



# Ancaster Church of England Primary School

## Newsletter 5 – 7<sup>th</sup> November 2014



Dear Parents and Carers, welcome to Newsletter 5. What an excellent start back to school we have had following the half term break. We are still extremely pleased that we have been recognised by the DfE as being in the top 2% of all schools nationally for our phonics data. As we have been keen to sing this from the rooftops, you may have read the articles in the Sleaford Standard and the Grantham Journal as well as the information sent out via the school website. Whilst we have settled very quickly back into school life, we have also enjoyed a superb whole school trip to the cinema, the most amazing PTFA Firework Extravaganza as well as our excellent Open Morning, held to showcase our school to existing and prospective parents. Thank you to each and every parent for your continued support. I have to say that since we returned to school in September, it certainly feels as though we are a truly connected partnership with a fantastic number of volunteers helping in and around school each day, a strong and supportive Governing Body and a PTFA consisting of keen and energetic members dedicated to providing high quality events for the whole community to raise money for the pupils of our school. As the Head teacher, I feel very proud to be leading our school into a bright and positive future and know that this support, alongside our wonderful staff team will only succeed in making the school even better than it already is. 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**-Ted Duggan and George Bailey

**Class China**-Alix Bailey, Gus Phillis and Erin Taylor

**Class Brazil**-Ellie Barr, Eliza Batchelor and Sam Bailey

**Class Sri Lanka**-Jack Wright, Ellen Stafford, Harvey Greenhalf and Will Davies

**Class Lesotho**-Becky Vallance, Keiran Barnes-Green, Edwin Maughan and Holly Batchelor

### Team Points

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

**Saturn-54**

**Minerva-37**

**Apollo-32**

**Maia-49**

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**

### Cake Sale Success

The cake sale held by Class Lesotho to promote Prince Harry's charity 'Sentebale' raised a staggering £75. Our children wrote letters to Prince Harry and each child (and Mrs Hiorns) received an official reply from Buckingham Palace which was absolutely fantastic!

### Firework Fun!



**What a wonderful evening we all had on the 5<sup>th</sup> November.** The PTFA, school staff and other volunteers did the school and wider community proud as we hosted the 4<sup>th</sup> annual Firework Extravaganza. Visitors could sample the tasty delights from the hot dog stand as well as delicious home-made soups. Inside the school there were many treats to be had with a superb cake stand, a candytastic sweet stall as well as hot drinks and glow stick treats. The fireworks themselves provided plenty of 'ooh's' and 'aah's' as they lit up the night sky of Ancaster and were a wonderful sight indeed-**thank you to 3 of our parents, Terry Vangasse, Jason Taylor and Mark Gresham for letting the fireworks off and to Ancaster Playing Field Committee for allowing us the use of their premises.** We have never had so many people attend our firework event and cannot thank you enough for the support shown to ensure this event was a success. **We raised a profit of £664.53 which is the greatest amount of money we have ever raised.** A huge thank you must also go to our wonderful PTFA and school staff who worked so hard before, during and after the event to ensure its success! All money raised will be spent on resources and treats for the children of our school. We will update you on how this money has been spent via the school newsletter as well as in the PTFA notice board located near the blue gates.



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### Parents Evening

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> November**



A quick reminder that Parents Evening will be held on **Monday 10<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

### Class Sri Lanka Trip to the Collection

On 18<sup>th</sup> November, Class Sri Lanka will be visiting The Collection in Lincoln to assist with their learning on the Anglo Saxons. The class have been working incredibly hard on this topic and the trip will help bring this to life. Please ensure Mrs Beard has all the necessary information as soon as possible.

### Christmas Fayre



It may seem a long way off yet, but Christmas is only around the corner (less than 7 weeks, in fact)! Our Christmas Fayre is planned to take place on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December between 2-4pm-We have had confirmation that, although very busy, Santa will be visiting us for the Fayre and children will have the opportunity to visit him! We hope you can join us for this event and if you wish to hold a stall, please see Mrs Beard in the office who will be more than happy to book you in for this wonderful festive event.

### Physical Education



It is a legal requirement that children undertake 2 hours of physical education each week. It is incredibly important that all children participate and we will not excuse any child from a session **without a valid reason and a letter** from a parent/guardian. If your child must miss a session, please ensure the class teacher receives this information prior to the lesson.

### The Big Bike Race and Biker Breakfast



**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November**-Biker Breakfast-each child (and adult) arriving on their bike/scooters from 8.30am will receive a special breakfast courtesy of Dr Bike. Please support this-we look forward to seeing the front of school awash with bikes/scooters.

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November for two weeks**-This sees the start of the **Big Bike Race**-where children are challenged to cycle the length of the Great Wall of China. The more bikes/scooters we have in school each day, the more of a chance we have of winning-please encourage your child to cycle/scoot daily so that we have the opportunity to win a scooter pod for the school. **There will also be visits from the Bike Fairy during this time where bikes/scooters in the shed will be selected at random for prizes-you have to be in it to win it!**

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> 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 on this day. Should you not have access to a bike, we will have a limited supply in school.

### Operation Christmas Child

**Please note that any shoe boxes to be donated for the Operation Christmas Child are to be in school by November 17<sup>th</sup>.** Thank you in advance for supporting this worthwhile cause.

### Children in Need 2014



**Advance notice:** On Friday 14<sup>th</sup> 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 and cannot wait to spend the day teaching and learning in our comfiest clothes!

### Phoenix Party Success!

**A huge 'Thank You' must go to Helen Maughan**, one of our extraordinary parents for organising a Phoenix Card Party in aid of the outdoor garden area for Class Italy. Thank you to everyone who supported the event-a tremendous £83 was raised-Thank You!