



# Ancaster Church of England Primary School

## *Newsletter 2 – 19<sup>th</sup> September 2014*



Dear Parents and Carers, welcome to Newsletter 2 of the academic year. I am absolutely delighted with how well the year has started and I have loved seeing the children settle into their new classes and year groups. The classrooms are certainly a hive of activity and it has been amazing to see how much progress the children have made in the short time we have been back at school. Class 5 have been on a fabulous trip to 'The Collection' this week, exploring all things Egyptian and exciting trips are in the pipeline for other classes too- we look forward to sharing these details with you soon. I hope you enjoy reading this newsletter and find the information useful. Should you wish to catch me, I will be available each morning on the school gate as well as after school. If you require a longer meeting, appointments can be made via Mrs Beard in the school office. I look forward to seeing you all soon and helping your children be the best they can be! **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**-All of Year 1, All of Reception, Michael Lawson, Imogen Taylor

**Class China**-Harry Askham, Brogan Greenhalf, Max Vangasse, Shane Hunter.

**Class Brazil**- Kayla Rohland, Jack Stonestreet, Harry Hutsby,

**Class Sri Lanka**-George Taylor, Ashlee Hayter, William Cullum, Tyler Gregory

**Class Lesotho**-Steven Vallance, Ebony Sumner, Shannon Fendley, All of Class 5

### **Wow Writers and Mega Maths**

Each week we celebrate the Wow Writers and Mega Mathematicians from each class who share their learning in assembly. Over the past two weeks, these children were;

**Mega Maths**- Owen Rohland, Skye Creasey, Emily Gresham, Tyler Gregory, Shawn Pellett, Olivia Allen.

**Wow Writers**- Emily Maughan, Ava Morgan, Lucy Cullum, Jaydon Dixon-Hardy, William Cullum, Keiran Barnes-Green

### **Team Points**

Team point totals for the term are incredibly close and are as follows;

**Saturn-38**

**Minerva-32**

**Apollo-21**

**Maia-32**

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

### **Advent Calendars**

Whilst it may seem very early to be considering Christmas, we have the chance for parents to buy a chocolate advent calendar that promotes the real meaning of Christmas. These particular calendars are very good quality and cost £3.99 (this includes a charitable donation to the Children's Society)-should you wish to place an order, please see Mrs Beard.

### **Ancaster Church of England Primary School goes Multicultural!**



In our quest to ensure our school is reflective of the multicultural world in which we live, we have decided to adopt class identities which are countries from across the world. These identities will last the entire school year. Children are already aware of the different names of their classes and we have pleasure informing you of these. With immediate effect, the classes are;

Class 1-**Class Italy**

Class 2-**Class China**

Class 3-**Class Brazil**

Class 4-**Class Sri Lanka**

Class 5-**Class Lesotho**

**On Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September, we will officially launch these class names in our Multicultural Day.**

We are very excited as the learning that can take place, and links to cultures beyond the norm for our children will broaden their mindsets and teach them about the world we live in. We hope you are as excited as we are-if you have any information about any of our countries, please see the class teacher.

### **Roald Dahl Day-Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September**

We are aiming to ensure that the curriculum is supported by many enrichment activities and the first of these is coming up very quickly. To support our focus on reading and help celebrate one of the UK's wittiest and funniest authors, Roald Dahl, **we are inviting the whole school to dress up as a character from a Roald Dahl book. Pupils and staff who dress up will be asked to donate £1 to school fund.** We look forward to seeing the school come alive with the many enchanting characters Roald Dahl has created.



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### Individual Photographs



Hairbrushes at the ready, it's that time of year again-Individual Photographs! **Please be aware that Wrates Photographers will be in school to take these photographs on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> September during the afternoon.**

### Community Garden



We have had an idea which might be of interest to any keen gardeners within the village. **We'd love to establish a 'Community Garden' in which an area of our school grounds is given over to you to work together to grow vegetables, plant flowers and shrubs and maintain.** The proposed area is around the pond as well as the green grass area next to it.

This area would be available during evenings and weekends and would be a fantastic asset to the community. Bring a flask of tea, get together with your friends/family and use the area as your own. We're extremely excited about the prospect of many community members having their own piece of the garden and hope you will be able to join us in bringing the community together. **Please see Mr Eden to register your interest. Please encourage anyone beyond the school community to contact the school directly-the more the merrier!**

### Clubs-Autumn Term 2014

**We are very proud to announce the schedule of clubs for this term.** We work hard to provide a wide range of clubs and hope your child enjoys the variety on offer. As our newest members of staff become more established in school, more clubs will be offered in the new year.

Day	Club	Time	Where
Monday	Choir	Lunch	Class China
Tuesday	Pottery	After School	Class Lesotho
Wednesday	Fun and Games (KS1)	Lunch	Class China
	Rugby (KS2)	After School	Field
Thursday	Tea Club (Y4 only)	After School	Hall
	Wildlife Club	After School	Outside
Friday	Football (Y2 and above)	After School	Field

Should your child want to join a club listed above, please see Mrs Beard in the school office who will check availability and give more details.

### Relief Midday Supervisor-Vacancy



A vacancy has arisen in which you may be interested. We are looking for a relief Midday Supervisor we can call upon should one of the existing midday supervisors be off work for any reason. Please see Mrs Beard in the office if you wish to be considered for this role.

### Harvest Festival-9<sup>th</sup> October



**On Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> October, we will be holding our annual Harvest Festival at St. Martin's Church.** We hope you are able to join us as each class will be celebrating this important time of year with a fantastic contribution to the festivities. Each year, we ask children to bring a donation to contribute to our offering to Grantham Passage. This year, we have received a list of foods/toiletries they are in need of and we have agreed to publish these here to help you decide which item to include as your donation. Please use the list below as a guide.

Crisps, cereal bars, baked beans, packs of chocolate bars, sugar, instant coffee, long life milk, pot noodles, rice puddings, cup-a-soup, cereals, pasta and pasta sauce, baked beans, tinned tomatoes, biscuits, squash, tinned vegetables, tinned fruit, tinned meat/fish, shampoo, shower gel, shaving foam, razors, deodorant, tooth brushes and paste, tissues

**Please ensure that your food is in good condition and that items are not past their sell by date.**

If you are able to help walk the children to church, please see your child's class teacher.



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### Good Neighbour Award Announced



Last week we awarded our third ever recipient of the 'Good Neighbour Award' their special badge to wear with pride. Jack Wright, a pupil in Year 5 demonstrated that being neighbourly is so much more than working with the person next door to you. On finding a dog which was lost within the village (and assessing that the dog was safe to approach), he set to finding its owner. This involved knocking on the doors of many residents until the owner was found. His nomination was brought into school and we felt that his determination and perseverance should be rewarded. Well done, Jack!

**Should you know of any worthy children who have shown good neighbourly qualities, please do not hesitate to let us know.**

### Please return your forms!



Please be reminded that the form given out asking for your National Insurance information in line with the eligibility for Free School Meals and Pupil Premium are requested back into school as soon as possible.

This information is vital in school as many parents who might be eligible are often unaware and do not realise their entitlements to different services and provision.

If a parent is eligible, the school receives £1,300 in funding to support the teaching and learning and enrichment of this child's education. The use of this money is absolutely pivotal in raising aspirations and closing the attainment gap to ensure that every pupil receives access to an outstanding education.

Please send these forms into school as soon as possible. Mrs Beard will happily accept them at the school office or they can be sent via your child's Class Teacher.

### Class Italy and Class China Request

The adults in these two classes have asked for a polite notice to be included on the newsletter to ask for parents to come up towards the actual classroom when collecting a child. Sometimes, with the amount of parents picking up at this time, staff need to be confident they are sending children to the correct adult. Please also be reminded that we operate a password system for other people picking up your child, but please let us know in school if someone else is collecting.

**In line with school policy, we will not allow children in these classes to leave with anyone under the age of 16. If staff feel that the person collecting is below this age, they will refuse to let a child leave school premises and alternative provision will need to be made.**

### Class Italy Parent Help-Thank You!



A huge thank you must go to the army of parents who came into school to help Class Italy improve their outdoor area. The area looks excellent and there are more plans on the way. Any additional help to improve areas within school will always be greatly appreciated!

### Start of Day Arrangements

**Please be reminded that the children should not be playing on any of the equipment (trim trail etc) before school.** Staff are unable to supervise these areas and children remain your responsibility until the bell rings and they are safely in school. Thank you for your support in this matter.

### PTFA-The Year Ahead!

Our wonderful PTFA have met, and as it continues to adapt and evolve, new members have joined injecting with them new ideas and different ways of working. **For the Autumn term, we will be holding a Disco and there will also be the firework event on 5<sup>th</sup> November.** We look forward to giving you more information nearer the time, but once again want to thank the PTFA for their continued hard work. Please see the PTFA board for more information.