



Ancaster Church of England Primary School

Newsletter 11 – 27th February 2015



Dear Parents and Carers, welcome to Newsletter 11. What a brilliant return we have had following the recent half term break. The children and staff have come back refreshed and eager to make this term the best yet. Already this term we have had wheelchairs, badminton, squash, football, Team Sky, Dr Bike, recalling magical memories and a bucket load of fantastic learning. Thank you to everyone who donated to CLIC sergeant, we will be sending the donations soon and thank you for your support. We held a very poignant Collective Worship in which we remembered Simon and although an anniversary triggers certain emotions, he is always in our hearts and will never be forgotten. It is an absolute pleasure to see so many parents each morning whilst I am out locking the gates and securing the school grounds and many parents take this as an opportunity to ask any questions or queries. 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- George Bailey, Imogen Taylor, Leyton Walsh

Class China-Alli Buffham, Alfie Baker, Emily Herrick, Gus Phillis

Class Brazil-Arabella Seng, Callum Arnold, Ellie Barr and Shawn Pellett

Class Sri Lanka- Jessica Annan and Sam Taylor and All of Class Sri Lanka

Class Lesotho-Ebony Sumner, Mason Varszegi-Haste, Freya Mettam and Holli Batchelor

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 Mathematicians-Oscar Kerry-Dutton, Soraya Morais, Jack Stonestreet, Jacob West, Sophie Maclachlan.

Wow Writers-Ruby-Rose Rosling, Nicole Barnes-Green, Jack Marsh, Oliver Undy and Steven Vallance.

Team Points

Team point totals for this term so far are;

St. Winifred-123

St. Modwenna-164

St. Hugh-151

St. Columba-87

**Friendship Achievement Respect
Creativity Honesty**

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

Perfect Pancakes



On the last day of the previous term, we held a brilliant day of pancake making with Mrs Ali Stafford, one of our super parent helpers. Each child in the school had the opportunity to contribute to making pancakes and over 140 were made throughout the day. The children also learnt why we make pancakes and the links to the Christian faith were made explicit. We then held a pancake stall at the end of the day where nearly every pancake was sold and **a fabulous £46.60 was raised and donated to the Grantham Foodbank.** Thank you to everyone for your support and also to Mrs Stafford for giving up her free time to benefit all of the children in school.

Disco Fever!

The PTFA will be holding their latest disco open to all children from school on Friday 6th March.

Key Stage 1-6pm-7pm

Key Stage 2-7pm-8pm

Entry £1.50 (this includes drinks)

There will be a variety of treats to buy and we look forward to seeing the children have lots of fun!

Please be reminded that **Thursday 5th March** is World Book Day. Children are encouraged to dress up as their favourite book characters for the day. We look forward to seeing the vast array of brilliant costumes.

Parent Meetings

We will be holding Parent Meetings to update you on your child's progress and attainment over the course of this academic year. These will take place on **Monday 16th March and Wednesday 18th March.** Please ensure you have booked your appointments via Mrs Beard in the school office.



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Wheelchair Sports



This week we have had a delivery of wheelchairs in school. The children in Key Stage 2 have had a training session to ensure they are able to use them properly and will now be able to access a wide range of sports utilising the wheelchairs as a resource. During the term, the children will continue to learn empathy for those who need to use these in everyday life and sports as well as learn new skills for use in future PE sports.

Value of the Term

In our drive to be more focused by values, in addition to our school values of friendship, achievement, respect, creativity and honesty, we have introduced a 'value of the term'. This term, the value is Forgiveness and we will be exploring this throughout Collective Worship each Monday and in class. We have created a Values Tree in the hall and our learning around this value will be displayed for everyone to see. Please follow this up at home by discussing the value of forgiveness and what this means for you and your family.

Height and Weight Check



The children in Reception will be undertaking their height and weight checks by the School Nurse on **Tuesday 3rd March**. Parents of Reception children should already be aware of this, having received communication earlier this year. Please contact the office if you require more information.

Clubs

The following after school clubs will be taking place this term;

Tuesday	Change4Life	Mr Swain
Tuesday	Racket Club	Inspire+
Thursday	Wildlife Club	Mrs Hiorns
Thursday	Tea Club	Mrs Stafford
Friday	Football	Mr Vangasse and Mr Fuller

In addition to these after school clubs, choir (run by Mr Eden) and construction club (Miss Manson) will continue to run at lunchtimes.

Class Photographs



The photographers will be in school on **4th March** in the afternoon. These photographs will be of the whole class group and staff members. As always, please ensure your child is wearing the correct uniform.

Red Nose Day

To raise money for this fantastic charity, we are inviting children to come to school in their own clothes on **Friday 13th March**. We are asking for a donation of £1 and this will be sent to Comic Relief. For more information, please see the recent letter sent out via parentmail from our wonderful School Council.

Goodbye and Good Luck

It is with a heavy heart that we inform you that Mr Davies has decided to move on from his post as a Teaching Assistant in school. After spending 2 years in our school, he feels that now is the time to spread his wings and experience working life in different primary school settings. We wish him every success for the future and look forward to seeing him again soon.

More Bike-It Fun

Since joining the Bike-It Project last year, we have seen fantastic engagement from both pupils and parents with the aim of ensuring children travel to school on cycles and scooters rather than the car. We have been commended by Sustrans for the project and we are delighted to be able to continue our work with Dr Bike. Please make a note of the following dates and encourage your child(ren) as much as possible to cycle to school.

w/c 2nd March and 9th March-Big Pedal to the Moon and Back. The more children that cycle to school, the further we will travel in a virtual distance competition.

Thursday 12th March-Biker Breakfast and Dr Bike Session-Any child (and adult) travelling to school on a bike or scooter will receive a free breakfast. Dr Bike will also examine any bikes that need an M.O.T ready for springtime rides.