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Dear Parents, Carers and members of the community, welcome to Newsletter 16. I hope this communication finds you well. We have had the most amazing term in school and, as we reflect upon the last 7 weeks of learning and begin to consider the coming term, the amount of progress the children have made across the school is absolutely outstanding. I have loved welcoming parents into school and seeing the interactions between children and adults alike and the commitment and enthusiasm of our children has been unwavering across the whole term. Attendance has improved again this term and I thank everyone for their continued efforts in ensuring children are in school all day every day. You should be aware of your child's most recent attendance figures as these were shared at the Parent Consultations at the beginning of Term 5 and on the Pupil Profile Sheets. 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 half term break and I look forward to keeping you further updated in future newsletters. **Best Wishes, Mr Sam Edén (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- Holly Larrad and Troy Chapman

Class India- Emily Awwcock, Enya Coates, Lilly Evans and Molly Harris

Class Madagascar- Lottie Hendry, Lewis Davies, All of Class Madagascar

Class Australia- Jaydon Dixon-Hardy, Emily Herrick, Phoebe Duggan and Alfie Baker

Class USA- Archie Vangasse, Khya Colcomb, Gustas Kurinskas and Ethan May-Jackson

Class Iceland- Jacob West, Ashlee Hayter, Josh Milton and Jamie Seng.

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

Riproaring Readers- Freddie Hall, Smilte Jacunskyte, Meredith Lawson, Erin Taylor, Mischa Foster and Jake Barrett.

Wow Writers- Fynnley Burrows, Brody Ballard, Max Davies, Charlie Baker and Harvey Greenhalf.

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

Congratulations St Modwenna

Huge congratulations to St Modwenna who collectively amassed the greatest total number of team points and have been announced as the winners this term. They will be able to choose from a menu of treats next term.

Share and Shine Opportunities

This week each class has hosted a Parent Sharing opportunity to share current learning and for parents to see the curriculum in action. We had a record number of parents attend these sessions and the feedback from them has been so incredibly positive. Thank you to everyone who joined in the fun and we hope to see even more parents at the next round of events in the future.

Disco News



Our recent PTFA disco was a huge success with so much fun to be had over the course of both sessions. The children had a wonderful time dancing to the funky music and socialising with friends. We are delighted to announce that £330 was raised at this disco and this money, along with other money raised this will be used to help fund larger school projects such as the library development (see below). Thank you to everyone for your continued support.

Uniform Update

We have recently sent communication regarding the change of uniform for September. We have received samples of the uniform from different suppliers and are currently looking at the best quality and prices as well as the design of the new logo. In the new term we will be contacting parents to discuss this further and help us make decisions on next steps.

Half Term!

Don't forget that we break up for half term today and school will be closed for 1 week. We will re-open on Monday 6th June 2016 at the usual times.

Breaking News-Library Refurbishment



We are delighted to announce that during the Summer break, the library will be relocated to a different space within school. To ensure that it is the most functional space and that we are utilising every area, we have decided to remodel the front entrance. The main front doors will be repositioned meaning that a new room can be created to make way for the library. This information has been shared with the children who are all very excited about the prospect of a new library space that is better than ever.

To help make this space a reality, we are now focusing all our fundraising around this redevelopment and all money raised from events will go towards providing the best library space possible for the children of Ancaster. We hope you like the first draft picture (above). We look forward to ensuring that the space is maximised and the children have a wonderful new library to enjoy!

Early in the new term, we will be sending out sponsor forms for the children to be sponsored in a Bike challenge which will see us work together collectively to repeatedly cycle to the British Library in London and back. Advance notice of this date is Friday 24th June and the whole day will be a Festival of Cycling with many activities planned across the day; more information will be sent nearer the time (please note, parents are able to join us for parts of this day). The sponsor forms will be sent out on Monday 6th June and children will have 3 weeks to collect as many sponsors as possible. The child with the most sponsors will win a very special prize-a brand new Frog bike from Dr Bike worth up to £400. Whilst the official details will not be sent out until the beginning of term 6, we wanted you to be aware of this upcoming event.

2 one-to-one Support Assistants required for September.

Due to a child with medical needs joining our school in Foundation Stage this September, we are seeking to employ two excellent One-to-One Support Assistants to work alongside this child over the course of each day (one person will work mornings whilst the other person will work during the afternoons). More information about this post is included in the advert which can be found on our school website or by clicking this link.

<http://www.ancasterprimary.org.uk/Vacancies.asp>

Headlice

There has continued to be several cases of head lice despite the communication on the last newsletter. We try our best to ensure parents are aware of cases but ask that you check your own child's hair regularly and tie long hair back to prevent the spread of headlice. Please be aware that school staff are unable to check individual children's hair for head lice and will only notify parents if we see them or if a child's parent decides to notify the school.

Class Australia (+Y6 children) will be swimming on the first day back-please ensure swimming kits are in school with the children.