



Ancaster Church of England Primary School

Newsletter 15 – 8th May 2015



Dear Parents and Carers, welcome to Newsletter 15. What a wonderful two weeks it has been in school since the previous newsletter was published! The consultation on our PAN increase has now closed and I thank you all for taking the time to ask any questions during this period to ensure that every aspect has been thought about by all members of the school community. We are currently awaiting confirmation of dates from Lincolnshire County Council about the next steps, but the information we are being given is very much in line with what was written into the proposals and are incredibly excited here in school. There is much to do and I am travelling to a school in Bedford on the 18th May to see one of the units that we will be receiving. I will take lots of pictures and will publish them via the school's website to keep you up to date with the latest information. There is much to celebrate within school and you will now have had the curriculum maps from each class teacher regarding the learning taking place this term. Please ensure that you have digested this information, as links to this can be made via homework tasks and in general conversations at home. The accompanying parent letters also state dates and events in addition to the information on the map and both of these can be found on the class pages of the school website should the paper copy have been mislaid for any reason. As always, should you need to catch me on the gate, please feel free. I look forward to seeing you all soon. Have a wonderful 2 weeks. 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-Lottie Hendry and Emily Awcock

Class China- Maisie Whatton and Harry Askham

Class Brazil-Josh Welby and Ellie Barr

Class Sri Lanka- Ashlee Hayter and Sam Taylor

Class Lesotho-Edwin Maughan and All of the Team Captain Candidates

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.

Wow Writers-Alfie Dutfield, Emily Maughan, Esmae Millot, Jack McDowall and Becky Vallance

Team Points

Team point totals for this term so far are;

St. Winifred-320

St. Modwenna-392

St. Hugh-210

St. Columba-213

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-Clare Talbot (Staff Governor)



As well as my main roles in school as Deputy Headteacher and Class Teacher for Class China, I hold the voluntary post of Staff Governor, which I have held since September 2014. The role of a staff governor can be both challenging and rewarding and presents an excellent opportunity to contribute to the decisions that are made by the governing body as well as to build strong links between the governing body and the staff of the school.

As a governor I have the particular responsibility for overseeing health and safety in school, ensuring that statutory guidance is followed. I am also a member of the Standards and Curriculum Committee which focuses on holding the school to account within the areas of teaching and learning.

As a governor and part of the senior leadership of the school, I am able to understand the school in a holistic way and help make decisions that benefit all stakeholders, ensuring the outcomes and future for our staff, pupils and families is the *best it can be!*



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Bike Shelter-Grand Opening



The brand new bike shelters were officially opened on Tuesday 5th May with a wonderful Biker Breakfast hosted by Dr Bike. We are thrilled with the number of bikes and scooters being brought to school and very happy with the positive feedback from parents regarding the improved safety of the bikes. We regularly have over 25 bikes and scooters in the shelter now, compared with 2 or 3 which were being brought prior to our involvement with Sustrans. Thank you for your continued support. It would be lovely to see even more bikes in the shelter now that we have doubled the capacity for storage.

Congratulations Mr Swain



A huge congratulations from all at Ancaster to Mr Swain who married his fiancé, Leonie on Saturday. We are sure you will join us in wishing them all the best in their new adventure as husband and wife.

Missing Bike Helmet

We have had reports of a missing bicycle helmet lost in school around a month ago. The helmet is black/red. Should you see this, please contact the office and let Mrs Beard know.

Many thanks in advance.

Cake Sale-Christian Aid



We will be holding a Cake Sale on Friday 15th May in aid of Christian Aid. As well as cakes made by the children of Class Lesotho, we would appreciate any kind donations to sell as part of the sale. Should you permit your child to buy a cake, please send them with up to £1 in a clearly marked envelope and they will be able to purchase these at playtime.

New Team Captains voted for by the Pupils of Ancaster



We were swept along with election fever on May 7th and helped promote the Modern British Value of Democracy by encouraging the children of Years 5 and 6 to stand for election in a vote to find the Captain and Vice-Captain of each of our school teams. The children all read their speeches beautifully and this highlighted that we have some real contenders for the political parties of the future. Well done to all children for their excellent efforts and we take great pleasure in providing the names of the children gaining the most votes.

Team	Captain	Vice-Captain
St. Modwenna	Mason Varszegi-Haste	Jack Wright
St. Columba	Jasmine Hendry	Jessica Blankley
St. Hugh	Hannah Hinbest	Jacob West
St. Winifred	Ebony Sumner	Grace Turner

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 1st June (1st 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 2nd June-Class Sri Lanka at 3pm
 Wednesday 3rd June-Class Italy at 9am
 Wednesday 3rd June-Class China at 3pm
 Thursday 4th June-Class Brazil at 3pm
 Friday 5th 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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Advance notice of date: Sports Morning and Summer Fayre-10th July



Last year proved to be a major success by holding Sports Morning and Summer Fayre on the same day. We are looking to do the same again this year and will be holding these events on Friday 10th July. Come to school in the morning and take part in our annual Sports Morning event, bring a picnic lunch and enjoy the sunshine (fingers crossed), and then sample the delights of the Summer Fayre in its entirety for the course of the afternoon. We would love to see you at both of these major school events. There will also be an opportunity for you to meet and greet the Governing Body who will be playing an active role in the Summer Fayre.

Dates for your Diary



W/c 11th May-Y6 SATs Week

Wednesday 13th May-Class Italy and China trip to Hammerton Park

Friday 15th May-Cake Sale in aid of Christian Aid

Wednesday 20th May-Friday 22nd May Year 6 at PGL

Friday 22nd May-End of term

w/c 1st June-Parent Sharing Opportunities (see above) and Multicultural Enrichment Week (more details to follow)

Tuesday 2nd June-Y6 Church School Festival Trip

Thursday 18th June-Olympic Athlete in School

Thursday 25th June-Mini Olympics Trip-Y3/4

Friday 10th July-Sports Morning (am) and Summer Fayre (pm)

Wednesday 15th July-Moving up Transition Morning

Wednesday 15th July-Y6 Play to parents

Thursday 16th July-Volunteers Tea

Friday 17th July-Y6 Leavers Prom

Monday 20th July-Y6 Leavers service at Church

Tuesday 21st July-Y6 Bike Ride to Woody's

Wednesday 22nd July-Last day of academic year

FAB Friday

Each term the school focuses on a different theme for our end of week learning within FAB Friday. This term, Mr Swain has created a variety of sport related activities for the children in their mixed-up groups to enjoy. Following the first week, the feedback from the children has been brilliant and they are very excited about participating in the range of sports with the different teachers across the school. Please ask your child what they are gaining from this time each week- whenever we ask the children we are always astounded with the responses we are given, where the children are always so complimentary and can see the huge amount of benefits working alongside each other brings.

Staffing Announcements

As you are aware, we have held interviews in school for a Class Teacher to replace Miss Manson for September. I am pleased to be able to inform you that we have appointed an excellent teacher for this class but at present are unable to be able to let you know the name of the successful applicant as the school in which she currently works has not yet informed parents. As soon as this information has been released, we will inform you of more details. Please be assured that as a school, we hold an incredibly rigorous and robust selection process for all candidates in every post we advertise and are committed to finding the very best staff to teach your children in our wonderful school.

Mrs Parsons returns from Maternity Leave in July full time, however in September, she has requested to work part time. This request has been accepted and she will be working 3 days per week (Monday-Wednesday). We are extremely delighted to be able to inform you that we have also appointed Mrs Debby Williams to teach alongside her (Wednesday-Friday) and together, they will be teaching a class from September. Both of these teachers are absolutely wonderful and the children who will be taught by them are very lucky indeed.

