



# Ancaster Church of England Primary School

## *Newsletter 13 – 27<sup>th</sup> March 2015*



Dear Parents and Carers, welcome to Newsletter 13. Thank you so much to all of the parents who came to the recent parent meetings. It was absolutely fantastic to see everyone and may I also take this opportunity to thank everyone for filling in the questionnaire on our Church School Distinctiveness. As we continue to develop this fundamental area of the school, now we have the views of the parent body as well as the children and staff, we can begin to establish key priorities for further development. Should you have any further ideas in which you feel that the school can continue to develop its Christian character, we would love to hear from you. Full results of the questionnaire will be published following the Easter break. 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 feel that you require a longer appointment, please do not hesitate to book in to see me via Mrs Beard in the school office. I hope you all have a wonderful Easter break and look forward to seeing you when school re-opens for term 5 on the 14<sup>th</sup> April. 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- Kara Hunter**

**Class China- Harry Askham**

**Class Brazil- Archie Vangasse**

**Class Sri Lanka- Harry Demetriou and Jack Wright**

**Class Lesotho-Becky Vallance and George Fisher**

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- Eva Lunn, Lily-Belle Turner and Jessica Heron.**

#### Team Points

Team point totals for this term so far are;

**St. Winifred-491**

**St. Modwenna-456**

**St. Hugh-590**

**St. Columba-595**

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

**Friendship Achievement Respect  
Creativity Honesty**

### **Spare Coathangers**

Class Italy will be undertaking a project using coathangers next term, if any parents have spares and wish to donate them, we will kindly take them from you. Thank you in advance.

### **Our Bike It Success Continues...**



We are delighted to be able to inform parents that on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March, the school received the Bronze Award for the Bike It Project. You will have noticed that our engagement with the aims of the project have become a high priority for the school with a focus on encouraging as many children, staff and parents to walk, cycle and scoot to and from school as often as possible.

Our wonderful 'Bike It Crew' delivered an excellent presentation at the Sleaford Council Offices which reflected how much hard work and effort has gone into making the previous 12 months an absolute success. Memories of Biker Breakfasts, Bling your Bike days, Bike Fairy fun and excellent Dr Bike sessions showcased just some of the amazing work that has already been undertaken.

We will be continuing to plan exciting events that encourage different forms of sustainable travel as well as utilising the skills and expertise of Dr. Bike who will be undertaking curriculum teaching for our very youngest learners as well as a Bike Maintenance Club in the Summer Term. We must say a huge thank you to the Bike it Crew for their continued hard work but also to Mrs Tomlinson and Dr Bike for co-ordinating the project. They will be joined by their latest recruit, Miss Crosby, who has already begun to become involved with the project and its delivery.

On Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March, our cycling success continued as Mr Eden and Mr Swain took 12 of our talented Year 5 and 6 cyclists to Carre's Grammar School for a cycling competition which was well attended by our parents. After forming our own cheerleading squad, we watched with great enthusiasm and pride as our children raced taking home 5 of the 6 medals on offer. Well done children, we are so proud of you all!



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### Governor Focus-Viki Thomas, Chair of Governors



Dear Parents, my name is Viki Thomas and I am the Chair of Governors at Ancaster Church of England Primary School. As Governors, we intend to be much more visible and available and one way we aim to communicate with parents is via the school newsletters. In this edition, I would like to share the role of the Governing body with you so that you are assured of the Governance of the school. Our Governing Body is made up of proactive governors with a range of skills, recruited to oversee the effective running of the school. We are also supported by an experienced clerk, Mrs Zoe France, who advises us on our responsibilities. We have a number of core and strategic functions however our most vital role is to make sure that every child at Ancaster Church of England Primary School gets the very best possible education. In future newsletters will be using this space so that each Governor has a chance to introduce themselves to you and explain more about the role of the Governing Body.

### Goodbye and Good Luck



Earlier this week, the pupils and parents of Class Brazil were informed of changes to the Class Teacher on our return from the Easter break. Following Mrs Hall's decision to leave her post covering Mrs Parsons' maternity leave; we are delighted to be able to inform you that Mrs Katie Good will be returning to the school to teach Class Brazil on a Monday-Wednesday alongside Mrs Debby Williams who will be teaching each Thursday and Friday. Both teachers are delighted to be joining the team and we look forward to welcoming them into the school family.

We are sure you will join us in wishing Mrs Hall the very best in her future endeavours and thank her for her time teaching in school.

### Fab Friday Fun!

You will be aware that each term, we come together as a team on a Friday afternoon, in the last session of the week to undertake collaborative learning. This term, the children in each team have been tasked with learning a song linked to the season of 'Spring' and creating a performance to perform to the whole school. These performances took place today and the children certainly shone when delivering their performances. Well done to all of the children on putting on their best ever performances.

### A fabulous Easter Service and Easter Egg Hunt



Thank you to all parents and carers who came to the Easter Service in church on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March. Seeing the learning that has taken place on the real meaning of Easter as well as the celebration of spring was absolutely wonderful. Hearing the beautiful singing of our collective voices filling the church was a delight and it is quite possible that some of those catchy songs are still stuck in your head. We hope you all have a fantastic Easter break and cannot wait to hear all about your adventures.

When the children got back to school, our amazing PTFA had set up an Easter Egg Hunt where the questions were linked to the real meaning of Easter and learning from within the curriculum which allowed the children to take part with enthusiasm and excitement. Thank you so much to the PTFA for organising this 'eggcellent' experience.



Happy Easter to all from Ancaster Church of England Primary School.