



Ancaster Church of England Primary School

Newsletter 6 – 21st November 2014



Dear Parents and Carers, welcome to Newsletter 6. Now we are mid-way through the term, we will begin to think about the festive fun ahead of us as we celebrate Christmas. This newsletter provides you with all of the dates you need to know for performances, parties, pantomimes and all other Christmas related events. We hope that you will be able to join us for these very special events and know that the children will be working that little bit harder knowing that their parents and carers will be there to witness their learning. I was very humbled to read all of the comments made by both prospective and existing parents at the recent Open Morning event and the Parents Evenings. I am in the process of analysing the responses to the questions asked in the questionnaire and will inform you of these in due course. To give you a flavour of the comments made, here is a snapshot of the positive things people have been saying about our school.

'The Headteacher was available to answer any questions we had and other members of staff were very helpful. It was nice to see the children's work on the walls. There is a friendly, welcoming environment.'

Comment made by prospective parents

'What a lovely experience. I am so proud that my daughter comes to this school!' Comment made by existing parent.

'This is a wonderful school that has helped my child progress to be the best he can be. It is always lovely to see the children learning. All of the teaching and support staff do a fantastic job and this is shown in the children's eagerness to learn.' Parent of Child in Y1

'This is a great school. My son has really progressed since moving here and the Open Morning was a great experience. The worship was amazing-it was lovely to see the children so upbeat.' Parent of child in Y5.

I hope you all enjoy reading these comments as much as we have in school. The full bank of them will be displayed around school soon. 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-Owen Rohland and Emily Maughan.

Class China-Jack Green, Oliver Hague, Max Vangasse and Nicole Barnes-Green.

Class Brazil-Sam Bailey, Harry Hutsby, Keira Nettleton and Niamh Morgan

Class Sri Lanka-Charlie Baker, Sam Taylor and Ashlee Hayter.

Class Lesotho-Jasmine Hendry, Edwin Maughan and Freya Mettam.

Team Points

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

St. Winifred-144

St. Modwenna-99

St. Hugh-83

St. Columba-83

Please see below for an update on the name changes.

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

Friendship Achievement Respect Creativity Honesty

Dates for your Diary



Tuesday 2nd December-Bling your Bike Day-Children are invited to bling their bike or scooter with a historical theme of your choice.

Thursday 11th December-Whole School Pantomime trip to see Aladdin at Grantham Guildhall. Packed lunch needed on this day-we will be back at 4.15pm.

Friday 12th December-Key Stage 2 Choral Poetry and Carols service in church at 9.30am-All welcome.

Friday 12th December-Christmas Fayre from 2pm. Stalls are available to be booked-please see Mrs Beard for more information.

Monday 15th December-Key Stage 1 Christmas Performance of 'Prickly Hay' at 2pm

Tuesday 16th December-Key Stage 1 Christmas Performance of 'Prickly Hay' at 2pm

Wednesday 17th December-Class Parties during the afternoon-any donations of party food will be greatly received and children can bring their own clothes to change into.

Thursday 18th December-Last day of term.



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Term Time Holiday Requests

We have noticed recently that there has been a sharp rise in the number of requests for holidays during term time. Please be reminded that we will only authorise absence where it is deemed an 'exceptional circumstance' and family holidays do not meet these requirements. There are strict procedures in place from the Local Authority and Department for Education for schools to consider imposing penalty notices to parents where term time holidays are taken regardless of being told that the absence will not be authorised. To ensure that your child receives the best possible education, they need to be in school and we ask that you refrain from booking trips that will impact on pupil learning time.

Non Uniform/Christmas Jumper Day

Advance Notice: Please be aware that on Friday 5th December, children can come to school in their own uniform or in a Christmas jumper in exchange for a prize for our tombola at Christmas Fayre. We look forward to seeing the children in their different outfits and thank you in advance.

Christmas Film Night-PTFA



On Friday 5th December, the PTFA are holding a Christmas Film Evening in which all children are invited to attend. The event will run from 4.30pm and there will be a choice of 3 films for the children to watch. They will be charged on entry and will receive popcorn and drinks as part of their entry fee. We hope that you will be able to support this event and that your child enjoys this brilliant fun filled evening.

More information will be provided nearer the time. Look out for more information on the PTFA board.

Change of Team Names

Today we have launched our new team names to replace Saturn, Minerva, Apollo and Maia with names that continue to reflect our status as a Church of England Primary School. We worked together with the pupils to decide the names of Saints that are representative of the 4 countries of the UK. New teams are as follows;

Apollo is now St. Hugh (England)

Minerva is now St. Modwenna (Scotland)

Saturn is now St. Winifred (Ireland)

Maia is now St. Columba (Wales)

Operation Christmas Child



Thank you to everyone who donated their shoe boxes to this wonderful cause-we are delighted to be sending 25 boxes to be received by children who will be so happy with their gifts-thank you!

School Uniform Update



We recently changed our school uniform provider to Nationwide School Uniforms and hope you feel that they are as fantastic as we do. You can now order your uniform directly online now by clicking on their website. Should you have any problems, please contact the school office where we will be more than happy to help.

We received some super news from Nationwide this week as they have an annual prize draw where their schools can win sums of money to be added to School Fund. We are thrilled that our school won second place and have been given £250 which will be spent directly on the pupils.

www.nationwideschooluniforms.co.uk

Children in Need 2014



Thank you to everyone who supported the Children in Need Pyjama Day. We are thrilled to be able to announce that we have sent a donation of £142 to this incredibly worthwhile charity. Well done all!

Breakfast Club



We are so pleased to see that many parents are choosing to send their children to our Breakfast Club. We are working incredibly hard to improve the provision in place and ensure that the sessions are value for money as well as educational. Please be reminded that should you wish to use this facility, we will need to clarify your child's attendance at least the evening before to ensure that the correct staff:pupil ratios are in place.