



# Ancaster Church of England Primary School

## Newsletter 17 – 12<sup>th</sup> June 2015



Dear Parents and Carers, welcome to Newsletter 16, I hope this communication finds you well. We have had an excellent couple of weeks back in school and much of the contents of this newsletter helps celebrate the achievements since returning to school. We have been very busy using the children's ideas to begin establishing the names for the new classes from September and of course, the preparation for the building work, as well as our own internal refurbishments are well underway and the school has never felt so alive. Thank you for all of your continued support. The school works best when staff and parents work together and create a truly connected community. I feel that this is what we have here at Ancaster and that makes me incredibly proud. Have an enjoyable 2 weeks and I look forward to seeing you in and around school. **Best Wishes, Sam Eden**

### Multicultural Enrichment Week

Last week was a phenomenal week in school. The children came back from the break to an action packed week of learning from around the world. The engagement levels of pupils undertaking tasks such as glass fusion, totem pole creations, dance workshops, food tasting, art sessions and much more, was incredible. All of the children were in agreement that working with other specialist adults was a highlight and loved the opportunities that the week offered. We will continue to plan these weeks to further enrich the curriculum and will publish photographs on the school website so you can see much of this learning for yourself.

### 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-** Annie Batchelor

**Class China-** Lily-Belle Turner

**Class Brazil-** Lilly Fields, Ethan-May Jackson, Rosie Lawson and Laura Franklin

**Class Sri Lanka-** Jack McDowall and Hannah Franklin

**Class Lesotho-** Jasmine Pellett, Becky Vallance, Jasmine Hendry, Freya Mettam

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, Gus Phillis, Ellie Barr, Olivia Clark-Monk and Shannon Fendley

#### Team Points

Team point totals for this term so far are;

**St. Winifred-231**

**St. Modwenna-200**

**St. Hugh-201**

**St. Columba-187**

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-Simon Lunn

(Parent Governor and member of Staffing and Curriculum Committee)



I hold the role of Parent Governor, which I have held since October 2014.

My family live in Sleaford and I work locally as an IT support manager. In September, my youngest daughter Millie will start in the reception class, joining Eva in year 2. From my first visit to the school as a prospective parent, I have felt that Ancaster is a fantastic supportive environment for all children to be the best they can be. My visits to the school as governor strengthen this view.

During regular governor meetings and from school visits I can really appreciate the dedication, and enthusiasm of both staff and children in the school, and the tremendous amount of work that goes on behind the scenes.

As part of my role, I am part of the Staffing and Finance committee, which agree and monitor the annual budget throughout the year. There has been much for me to learn, but it has been an interesting and a very satisfying experience.

Major developments are taking place with the new classrooms, which will really gather in pace over the next few weeks, it really is an exciting time to be part of the school.



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### Refurbishment Work Update

Over the course of the recent half term, the cloakroom between Class Brazil and Class Sri-Lanka underwent a stunning transformation. We are all thrilled with this work and have pleasure in providing pictures of this newly renovated area. The children have all spoken positively, commenting on how fabulous it feels to go into this area. One child said, 'I feel like the school is valuing me by making sure the areas are nice to be in' and another child commented that 'it feels like a brand new school'. The area has benefitted from a new floor, a complete repaint, new doors as well as a new water fountain.



### Staffing Announcements

Up until now we have been unable to share with you the name of the teacher taking on the responsibility for teaching Foundation Stage in September. Now that her current school has communicated her departure, we are thrilled to be able to inform you that the successful candidate is Miss Claire McDonald. She is a wonderful teacher who has many years of experience teaching within Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 and she cannot wait to begin teaching the Reception children. She will be in and around school during term 6 preparing the incoming children in their transition events.

Congratulations and welcome to Mrs Sharalyn Hayter who was successful in gaining the Midday Supervisor role that was recently advertised. She is incredibly keen and very much looking forward to working with all children in school on a daily basis.

The Teaching Assistant vacancy closes on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June. We will then be conducting the next stage of the selection process and we will confirm details of the successful applicant once the appointment has been made.

### Congratulations Miss Manson



Earlier in the Summer Term, you were informed that Miss Manson had decided not to return to teaching in September, instead wishing to focus her time on being a mummy to her little man, Olly. We have great pleasure in telling you that Olly will have a playmate joining him, as Miss Manson is pregnant with her second child. We are sure that you will join us in wishing the whole family all the best for their impending arrival. What wonderful news!

### Biker Breakfast-16<sup>th</sup> June

We will be holding a biker breakfast on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June. All children who cycle to school will receive a free breakfast and there will also be tea and coffee for parents. Please help promote cycling/scooting for all children.

### Sainsbury's Vouchers

Sainsbury's vouchers are being counted next week. Should you have any spares lurking in your house, car or purse-we would be very grateful of these to add to the total to be sent. Please send in by Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June.



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



In preparation for the Summer Fayre, which promises to be the best one yet, there are some requests and dates to make you aware of:

We will be running the hugely popular 'Wine or Water' stall again. Any donations of empty screw top wine bottles (or full ones with any tops), would be greatly received. Please send these straight to the school office.

Should anyone have any empty gift bags that they are willing to donate, these too will be happily accepted.

We will be holding a cake stall and would love to provide a wide variety of cakes. If you are willing to donate cakes (home-made or shop bought), please can these be sent to the office on the morning of the 10<sup>th</sup> July.

The children may come to school in non-uniform on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June in exchange for a prize for our tombola.

There are still pitches available if you wish to run a stall. These are charged at £10 per stall and this year we welcome Car Booters too. A car boot pitch is £5. Please see Mrs Beard in the school office to book your place.

**We hope you can join us for this wonderful day. The morning will be sports fun and you are welcome to bring a picnic and eat lunch on the school field with your child, before then enjoying all the fun of the Summer Fayre in the afternoon. We look forward to seeing you there.**

*Our recent Cake Sale, to raise funds for Christian Aid, made a mammoth £65 which has now been sent off. Thank you so much for all of your donations.*

### Olympic Athlete Visit-18<sup>th</sup> June



On the 18<sup>th</sup> June, the school will be visited by swimmer Jo Jackson, who is also an Olympic medallist. We are working with a charity called 'Sports for Schools', which provides fundraising opportunities, as well as allowing children to meet a sporting athlete. Your child should have brought home their sponsor form and we would love you to gain as many sponsors as possible. The children will, on the 18<sup>th</sup> June, be undertaking different sports with Jo Jackson and this day promises to be a wonderful event that will certainly be remembered for a very long time. All money gained from sponsors should be back within school 1 week (in a marked envelope) after the event has taken place and the money raised will then be split between the charity and the school (the school money will be used to buy new resources). Thank you in advance for your contributions.

### Caterpillar and Butterfly Fun



To tie in with the current curriculum theme, 'What a Wonderful World', each class has received a project to teach them about life cycles. Last week, they became the proud owners of 5 live caterpillars which will grow and then eventually turn into butterflies (all before the eyes of the children). The awe and wonder on the children's faces and the level of discussion this project has generated is absolutely fascinating. These packs can be bought from the following company  
<http://www.insectlore.co.uk/>

### Communication with Class Teachers

Please be reminded that Class Teachers will make themselves available each morning and after school. Any questions or queries should be communicated with your child's teacher in the very first instance as they will be able to deal with any issues promptly. We pride ourselves on being an open and honest school and value the opportunity to discuss issues with parents before they become a problem.