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## Newsletter 12 11<sup>th</sup> March 2016



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Dear Parents, Carers and members of the community, welcome to Newsletter 12- I hope you find this information useful and look forward to seeing you in and around the school each day. What a wonderful couple of weeks it has been since the previous newsletter; there has been so much happening-are you keeping up to date with our Twitter feed? This is now one of the best ways to keep up to date with what is happening in school, with updates being made most days! We look forward to connecting with you via Twitter. As we approach Easter and this (incredibly short) term draws to a close, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support –our connected partnership is certainly helping the school thrive. Should anyone wish to catch me, I am always available for a quick chat most mornings or appointments can be made via the school office. Have a wonderful two weeks and I look forward to keeping you further updated. **Best Wishes, Mr Sam Eden (Headteacher)**

### *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 France-** Ellie Marsh

**Class India-** Enya Coates and George Bailey

**Class Madagascar-** Skye Chapman and Ewan Hull

**Class Australia-** Shane Hunter

**Class USA-**Kira Roper and Keira Nettleton

**Class Iceland-** Willow Hanks and William Cullum

**Rip roaring Readers have been celebrated by the school for their commitment and enthusiasm to reading. These children are;**

Theo Roper, Brody Ballard, Ava Morgan, All of Class Australia, Ava Roberts and Will Davies.

*Well done to all children, across the school, for being the best you can be!*

### **Postcards of Praise**

Our brand new Postcards of Praise have been sent to the recipients over the last couple of weeks. We are always looking out for children are achieving highly and participating in school life well. The postcards will arrive in the post unannounced and will explain why your child has been highlighted. We look forward to sending these out to our wonderful children!

### **Sport Relief-Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March**

Our wonderful School Council have joined forces with Mr Swain and the PE ambassadors to plan very special events for Sport Relief. We want to make the day as fun and exciting as possible, so there will be lots of activities planned to ensure children understand the meaning of the day. Due to children in Key Stage 1 being on a trip on the Friday, we will be celebrating this day on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March. Children are invited to come to school dressed as their sporting hero, in a sports kit (any) or in sports style clothing and we are asking for £1 donation to send to Sport Relief.

### **Opening Ceremony-New Classrooms**

We will be holding a very special Opening Ceremony for the new classrooms that opened in September. On the morning of Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March, the school will host a series of VIPs who have been invited to officially open the classrooms. Councillor Patricia Bradwell will be cutting the ribbon in a special service and we are lucky to be joined by some very influential members of the education profession who have kindly agreed to come and take part in the celebrations.

Whilst, due to space constraints, parents are not invited to the official opening ceremony, we are keen to continue the celebrations over the course of the day to mark the occasion. We will be asking the children to create an Easter Bonnet for the Mad Hatters Tea Party that will be taking place that afternoon and would love for you to join us for this element of the day. We will be hosting the Mad Hatters Tea Party from 2pm and this will feature a parade and official judging with prizes for the best bonnets. We really hope you can join us in marking this very special occasion.

### World Book Day Success!



Wow! What a wonderful celebration of World Book Day we had! It really was a fantastic day full of promoting the love of reading across the whole school. At set times during the day, we conducted D.E.A.R (drop everything and read).

No matter what we were doing in any lesson, when the children heard the school bell, we had to drop everything and read-which the children (and staff) absolutely loved!

One of the best parts of the day was when each older class buddied up with a younger class to have a story read to them by a different adult. Mr Eden, Mrs Phillis and Miss Footitt read very animated versions of stories and the children were hooked-this rounded off the day and was a magical moment indeed.

### Get Well Soon Mrs Williams

Mrs Williams has been poorly for a couple of weeks and has been advised to stay off for a little while longer. We hope she is feeling better soon and look forward to welcoming her back into school when she is able to return. In the meantime, Mrs Parsons has boosted the amount of days in school and regular teachers, familiar to Class Australia, are teaching the children in Mrs Williams absence. We hope you will join us in wishing Mrs Williams a speedy recovery!

### Easter Services-24<sup>th</sup> March



We are delighted to be holding our Easter Services in Church led by Reverend June on the 24<sup>th</sup> March. This is guaranteed to help prepare everyone celebrate this very important element of the Christian calendar. So we can fit everyone into the church, we will be holding two separate services;

Key Stage 2 Easter Service will be held at 9.30am and Reception/Key Stage 1 will be held at 10.30am.

Everyone is welcome to join us and we very much look forward to sharing our Easter learning with you.

If you are able to walk to church with us to help balance pupil:adult ratios, please let your child's Class Teacher know-Thank You!

### New Safeguarding Lanyard System



As part of our commitment to safeguarding, we have devised a new system in school for children and adults to recognise who is who. All school staff now wear personalised lanyards which have an ID card attached to them. Anyone will be able to recognise a member of school staff by the fact that an 'Ancaster' lanyard is being worn.

There are also different coloured lanyards for other people in school and the children are aware of these.

Red Lanyards are worn by visitors to the school. Green lanyards are worn by volunteers and Orange lanyards are worn by Governors. The lanyards have either Visitor, Volunteer or Governor printed on them so it is clear who is who. ID cards are also worn by these groups. This system is now fully operational and understood by all in school.

### Website is Live!

Our new look website is now live! It features the beautiful pictures that are around the school and ties in our new logo and design. We hope you like the new site and would appreciate any feedback!

### We are Recruiting a new Teaching Assistant!



The school is looking to recruit a new Teaching Assistant to join our exceptional staff team. We require a member of staff to further strengthen the Key Stage 2 team and work every morning for 17.5 hours per week. Could this be you or someone you know? All of the details and how to apply are on the school website. When we know more about the successful applicant, we will let you know in due course.

### Goodbye and Good Luck Miss Nelson

Miss Nelson has been in school on a teacher training placement in Year 1 alongside Mrs Talbot. As well as flourishing as a teacher, she has also been an excellent asset to the staff team and we wish her every success as she continues her course and training. Goodbye and good luck for the future!