



Ancaster Church of England Primary School

Newsletter 7 – 5th December 2014



Dear Parents and Carers, welcome to Newsletter 7. What a busy two weeks we have had in school since the previous newsletter came out and it has certainly been filled with buckets full of learning and lots of fun! This week has been our History Week and on Wednesday every child in the school took part in drama productions created in class to showcase their learning in their historical focus studied throughout the term. Each class put on amazing plays and the rest of the school thoroughly enjoyed learning from each other. We are very proud that we have continued our links with Sustrans through the Bike It Project and loved the children's contributions to our Bling your Bike day which had a historical focus and today the children have been mixed into 5 groups to learn about a range of topics through the ages. Over the past few weeks, teaching staff have been bringing together the learning that's taken place since September and reporting on the progress that has been made against the targets that have been set. To ensure that effective provision is in place, we will be bringing this information together and putting plans in place for the forthcoming terms. After these meetings have taken place, we will then communicate your child's progress for the term. Look out for these at the end of term. Looking forward to the next couple of weeks, our topic learning has now finished and we will focus solely on Christmas-celebrating the real meaning of this very special time of year as well partaking in the fun of the pantomime, performances and parties. As we move towards the end of term, 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-Max Davies and Kara Hunter

Class China-Ally Buffham

Class Brazil-Kyha Colcomb and Archie Vangasse

Class Sri Lanka-Harry Demetriou and Lois Taylor

Class Lesotho-Becky Vallance and Keiran Barnes-Green

Wow Writers-Thunchanok Khemsiri, Ava Roberts, Keiran Barnes Green, Ellen Stafford and Cameron Wills.

Mega Maths-Owen Rohland, Oliver Hague, Nicole Barnes-Green, Phoebe Duggan, Charlie Baker and Holli Batchelor.

Team Points

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

St. Winifred-185

St. Modwenna-120

St. Hugh-133

St. Columba-110

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



Wednesday 10th December-Christmas Maths Day- The children will be undertaking Christmas themed maths as well partaking in a Mince Pie Bake Off with Mrs Ali Stafford who will be spending the day in school (thank you in advance, Mrs Stafford).

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 Carol 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 gratefully received and children can bring their own clothes to change into.

Thursday 18th December-Last day of term.

Monday 5th January-INSET Day-School closed for children.

Tuesday 6th January-First day of Term 3.



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Bike It Update



We took place in the **Great Wall of China Big Bike Race**. Unfortunately, we did not win but are very pleased to be able to say that even though the weather was not incredibly kind during this time, we still had children cycling and scooting every day!

The Bike Fairy made frequent visits to school and awarded raffle tickets to those bikes in the bike shed. A draw took place with many children across the school winning some super prizes-well done all.

Our **Wheelie Road Safety Day** was a major success for children in FS up to Year 4. They had training sessions with Dr Bike and are now aware of the many hazards faced by cyclists across on the road.

Look out for major changes to the Bike Storage which will be relocated and added in the very near future.

School Business Manager

We have been very lucky to have been successful, in partnership with Welbourn CE Primary, Caythorpe Primary and Saxilby CE Primary to have gained funding to access the support for a School Business Manager. Mrs Debra Moore will be working in school for 1 day per fortnight to advise the school in ensuring the best value for money in all of our financial operations. We are extremely pleased to be access this support and welcome Mrs Moore to the Ancaster family.

PTFA Christmas Film Night-TONIGHT!



Don't forget that the PTFA will be running their very first Christmas Film Night tonight at 4.30pm. There will be a choice of 3 films for the children to watch- Home Alone, Frozen and The Polar Express. Children 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. All money raised will go back to the children to pay for experiences, opportunities and resources.

Christmas Fayre

Friday 12th December

2pm-4pm

Get in the Christmas spirit and purchase some of your gifts at our annual Christmas Fayre. Each class will be running their own stall plus we've invited local businesses too. We have jewellery, gifts, decorations and so much more. You can join in the raffle, play some games and indulge in some Christmas refreshments (mince pies)!

For the first year, although extremely busy, Santa will be making an appearance and there are limited tickets available to see him. Children will be able to visit him in his grotto as well as gain a present from him for only £2.50-tickets can be gained from the School Office.

Children can be collected at 1.45pm onwards from a designated area (KS1 children will be in Class 1 and KS2 in Class 3) but they will need to be signed out by an authorised adult who will take full responsibility for them for the remaining time in school. Any children not collected before 3.30pm will be helping on stalls or be supervised doing Christmas activities in class. ALL children must be collected by 3.30pm.

Non Uniform/Christmas Jumper Day



Thank you to everyone who dressed today in their Christmas jumpers and non-uniform-all of tombola prizes have now been prepped and thanks to your fabulous generosity, the tombola will certainly be worth a go at the Christmas Fayre.

Home School Agreements

Every child has been issued with a colour copy of the Home School Agreement. Thank you to those parents who have sent them back. We will be signing these and sending them home with the children for you to keep as a record of the roles and responsibilities of us as all. We have currently only had 25% of those sent out back and Mrs Beard has contacted parents as a reminder. **This document is extremely important and we are asking that you send the signed copies back into school as soon as possible. Thank you.**