

Ancaster Church of England Primary School

Newsletter 12 -13 Marh 2015



Dear Parents and Carers, welcome to Newsletter 12. The last 2 weeks of term have been absolutely jam packed with fantastic learning and super events. We have had bikes, trips, dress ups, disco dancing, bric-a-brac sales, comic relief and a whole lot more. Whilst I appreciate that there has been a lot asked of parents over the course of this term, I wanted to take this opportunity to say thank you for all of your support in these events. The children looked absolutely brilliant in their World Book Day Costumes and I certainly raised a few eyebrows when I turned up to a meeting channelling my inner Harry Potter. We are very pleased to be able to report that due to your very kind donations, we also sent off £120.30 To CLIC Sergeant and a fantastic £140 To Comic Relief and once again thank you for your continued support. It is an absolute pleasure to see parents each morning whilst I am on the gate and many parents take this as an opportunity to ask any questions. Should you require a longer appointment, please do not hesitate to book in with Mrs Beard. Best Wishes, **Mr Eden.**

Be the Best You Can Be!



Our certificates for achievement were awarded to the following children in our special Friday assembly-well done all;

Class Italy- Lily Knight, Annie Batchelor Class China- Lewis Davies, Izzy Welby, Gabriella Roberts

Class Brazil- Archie Vangasse, Josh Welby, Kira Roper

Class Sri Lanka- Jack McDowall, Ellen Stafford, Will Davies, Justin Dixon-Hardy

Class Lesotho- Shannon Fendley, Jessica Heron, Jasmin Hendry and Cameron Wills

In addition to the certificates handed out during worship, we also celebrate the achievements of children in the areas below. The following children have been highlighted for their superb attitude.

Riproaring Readers-Lilly Evans, Erin Taylor, Eliza Batchelor, Will Davies, Steven Vallance and Freya Mettam.

Wow Writers- Thunchanok Khemsiri, Nicole Barnes-Green, Archie Vangasse, Keeley Creasey, George Taylor, Holli Batchelor.

Team Points

Team point totals for this term so far are;

St. Winifred-234
St. Modwenna-267
St. Hugh-210
St. Columba-156

Well done to all children for following the Golden Rules and continuing to be the best they can be!

Friendship Achievement Respect Creativity Honesty

Happy Mother's Day to all our wonderful Mums!

Reflection and Expression Creativity Week

To further enrich the school curriculum and ensure that our children are taught spiritual, social, moral and cultural skills we have planned an exciting week of learning for the w/c 23rd March. Within this week, we will be using the creative arts to link with stories from the bible and the Christian faith. Children will be encouraged to use their skills from DT to create pieces of learning that can then be displayed around the school and further add to our identity as a Church School. We are extremely excited about this week and look forward to be able to share this learning with you.

Deadline for Class Photographs



Wrates, our school photographers, have delivered and sent out this year's class photographs. We are extremely pleased with them and think the children and staff look brilliant. Please ensure your orders are back with Mrs Beard by Wednesday 25th March.

Class Italy Trip to Great Wood Farm



On Thursday 5th March, Class Italy undertook a fantastic trip to Great Wood Farm. The children had an absolutely wonderful experience linking this learning with their current theme of investigating and exploring animals. They even had the opportunity to watch a lamb being born. With such fantastic behaviour, we are sure this was a trip the children will never forget.



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Easter Service



Our Easter Service will take place at St. Martin's Church on Wednesday 25th March at 9.30am. This will be led by Reverend June Freshney and will be an exciting opportunity for the brilliant learning the children have undertaken on Easter to be showcased. We are very much looking forward to beginning our Easter celebrations and hope you will be able to join us. Please let Class Teachers know if you are able to assist with walking children to church.

Sam Ruddock Assembly-19th March

On Thursday 19th March, Sam Ruddock, a Paralympic athlete will be visiting school to deliver a whole class worship on the values of dedication, perseverance and challenge. On his visit to our school last year, he was exceptional at instilling a 'can do' attitude in our children and making them appreciate that even in the face of adversity, it is important to carry on and keep going. We are very much looking forward to this visit and hope the children will be able to discuss this with you after he has visited.

Further Improvements to the School



To continue the development and reburbishment of the school, a contractor has been commissioned to completely redesign the area of the school known as the 'Practical Area'. During the Easter holidays, this area, which is the linked wet area for Class Brazil and Sri Lanka, will be developed to ensure that it is a modern and bright storage area that motivates and inspires our children to learn. We look forward to sharing photographs of this exciting work.

Parent Meetings

We will be holding Parent Meetings to update you on your child's progress and attainment over the course of this academic year. These will take place on Monday 16th March and Wednesday 18th March. Please be reminded that these are appointments are statutory and non-attendance will result in another appointment being made. Please ensure you have booked your appointments via Mrs Beard in the school office.

Year 3 and 4 trip to PGL

As part of our package with Inspire+, the children in Year 3 and 4 have been invited to attend a fantastic, adventure packed morning at PGL Caythorpe on Friday 20th March. This will be an excellent opportunity for the children to develop their skills in PE as well as work collaboratively to solve problems. Please can all Year 3 and 4 parents ensure that the relevant reply slips have been sent to the school office prior to the trip date.





On Monday 16th March, Mr Eden and Mrs Tomlinson will be taking the Bike-It crew to Sleaford Council Offices to receive our very first award for our engagement with Bike It. Dr Bike has been working with us on this project and is very impressed with our school's attitude and engagement to the project. As a result, we will be awarded with the bronze award on Monday and our Bike-It Crew will deliver a 5 minute presentation on all of the hard work that has been undertaken already.

Thank you to all parents who have allowed their children to cycle to school and for joining us for Biker Breakfast. We have seen a significant improvement in the number of children arriving to school on two wheels and hope that with improvements with the weather, this will only increase further.