodbank are currently requesting the following items –

- Pasta
- Tinned Fruit
- Breakfast Cereals
- Tea Bags
- Tinned Soup
- Baked Beans
- Shower Gel
- Soap

**If you have a little something to share, this would be gratefully received.**

### **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.

### Parking



This week, a child had a near miss when they were walking behind a car which then started to reverse. **PLEASE** ensure you are parking safely and with consideration of others.

#### **Park and Stride**

The car parks at the playing field and social club are available for use form any parents to 'park and stride'.

### **Changeable weather**

Please ensure children are well equipped for the day ahead – which may include sun hats or raincoats!



### **Key Dates for the Autumn Term**

#### **Week beginning 2<sup>nd</sup> October**

5<sup>th</sup> October – Online safety workshops Y2-6

6<sup>th</sup> October – National Poetry Day and Celebration  
Worship for KS1 and EY

#### **Week beginning 16<sup>th</sup> October**

16<sup>th</sup> October – Start of Black History Week

19<sup>th</sup> October – Harvest Festival at St Martin's Church

9.15am KS2 (Y3-6)

10am KS1 and EY (YR-2)

20<sup>th</sup> October – Last day of Term 1 (non-uniform day for donations for PTFA raffle – more details to follow)

**Half term** – Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> to Monday 30<sup>th</sup> inclusive.

**Children return to school on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October.**

#### **Week beginning 30<sup>th</sup> October**

30<sup>th</sup> October – School closed

31<sup>st</sup> October – First day of term 2

1<sup>st</sup> November – Flu vaccines in school

3<sup>rd</sup> November – New starters open morning

#### **Week beginning 6<sup>th</sup> November**

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup>** – Individual photographs

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup>** – Remembrance Day Worship

Term dates can be found here –

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

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