



Ancaster Church of England Primary School

Newsletter 10 – 6th February 2015



Dear Parents and Carers, welcome to Newsletter 10. Despite the cold weather, the atmosphere in school has been wonderful and learning focused. I was incredibly proud to open the letter from David Laws, MP (more details below) and see that our school is being recognised for all of the hard work of the staff, parents, pupils and governors. We have many events to look forward to in the coming weeks and we will be sharing these with you via these newsletters as well as the school website. We have recently updated all of the information on the website to ensure only the most relevant information is displayed and we are currently gathering new photographs to be displayed too. 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- Alfie Dutfield, Connal Roberts, Emily Awcock

Class China- Lewis Davies, Gabriella Roberts, Jaydon Dixon-Hardy, Maisie Whatton

Class Brazil- Ryan Chapman, Keeley Creasey, Kira Roper, Esmae Millott

Class Sri Lanka- Jamie Seng, Oliver Undy, Grace Turner, Jessica Blankley

Class Lesotho- Olivia Allen, Steven Vallance, George Fisher, Edwin Maughan

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.

Rip Roaring Readers- Keiley Hayter, Alex Bailey, Ava Roberts, Jessica Annan and Mason Varszegi-Haste.

Mega Mathematicians – Skye Creasey, Ben Fuller, Niamh Morgan, Ellen Stafford, Rebecca Vallance

Team Points

Team point totals for this term so far are;

St. Winifred- 385

St. Modwenna- 499

St. Hugh- 446

St. Columba- 361

**Friendship Achievement Respect
Creativity Honesty**

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

Recognition from the Government



We are extremely pleased to be able to share the news that a fantastic letter was received in school last week. David Laws MP has written to us to express his congratulations in our work with all children, but in particular children who are eligible for the Pupil Premium Funding. We are very proud of the provision we have in place to support all learners and it is nice to have this recognition from central government-we hope you are all as proud as we are in this excellent recognition from the Government.

Homework-Parent help needed



Our class teachers work incredibly hard to provide high quality homework to every child in the school. We have ensured our policy on homework continues to meet the needs of all learners. With this in mind, whilst it is clear that parental support is good, we need every parent to play an active role in the homework process. Children should be encouraged to take care and pride in their presentation and only use a pencil (or a pen if they usually do in class). We would prefer not to see biro pens or felt tips being used to carry out homework and your child will need some help with their homework. You playing an active role in this will also support you in your understanding of the learning taking place in class. Thank you to those parents who are already doing the above.



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Brilliant Bookfair!



Thank you to everyone who supported our recent Bookfair held in school. We are so pleased to be able to inform you that a total of £560 was raised, which means that we receive the same amount back in school to spend on books for our school. We have already ordered new books with this money and are pleased to announce that sets of Guided Reading books for Key Stage 2 will be available for use as early as next week. Thank you to Mrs Hall for arranging the bookfair and to the supporting adults who helped run each session.

Share and Shine Time!



This term, family assemblies will take place week commencing 9th February and are the children's opportunity to share with you the learning that has taken place in maths, literacy and across the curriculum, we hope to see you there.

The dates for these assemblies are as follows;
Class Italy Tuesday 10th Feb at 9.15am
Class Brazil Wednesday 11th at 9.15am
Class Lesotho Wednesday 11th at 3pm
Class Sri Lanka Thursday 12th at 9.15am
Class China Thursday 12th at 3pm

Team Sky School Visit



We hoped to be able to offer to our Year 5 and 6 children the opportunity to work with Team Sky on cycling skills as part of our work with Sustrans 'Bike It' Project. Unfortunately, due to the recent snow this session was unable to take place. As a result we have rescheduled this and it will now take place next term.

Term 4-Miss Footitt

On our return after the half term break, Miss Footitt will be undertaking an alternative school placement at Navenby CofE Primary School in their Foundation Stage class. She will be there for 4 weeks and will return in the final week of Term 4. Although we will miss her very much during her time away from Ancaster, we wish her every success in this placement.

Class Lesotho trip to Woolsthorpe Manor



On Monday 2nd February, our super Year 6 children attended a trip to Woolsthorpe Manor to tie in with their topic theme of Inventors and Inventions. They had a wonderful trip and came back to school able to explain their learning from the day and with many tales to tell about their time away from school.

New Furniture-Coming Soon



We have been using money from the school budget to replace furniture. There are many units which have been in school for a very long time and these will be replaced as soon as their replacements arrive in school. Any furniture which is no longer needed will be placed at the front of school. Should you want to take any of this, you are more than welcome to it and it can be collected at any time.

Governors Needed!

An opportunity has arisen for a community governor to join our dynamic Governing Body. We will also be recruiting a Parent Governor in the near future, but at present we're currently hoping that a member of the Ancaster community will feel interested in gaining more information in this important, strategic role-should you wish to find out more information-please contact Mr Eden in school. Unfortunately, due to work commitments, Mr Rob Farrant has recently decided to step down from his role as a Governor. We wish him all the best for the future and wish to take this opportunity to thank him for all of his hard work and efforts as a school governor.