



Ancaster C of E Primary School

Newsletter 13 – 21st March



Dear Parents, Welcome to Newsletter number 13. The last two weeks have been action packed and the diary is certainly showing no signs of respite as we rapidly head towards the end of Term 4. There is a huge amount of information in this week's newsletter, including some very exciting news on a special addition to the Ancaster family (see below). When creating newsletters, I am always astounded at the amount of information there is to communicate with parents. Newsletters are a vital opportunity to keep you up to date with the latest information, school successes and dates for your diary. We constantly review our systems and practices to ensure we are providing the most important information in the most accessible manner and I truly hope you find the newsletters useful. Should you have any further ideas on how we can communicate effectively beyond newsletters, the school website, parentmail and the written letter systems already in place, I would love to hear from you. As always, I am available to discuss any ideas/issues with you via appointments made with Mrs Beard or if you'd rather, you can catch me on the school gate. An email was also sent to school to inform us that this weekend (March 21st and 22nd) is Visit Lincolnshire Weekend where visits to well-known places like Belton House have free admission. 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 1-Jack Green, All of Class 1, Oliver Hague

Class 2-Phoebe Duggan, Keeley Creasey, Ava Roberts

Class 3-Jack Wright, Jessica Annan

Class 4-Jamie Seng, Sophie Maclachlan

Class 5-Daniel Annan, Morgan Mason, Alice Selby

Wow Writers and Mega Maths

Each week we celebrate the Wow Writers and Mega Mathematicians from each class who share their learning in assembly. Over the past two weeks, these children were;

Mega Maths- Soraya Morais, Emily Herrick, Matthew Holmes, Erin Taylor, Ashlee Hayter, Justin Dixon-Hardy, Becky Vallance, Sophie Maclachlan, William Blankley, Shane Hunter, Tyler Rosling, Max Vangasse, Shawn Pellett, Harry McGrath, James Farrant

Wow Writers-Gabriella Roberts, Ava Roberts, Josh Welby, Callum Arnold, Keira Nettleton, Ebony Sumner, Sam Holmes, Liam Walsh, Charlie Askham, William Cullum, Cameron Wills, Libby Stafford, Alice Selby

Team Points

Team point totals for this week are incredibly close and are as follows;

Saturn-307

Minerva-316

Apollo-303

Maia-285

There is a Baby on the Way!



We have great pleasure to be able to inform you that

Mrs Hannah Parsons, our Class 3 teacher, is expecting her first baby. She is 20 weeks pregnant at the moment and is very much enjoying this stage of the pregnancy. Everyone in school is extremely excited to be welcoming another baby into the Ancaster family.

As Mrs Parsons' baby is due in August, she will be on maternity leave from September and for the majority of the next academic year. No decisions have been made regarding staffing for the next year and we will, of course, communicate these with you at the earliest opportunity. For now, we're sure you will join us in wishing Mrs Parsons, and her husband, a stress free pregnancy and many, many congratulations.

Class 1, 2 and 3 Trip to Leicester Space Centre



To consolidate their learning on the current theme of Journeys, **Classes 1, 2 and 3 undertook a trip to the Space Centre in Leicester.** This trip allowed learning to be brought to life in a fun, engaging and interactive manner. The children came back reporting how exciting the trip was and were also eager to explain how much they had learnt. **A huge thank you to all of the staff involved in planning the trip and also to the parents who helped out on the day.**



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Easter News



As we approach the end of term, we have begun to plan our celebrations for the children for Easter. Please see below for a run-down of all of the activities taking place.

Please be reminded, our Easter Service will take place on **Friday 4th April at 9.30am at St. Martin's church, Ancaster**. The theme will be 'new life' and each class will be sharing a special themed piece of learning to celebrate Easter. All parents are very welcome and we look forward to seeing you there.



We are holding a non-school uniform day on **Friday 28th March**. Each child can come to school in their own clothes in return for an item of chocolate to donate to our chocolate tombola which will be on the last day of term. This item of chocolate could be as small or as large as you wish to donate. We thank you in advance.

Our PTFA will be holding an **Easter Egg hunt in school on April 4th** for the children to enjoy too which will be an exciting addition to the Easter festivities for the last day of term. **A huge thank you to the PTFA for organising and carrying out this event.**



We are also holding a **school wide competition** to find winners of each class for a **'decorated egg contest'**. The children's mission, should they wish to accept it, is to blow an egg, decorate it in any way they see fit and provide any extra information that helps tell the story of that egg. In the past, we have had entries of Humpty Dumpty, chicks, egg themed Easter gardens and many more imaginatively themes. **If your child wishes to enter, entries will need to be in school for Friday 4th April, clearly labelled with the name and class of the pupil.** We will be asking our school governors to decide a winner from each class and these will be rewarded with a special 'Easter' Prize in our assembly at the end of the day. Good luck, have fun and we look forward to seeing your wonderful entries.

Good Neighbour Award



To link further with our new Behaviour Steps and Golden Rules, we are continuing to recognise and reward those children who continuously make the right choices and decisions in everyday life. **In addition to the certificates we award on a weekly basis, we are pleased to announce the arrival of the new 'Good Neighbour Award'.**

Staff and the school council have worked alongside Reverend Alan Littlewood, our local vicar, to create the award which will recognise those children who continuously demonstrate good neighbourly qualities towards their peers, and adults, inside and outside of school.

Children will be nominated by adults who hear of a child's good deeds and we will look to award the children as and when we have enough information to merit the award. Each child who receives an award will be asked to collect it within our celebration worship on a Friday and will receive a special clip-on shield badge to keep and wear with pride. Their name will also be added to the 'Good Neighbour Roll of Honour' in the school hall and we will communicate any good neighbours here on the school newsletter.

We have asked the children to let us know if they see a child being a good neighbour and ask the same of you as parents or members of the community. **Please let a school adult know when you witness an act of kindness, a good deed or a helping hand from a child** and we will use this information to make the awards as meaningful and relevant as possible.

Reverend Alan came into school last week to launch the award to the children in a special assembly, **so the hunt is on for the very first recipient of the Good Neighbour Award.**

We look forward to providing you with this information very soon!



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Water Aid Visit



On Thursday 13th March, we welcomed Jan Cross , a speaker from Water Aid, to run workshops with Class 4 and 5 and hold a collective worship. Jan was excellent in providing the children with a very different perspective to water. Did you know that 2000 children die globally on a daily due to dirty drinking water? We were also informed **that March 22nd is World Water Day.** This is a day to raise awareness of our human right to clean drinking water. Show your support by turning off your taps as much as possible and saving water and talking to others about the wider world issues of water. Class 5 are already responding to this topical visit and are preparing their entries to Water Aid's competition, which asks for poems with a water theme.

To find out more information, please visit www.wateraid.org

Music Success



Since starting her post as Acting Deputy Headteacher, Mrs Talbot has been undertaking many leadership tasks to support the continued development of the school. You will have noticed that the school is having a renewed focus on music and this is being led by Mrs Talbot. Ensuring our school is at the cutting edge of knowledge and learning, **Mrs Talbot has been asked to become a Lead Practitioner for Lincolnshire** and help develop the music curriculum across the county.

As a Lead Practitioner, Mrs Talbot has also been asked to provide exemplar lesson plans for Year 1 and 2, which teachers can download and then teach, supported by a video of Mrs Talbot teaching the actual lesson. These lessons are being filmed, by a professional film company over the last 3 weeks of Term 4, and will be made available to teachers over the next few months. This is a fantastic opportunity for Mrs Talbot and Ancaster Primary School as we continue to show everyone we are being the best we can be.

Appropriate School Uniform

We adopt the approach that what a child wears to school reflects his/her attitude to learning. It portrays the school ethos and shared positive values. Our uniform consists of the following:

- School royal blue jumper
- White or blue polo shirt or shirt
- Black or grey trousers, shorts or skirt
- Or a white and blue summer dress
- Grey, black or white tights/socks
- Black shoes

Children will also need a PE Kit consisting of: Plain white round neck T-shirt (with or without school logo), black shorts, plimsolls and trainers. These are all to be kept in a named drawstring bag. **Children are to have their kit at school at all times and should only go home during the holiday periods.**

Please also be reminded that jewellery is limited to **stud earrings only** for health and safety reasons. **Under no circumstances should make up or nail varnish be worn to school.**

Whilst we understand the financial demand of uniform, we cannot take responsibility for the loss of clothing, particularly where an item has not been labelled. Recently, too much teaching time has been lost due to children mislaying their unnamed clothing. **Please ensure all items of school clothing are clearly labelled with your child's name.**

Sport Relief



The school has been supporting Sport Relief and we are pleased to be able send off your charitable donations. We are still calculating the final total raised but would like to thank you for your continued support.

The children looked brilliant today in their sport clothing and had great fun undertaking their Golden Mile activities as well as learning about Sport Relief in class.

A huge thank you to parent, Terry Vangasse who has offered to run a football club after half term. More details to follow.