



Ancaster Church of England Primary School

Newsletter 4 – 17th October 2014



Dear Parents and Carers, welcome to Newsletter 4. There has been lots happening in and around school and the parental support continues to be phenomenal-thank you to everyone who donated for the Harvest Festival and attended the super worship in church. Parent Worships have taken place this week and it has been lovely to see the school hall packed with so many parents. The children absolutely love this opportunity to share all of their learning from the term and their enthusiasm and excitement throughout each assembly was wonderful to witness. Our Year 5 and 6 pupils have taken part in the Bikeability programme which has been a real success. For the first year, we have trained more children and will be expecting the skills, knowledge and understanding learnt in these sessions to be applied to all cycling in and out of school. With so much taking place, as well as the excellent learning in each class, I cannot quite believe that half term is nearly upon us. Next week also promises to be a good one as the children will begin to prepare for their cinema trip by watching 'How to Train your Dragon' and on Thursday, we will also be holding another Class Identity day to continue establishing our new class names. I very much look forward to seeing you all on the playground before and after school. Should you require a longer appointment, these can be made via Mrs Beard in the school office. **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-Brody Ballard and Keiley Hayter

Class China-Harry Askham, Erin Taylor and All of Class China

Class Brazil-Keeley Creasey, Tyler Rosling, Jack Marsh and Keira Nettleton.

Class Sri Lanka-Charlotte Blackledge, Willow Hanks, Oliver Undy and Josh Milton

Class Lesotho-Jessica Heron and Cameron Wills, Olivia Allen, Becky Vallance, Harry McGrath and Mason Varsegi-Haste.

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- Michael Lawson, Liam Walsh, Kayla Rohland, Poppy Jennings, George Fisher.

Wow Writers-Max Davies, Izzy Welby, Eva Lunn, Jessica Annan and Hannah Hinbest.

Team Points

Team point totals for this week are incredibly close and are as follows;

Saturn-467

Minerva-432

Apollo-374

Maia-320

The winning team will be announced next week.

Look out next term to important changes being made to the team point process.

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

Friendship Achievement Respect Creativity Honesty

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 break time with staff and other key members of the school community
- Buy some tasty treats from our Autumn Fruits Cooking Shop which will include food made by the children all week.
- Learn of our mission, aims and successes
- Of course, you'll also be able to 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.

Meet our Latest Good Neighbour



Our very latest (and only the 4th ever) Good Neighbour Award has been presented to Ellen Stafford who spent a recent weekend selling her homemade cards and waitressing at a Macmillan Tea. She donated all of the money to charity and helped raise £187.40-Well done Ellen-What a kind, thoughtful superstar you are!

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



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Governor Update

The first Full Governing Body meeting took place on Tuesday 14th October. As part of the meeting, new members were elected and roles were clarified. As the school received only 1 register of interest, an election was unnecessary. Therefore, the recent parent vacancy has been filled by Simon Lunn and a community vacancy has been filled by local Ancaster resident, Norma Carrick. The Governing Body continues to grow and develop and we look forward to welcoming these new members into school as full members of the Governing Body. Viki Thomas was re-elected as Chair and Simon Stafford continues in his role as Vice Chair.

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). Tickets are available from PTFA members and will be available to pre buy or purchase on the gate.

Prices are as follows;

Adults £3.00 Over 4's £2.00

This is fantastic value for money and there will be music, food and drink and of course the superb fireworks. Please let as many people know about this event, including those from other villages. We look forward to seeing you there!

Parents Evening Monday 10th and Wednesday 12th November



A quick reminder that Parents Evening will be held on **Monday 10th and Wednesday 12th November**. Parent Meetings are not only a statutory requirement but a great opportunity to find out how well your child has settled, their targets for this term, their current attainment in Maths and English as well as how you can help support your child to be the best they can be and reach their end of year goals. Please ensure your meeting is booked with Mrs Beard.

Dogs in School

Please be reminded that dogs are not permitted on school grounds. Whilst we appreciate that many dogs are being carried or on leads, **it is the school's wish to ask that all parents refrain from bringing dogs past the blue school gates.**

Cake Sale-Wednesday 22nd October



Class Lesotho will be holding a cake sale in aid of Prince Harry's charity for the children of Lesotho. We welcome any donation of cakes and biscuits and your child will also be able to bring money to buy a cake to support the sale. Class Lesotho have also written letters to Prince Harry to let them know of their class identity and the sale itself. You never know, your donated cakes may even receive a royal seal of approval.

Our Bike It Latest!



We have met with Jon Moody (Dr Bike) to plan out a wonderful calendar of events for the Bike It Project 2014-15. We are committed to this project 100% and have pleasure in informing you of the latest dates in which we will be promoting cycling to encourage children to make cycling to school their preferred method of transportation to and from school.

Monday 10th November for two weeks-This sees the start of the Big Bike Race-the more bikes we have in school the more of a chance we have of winning-please encourage your child to cycle/scoot daily.

Monday 10th November-Biker Breakfast-each child arriving on their bike will receive a breakfast.

Wednesday 19th November-Wheelie Road Safety Day-Dr Bike will be holding bike safety sessions with every class. Please send your child to school with their bike.

Children in Need 2014



Advance notice: On Friday 14th November, pupils are asked to wear their pyjamas/slippers for the day in aid of Children in Need. We will be asking for a £1 donation to send to this very worthwhile charity.