



Ancaster Church of England Primary School

Newsletter 18 – 26th June 2015



Dear Parents and Carers, welcome to Newsletter 18, I hope this communication finds you well. We have had such a fabulous couple of weeks in school with so much to celebrate. Thank you to everyone for supporting us with the recent visit from Jo Jackson, the Olympic Athlete. Nearly £1000 was raised and we will be able to use some of this money to buy new PE resources and equipment. There is much more to come from this term and we will be communicating much of this via this newsletter, but also in forthcoming letters, and on the school website. Have an enjoyable 2 weeks and I look forward to seeing you in and around school. **Best Wishes, Sam Eden**

Annual Reports

Staff have been very busy writing annual reports for each child and this year the format will be different to the one used in previous years. This year we will be providing you with a more detailed report in key areas of the curriculum with a greater emphasis placed on the teacher comments. This year, we will be asking all parents to fill in the parent section of the report and give us feedback on what has worked well and your general feedback. We look forward to sending these reports out on Thursday 9th July.

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- Eliana Shelbourn, Class Italy.

Class China- Liam Walsh, Eva Lunn, Nicole Barnes Green and Alfie Baker.

Class Brazil- Shawn Pellett, Eliza Batchelor, Ryan Chapman and Niamh Morgan.

Class Sri Lanka- Harry Demetriou, William Cullum and Lois Taylor.

Class Lesotho- Jasmine Pellett, Cameron Wills, Hannah Hinbest and Freya Mettam.

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.

Riproaring Readers- Emily Maughan, Alfie Dutfield, Jack Green, Jessica Blankley, Sophie Maclachlan

Team Points

Team point totals for this term so far are;

St. Winifred-336

St. Modwenna-373

St. Hugh-298

St. Columba-342

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-Sam Eden

(Ex-Officio Governor)



It might seem odd to see that I am indeed a Governor, but the role of the Headteacher also brings with it a requirement to sit on the board of Governors.

The reason for this is that I make very important decisions about the school on a day-to-day basis and it is my role to oversee the effective running of the strategic development of the school. As a Governor, my view is as important as the rest of the board and we make decisions together as a collective.

I am very proud to be a Governor, and the Headteacher role is such that my knowledge base of events happening in and around school are required at every meeting. Therefore, I am a member of the Standards and Curriculum Committee, Staffing and Finance Committee and attend all Full Governing Body Meetings.

The Governing Body has welcomed many different people onto it in the past, but we have now reached a period of stability that is allowing for the continuing growth and development of the school. To echo what previous Governors have said, this is a wonderful time for the school, and I am thrilled with the ongoing positive climate.



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First Aid-Reporting and Recording



We are constantly looking at our systems and processes in school to check that they are rigorous and robust and when it comes to applying First Aid, we have decided to change the approach previously taken and simplify the process into 3 stages.

Stage 1

From this point forward, we will be writing any **minor issues** in a child's reading record. These minor issues are defined to be where first aid has not had to be applied. For instance, if a child has fallen over and has a grazed knee, this will now be communicated via the reading record. Please ensure you check these regularly. This will not be entered into the accident book as no First Aid has been applied.

Stage 2

We have revised our Accident Book and recording procedures, so that where a child requires First Aid, a copy of this will be entered into the Accident Book, and filed accordingly. These will not be sent home but again, you will be alerted via the Home/School diary. Should you wish to obtain a copy of the report, please see Mrs Beard in the school office. For more serious accidents, we will phone parents as well as undertaking the above. Where a child has bumped their head and this is causing concern, in addition to the above, we will issue a wristband that states the time of the bump and alerts all staff of the head bump and to remain vigilant. Again, we will always contact you in this instance to talk through the accident.

Stage 3

Where a child has suffered an injury within school that requires them to be taken to hospital, we will do all of Stage 2, but will also complete a form via Lincolnshire County Council that details the seriousness of the accident, what happened and what has been done to prevent the accident being caused again.

Working in this way, we will be able to monitor where the accidents are taking place, how frequently accidents are happening and then ensuring that the correct level of action is taken to minimise the risks to children in certain scenarios. Please ensure that you use the Home/School diaries as a 2 way communication. The same books have been ordered for next year and we will be using them in this way more than ever. Should you have any queries, please do not hesitate to ask.

**Don't Forget- Sports Morning and Summer
Fayre-10th July**



For more information see the previous newsletter

Author Visit

An author, Rachel Hamlington will be coming into school on 9th July in the morning to work with KS2. Children will be able to buy her books for £6. More details will be on the way.

Staffing Announcements

This week we held interviews for the Teaching Assistant post that we advertised earlier this term. We were delighted with the response and received more applicants than we have ever had before. We held a very rigorous and robust selection process and are delighted to be able to inform you that the successful candidate is Mrs Imogen Phillis. We are thrilled to be welcoming her to the school team from September. We have not yet decided which year group(s) our Teaching Assistants will be working as we will be looking closely at the class lists and ensuring that any support is evenly spread across all classes.

You may have also noticed that Mrs Parsons has been in and around school. She is currently undertaking Keeping in Touch days to help her transition back into school life, and will return full time for the rest of this term on Monday 13th July. We are very much looking forward to her coming back as we have missed her whilst she has been away on maternity leave.

Parents will be informed of which teacher their child will be taught by and, where applicable, which class they will be in via a letter sent out with your child's report on July 9th.