



Ancaster Church of England Primary School

Newsletter 3 – 3rd October 2014



Dear Parents and Carers, welcome to Newsletter 3. Now we have had a few weeks to settle into our new classes, there is a fantastic atmosphere around school. I have had the pleasure of visiting each classroom on numerous occasions for a variety of different reasons and I am delighted with the excellent attitudes, superb learning opportunities and creative learning environments in and around school. There are several trips being planned, including a free whole school visit to Lincoln's Odeon Cinema to watch *How to Train your Dragon 2*'. We will be using the first film as part of our English learning and the cinema visit will ensure that the learning remains alive when the second instalment is shown in the exciting surrounding of the cinema! If you are able to help with this trip, please see your child's Class Teacher. **New for 2014/15**-Look out for my section of *About Ancaster* where I will be writing to the community each month-I will ensure that key dates and important information is also included to reach as many people within the community as possible. It is wonderful to be on the playground every morning and have the opportunity to talk to so many parents and view this as such an important part of my day. Longer appointments can be made via Mrs Beard in the school office. I look forward to seeing you all soon and helping your children continue to 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-Thunchanok Khemsiri and Layton Walsh

Class China-Oliver Hague and Edie-Mae Hotchkins

Class Brazil-Phoebe Duggan, Lucy Cullum, Mischa Foster and Ellie Barr

Class Sri Lanka-Lois Taylor, George Taylor, Jessica Annan and Josh Milton

Class Lesotho-Cameron Wills, Jessica Heron, Sophie Machlachlan and Freya Turner.

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- Alfie Dutfield, Jack Green, Harry Hutsby, Charlotte Blackledge and Harry McGrath

Wow Writers-Ruby-Rose Rosling, Soraya Morais, Rosie Lawson, Grace Turner, Ebony Sumner and Mason Varsegi-Haste.

Team Points

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

Saturn-300

Minerva-283

Apollo-192

Maia-190

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

Friendship Achievement Respect
Creativity Honesty

Share and Shine Time-Family Worships!



This year we will be holding family worships in Terms 1, 3 and 5. This term, these assemblies will take place week commencing 13th October and are the children's opportunity to share with you the learning that has taken place in maths, english and across the curriculum. The

dates for these assemblies are as follows;
Wednesday 15th at 9.10am-Class Italy (1)
Wednesday 15th at 3.00pm-Class Brazil (3)
Thursday 16th at 9.10am-Class China (2)
Thursday 16th at 3.00pm-Class Sri Lanka (4)
Friday 17th at 3.00pm-Class Lesotho (5)

Harvest Festival-9th October



On Thursday 9th 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:

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 date and in good condition. If you are able to walk with us to Church to enable appropriate ratios, please see your child's class teacher. We look forward to seeing you there.



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Open Morning Friday 7th November

9.30am – 11.30am

Whether your child is already at school with us or hoping to join us in September, why not come along to our Open Morning. You can:

- Take an informative tour of the school from our pupils
- Join in with learning in each class
- Talk to the staff and pupils
- Share in our celebration assembly
- Have coffee and cake at breaktime with staff and other key members of the school community
- Learn of our mission, aims and successes
- and of course ask all the questions you want any answers to.

There will be lots of information available including our school brochure, admission packs and examples of school newsletters which keep you up to date throughout a school year.

Head Lice

There have been a number of cases of head lice reported to the school. Please help by checking your child's head and treating any cases immediately. Thank you for your continued support.

National Poetry Day Fun

Thursday 2nd October was National Poetry Day and the school celebrated by reading, writing and performing poems as part of their learning. Class Lesotho and Sri Lanka were very lucky to have Gini Dellow-Jones come into school to deliver workshops as well as very informative and thought provoking collective worship. We hope the children enjoyed their day and wish to say thank you to Gini for a fantastic addition to a superb day.

Roald Dahl Day-Thank You!

On Friday 26th September, school was alive with the world of Roald Dahl and the atmosphere on the playground and in school was electric. Every child and adult in school that day made an amazing effort and we want to say thank you to each and every parent. The £89 raised on the day will be split between School Fund and The Roald Dahl Children's Charity.

Operation Christmas Child



In the past, we have encouraged the children to consider the needs of others at special times, such as Christmas, through participating in Operation Christmas Child, a charity who ask that you fill an empty shoe box with items for either a boy or a girl. These shoe boxes are then distributed to children based on need and regardless of religion or background. We are supporting this charity in school and each class will be producing two boxes. Like last year, we would love to be able to send many shoe boxes to have the most impact-**are you able to help?** Mrs Hiorns is working alongside Mrs Annan, a parent volunteer, to ensure this year we participate as fully as possible. Please see either for more information-leaflets will be sent home with children who are interested.

Class Requests!



Class Teachers have asked for donations of newspapers and flat packed cereal boxes. Any amount will be greatly appreciated to help with ongoing art and DT projects happening in school.

PTFA Update

Disco-Friday 17th October

The disco will be taking place on the date above. There will be music provided by Mr Eden on his DJ decks as well as sweets, glow sticks and lots of fun! Entry is £1.50 and this includes unlimited drinks. The Key Stage 1 Disco will be 6pm-7pm and the Key Stage 2 Disco will be 7pm-8pm.

Fireworks-Wednesday 5th November

We will, once again, be providing the jewel in our entertainment crown of our Firework Extravaganza. Over the past 3 years, we have brought the community together for a wonderful fun filled family evening and this year promises to be no different (although there is talk of bigger and better fireworks than ever). Look out for more details but keep the date free as we will provide more information nearer the time.