



# Ancaster Church of England Primary School

## Newsletter 16 – 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2015



Dear Parents and Carers, welcome to Newsletter 16. I hope this newsletter finds you well. As we break up for the Half Term break, I have spent time reflecting on the wonderful learning opportunities that have been offered to our pupils, parents and staff over the course of this term. Our curriculum has supported an amazing array of learning over the past few weeks, with the whole school focusing on the umbrella theme of 'What a Wonderful World'. As you will know from the curriculum maps that were sent out to each parent at the beginning of term, and the supporting letters from Class Teachers, we try to ensure that the learning is clearly mapped for all to see. The learning on the world and 'Global Traveller' in Key Stage 1 has seen the children travel across the globe, looking at food, climate, clothes and much more from many different places. The volcanoes topic, 'Let's Get Ready to Rumble' in Y3/4 has allowed for an excellent wealth of learning to take place and the children are literally bubbling with new skills and a sense of excitement. Class Sri Lanka are enjoying their 'Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs' topic which has focused on weather around the world and Class Lesotho have focused their attention on the Americas and were even visited by 2 American exchange students who could explain the realities of living in America. It was nice to educate the children that American food does not just consist of hamburgers and French fries! We have so much more on offer next term, and I am delighted with the enrichment week detailed below. Have a wonderful half term break, I very much look forward to seeing you in Term 6 and look forward to hearing about your adventures. **Best Wishes, Sam 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**-All of Class Italy, George Bailey and Conall Roberts.

**Class China**- All of Class China, Alex Bailey and Lewis Davies.

**Class Brazil**-Ethan May-Jackson and Keeley Creasey.

**Class Sri Lanka**-William Cullum, Jessica Annan, Josh Milton and Ellen Stafford.

**Class Lesotho**-All of Class Lesotho

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.

**Mega Maths**-Emily Maughan, Eva Lunn, Rosie Lawson, Olivia Clark-Monk and Jasmine Hendry

**Rip roaring Readers**-George Bailey, Charlie Askham, William Cullum and Edie-Mae Hotchkins.

#### Team Points

Team point totals for this term so far are;

**St. Winifred-506**

**St. Modwenna-622**

**St. Hugh-310**

**St. Columba-299**

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

**Friendship Achievement Respect**  
**Creativity Honesty**

### Governor Focus-Mike Day

(Community Governor and member of Standards and Curriculum Committee)



Thank you for the warm welcome I have received from those I have met so far. My name is Mike Day and I am a new Community Governor at the school. Ancaster is a great school of which we should all be proud and it's been a privilege to meet such dedicated staff and enthusiastic children. I look forward to meeting more of you over the coming months.

My day job is Director of Information Systems at Nottingham Trent University, so I bring with me some specific skills and expertise in the use of technology in education and I recently conducted a monitoring visit on ICT provision in the school - it was good to see an imaginative use of technology being used to support teaching and learning.

I have also worked at a senior level in the National College for School Leadership and I am a retired RAF officer. I hope that I will be able to use this experience to help the school *be the best it can be!*



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### Refurbishment Work

Following on from the superb transformation of what is now 'Hawaii', we are keen to continue developing the school to ensure a commitment to maintaining high school standards in every area of the building. With this in mind, we will be having further work carried out over the May half term.

On their return, the children from Class Sri Lanka and Brazil will have their cloakroom area completely redecorated with fresh coats of paint, new flooring and all of the doors and water fountain being replaced. When we have pictures of this improved area, we will publish them on our website and on future newsletters.

We will also be having some improvements made to the playground areas of the school. New playground markings and equipment will start to appear as we enter the next term. There will also be a picket fence installed outside Classes Sri Lanka and China. This is in preparation for Class Sri Lanka becoming the Year 2 class and the children of Year 1 and Year 2 having their own dedicated outdoor areas to enhance the provision they are entitled to as children within Key Stage 1.

There is an air of positivity everywhere in school and a feeling that Ancaster is now truly on the road to achieving outstanding outcomes. This is a journey that we are all on together and we welcome everyone to take part and celebrate the many successes of Ancaster Church of England Primary School.

### Staffing Announcements

**We are delighted to be able to announce that Miss Hayley Footitt has been appointed to teach within Key Stage 1 in September.**

Key Stage 1 children will be taught by Miss Footitt, who is an exceptional teacher and has been training in school all year under the guidance of Mrs Talbot. We are thrilled with this appointment and know the children taught by her will have a wonderful learning experience!

**We have an opportunity for a Midday Supervisor to join our hard working and dynamic staff team.** We are committed to ensuring your children are taught/cared for by the very best members of staff and are looking for the successful candidate to possess the different skills outlined in the advert-this can be found by accessing the school website. We look forward to hearing from you!

**Due to an increase in the number of classes, we would also like to appoint a Teaching Assistant to join our team.** The post is to work in school for 21.5 hours per week. If you, or someone you know, has the skills we are looking for we would be delighted to hear from you. Please note that previous experience in the role is essential. We will publish details of the successful candidate in due course.

### Class Sri Lanka Trip to Tesco



On Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May, Class Sri Lanka undertook a visit to Sleaford Tesco to participate in the Farm to Fork programme. They had a wonderful time, exploring the store and tasting food from around the world. These trips are excellent for ensuring children understand where food comes from within the world and how it ends up on our supermarket shelves.

### Parent Sharing Opportunity

We are ensuring this date comes out to parents as early as possible as we have a very exciting sharing opportunity for you to get involved with. As a school, we are passionate about parental engagement and will be holding a new twist on our parent workshops during the week commencing 1<sup>st</sup> June (1<sup>st</sup> week back after half term). Each class will be utilising their class identity by learning about their country and inviting you in to share in their learning. The dates and times for these sharing opportunities are as follows;

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June-Class Sri Lanka at 3pm  
Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June-Class Italy at 9am  
Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June-Class China at 3pm  
Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June-Class Brazil at 3pm  
Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June-Class Lesotho at 3pm  
We very much look forward to seeing you at these events and sharing in your child's learning.



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**Don't Forget- Sports Morning and Summer Fayre-10<sup>th</sup> July**



### Key Stage 1 trip to Hammerton Zoo Trip

Our brilliant Foundation and Key Stage 1 children had a wonderful trip to the zoo to link with their learning on animals from around the world. Their behaviour was exemplary and the learning gained was utterly tremendous. Well done children.

### Parent-School Communication

There have been reports lately that children have been responsible for telling school staff that other people are picking them up from school at the end of the day. Please be reminded, that should a different adult be collecting your child, you will need to contact the school, either via Mrs Beard in the school office or by speaking to one of the adults working in your child's class. The person collecting will also need to know the password and will be prompted for this on collection. These are all part of our safeguarding procedures for keeping children safe at all times.

### New Build Update

On Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May, Mr Eden went to Bedfordshire to see examples of the new classrooms that are to be built. It was wonderful to see the classrooms first hand and to see the sheer size of the space the children will have. The Headteacher of the school that was visited was extremely complimentary of the spaces and we left with an eagerness to have our classrooms on site as soon as possible. The pictures below show the outside of the unit and the inside of the cloakroom and the classroom. For more pictures, there is a display outside Mrs Beard's office.



### Welcome back Year 6!



Welcome back to our wonderful Year 6 pupils as well as Mrs Hiorns and Mrs Tomlinson. They have been on their annual Y6 residential trip to PGL. There was much fun to be had, oodles of learning and an opportunity to grow and develop in maturity and confidence. We are thrilled the children had a wonderful time with both teachers stating that the children were an utter delight and allowed them to sleep with 2 very peaceful nights away.

### Multicultural Enrichment Week

On our return to school, w/c June 1<sup>st</sup> the whole school will be undertaking an enrichment week to promote multiculturalism. We are looking forward to welcoming in specialist teachers to work with children on the following activities...

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Multicultural Dance Glass Fusion Creation</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Glass Fusion Creation Farm to Fork visit from Tesco</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Ceramic tiling-totem pole creation</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Storytelling/drama visitor- stories from around the world</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Multicultural world dance and music creation.</b>

**We look forward to this learning and sharing the outcomes with you!**

