

# Newsletter 15 13<sup>th</sup>May 2016



Dear Parents, Carers and members of the community, welcome to Newsletter 15-I hope this communication finds you well. We have had a non-stop 2 weeks since the last newsletter was published and have so much to tell you about. With so many conversations taking place in the media about education in general, it feels like something new is being discussed every day. I want to reassure you that our collective goal is to ensure the best possible outcomes for all pupils in every avenue of their education. We have a phenomenal staff team who are so incredibly committed to the school's vision and together, along with yourselves and other stakeholders, we have created a school which allows all pupils to be themselves, flourish socially and academically and above all be happy, well rounded individuals. I hope you are as proud of the school as we are and look forward to continue working together to provide outstanding outcomes for all. Should anyone wish to catch me, I am always available for a quick chat most mornings or appointments can be made via the school office. Have a wonderful two weeks and I look forward to keeping you further updated in future newsletters. Best Wishes, Mr Sam Eden (Headteacher)

#### 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 France- William Locking and Emily Bayley Class India- Lilly Knight, George Bailey, Emily Maughan and Connall Roberts

Class Madagascar- Toby Six, Ewan Hull, Ava Morgan and All of Class Madagascar

Class Australia- Harry Askham, Soraya Morais, Charlie Askham and Alice Pellett

Class USA-Mischa Foster, Eliza Batchelor, Sam Bailey, Gustas Kurinskas, All of USA.

Class Iceland- All of Y6, William Cullum and Josh Milton

Mega Maths and Rip-roaring Readers have been celebrated by the school for their commitment and enthusiasm to reading. These children are;

Readers-Eva Chen, Alfie Dutfield, Edie Mae Hotchkins, Ellie Barr, Keira Clark-Monk and Harry Demetriou.

**Mathematicians**-All of France, Isabella McGauley, Tyler Rosling, Jessica Blankley and Finley Harrison.

Well done to all children, across the school, for being the best you can be!

#### Uniform

Our uniform will be changing for September. Please ensure you have read the letter sent out regarding uniform. A copy of this can be found on the school website should you not have received it.

#### **Share and Shine Opportunities**

Children are busy preparing for their class sharing in which they will have the opportunity to showcase the learning that has taken place this term. These sessions are another important way to share the learning on offer for your child and for you to interact and engage with your child's learning after seeing first-hand what they have been doing. A reminder of these dates and times are as follows;

Class France-Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> at 9.15am
Class USA-Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> at 3pm
Class Australia-Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> at 9.15am
Class Iceland-Wednesday 25th at 3pm
Class India-Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> at 9.15am
Class Madagascar-Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> at 3pm
Please try to support your child by attending.
Children are so incredibly motivated by their parents coming into school and this helps inspire children to strive to be the best they can be.

#### **Congratulation Mrs Hiorns**



We are very proud to have presented Mrs Hiorns, Iceland Class Teacher, a long service award for 30 years dedication to the teaching profession. Mrs Hiorns received her award in our special Celebration Worship and was thrilled to have her hard work and dedication recognised by Lincolnshire County Council and the school. Well done Mrs Hiorns we are so proud to have you teaching the children of Ancaster and thank you for all that you do!

### **Lunchtime Fun and Food!**



We have been trialling different ways for the children to eat their lunch and have given children an opportunity to choose the way in which they sit. The children have unanimously chosen to have a completely different seating arrangement which is more like a café. This means that the children can sit with other children regardless of class or meal option.

Our hot meals are excellent and are commented upon very positively by the children. The numbers of children receiving a hot school meal are higher in the lower school with only small numbers taking up the meals once children go into Key Stage 2. One of the reasons children expressed that they didn't want the hot meal option is due to them not being able to sit with their friends when we set the hall up as we did previously.

Please be assured that with this new way of seating, children can sit on any table regardless of the meal option they choose. Hot school meals can be accessed through our meal provider, Good Lookin' Cookin', who ask you to register and pay for your meals via their website.

www.goodlookincookin.co.uk

# 2 one-to-one Support Assistants required for September.

Due to a child with medical needs joining our school in Foundation Stage this September, we are seeking to employ two excellent One-to-One Support Assistants to work alongside this child over the course of each day (one person will work mornings whilst the other person will work during the afternoons). More information about this post is included in the advert which can be found on our school website or by clicking this link.

http://www.ancasterprimary.org.uk/Vacancies.asp

#### Headlice

There has been several cases of head lice reported to the school recently. We try to ensure parents are aware of this but ask that you check your own child's hair regularly and tie long hair back to prevent the spread of headlice.

## Disco-20<sup>th</sup> May

Our PTFA will be holding a disco for all children in school which will take place on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May.

### FS/KS1-5pm-6pm KS2-6pm-7pm

Entry is £1.50 with all drinks included. There will be snacks, treats, glow-sticks and glitter tattoos available to purchase. We look forward to a fantastic Friday night!

#### Well Done Year 6!

Well done to our Year 6 pupils who undertook their SATs papers this week. They focused brilliantly and undertook the tests with confidence and a super attitude. Year 2 will take their tests over the next week. These are very different to the year 6 tests and are marked in school and can be administered in small groups. These tests are seen as part of the curriculum and we very much encourage children to do the tests as part of a lesson.

#### **Ice Cream Friday**

Ice Cream Friday has now taken place, courtesy of our PTFA, a couple of times and has been a huge success. Taking full advantage of the nicer weather, it was lovely to see the treats being shared after school and the smiles on children (and adults) faces. We raised £30 at the first event and look forward to offering this simple, but fun event again!

#### **Treat Rewards**

Over the last 2 terms, St Columba and St Winifred have amassed the most team points making them the winning teams and eligible to choose a treat reward. Children from these teams have been given the option of choosing;

-A zumba dance session
-Cake/biscuit decorating
-Karaoke fun
-Coming to school in own clothes

The children have chosen their own rewards and are very excited and motivated to carry on collecting. All teams congratulate each other as we share weekly results in our Friday celebration worship.

#### Half Term is Coming Up!

Don't forget that we break up for half term on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May where school will be closed for 1 week and will re-open on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2016.