



Ancaster Church of England Primary School

Newsletter 2-25th September 2015



Dear Parents and Carers, welcome to Newsletter 2-I hope this communication finds you well. What an exceptional two weeks it has been since the previous newsletter was published. We have had trips to the Collection, visits from superheroes, Roman Wow Days, visiting PE specialists and much, much more. There is such a wonderful buzz about the school, from everyone involved, that it is very hard not to be carried along each day on a wave of positivity. The children are working incredibly hard every day and I am thrilled with the commitment and readiness to learn from everyone in school. The new classrooms are now very much established parts of the school and whilst there is still a few small jobs to complete, the feel of them and what they offer our wonderful school is just fantastic. We have met with our refurbishing team to discuss further plans for the next half term and these next jobs include the complete replacement of all internal doors, a full paint of both Classes France and India and new fitted storage being in place in these classrooms too. We will be demolishing the existing greenhouse over the course of this term and this area will be replaced with new sheds which will mean we are better equipped than ever to store our playtime and garden equipment. New scooter pods are in the process of being installed which will ensure the safe and secure storage of 20 scooters and we also have begun plans to relocate the existing library to the Gallery, above the hall, to make way for a room with kitchen facilities to allow for curriculum cooking and group intervention. This is an extremely exciting time to be involved with the school as we are very much ensuring that every area of this school is the best it can possibly be for your child. I cannot thank you enough for your positivity and continued support. Should you wish to catch me, I am available on the playground each morning and will always be more than happy to discuss anything with you, or alternatively, you can make an appointment to see me via Mrs Beard in the school office. Have an enjoyable 2 weeks and I look forward to seeing you soon. **Best Wishes. 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-Ellie Marsh, Freddy Hall and all of Class 1.

Class India-Enya Coates, Max Davies and Oscar Kerry-Dutton and Brody Ballard.

Class Madagascar- Thunchanok Khemsiri, Ally Buffham and Ewan Hull

Class Australia-Brogan Greenhalf, Fraser Coates, Phoebe Duggan and Ellie Barr

Class USA-Harry Hutsby, Neve Robert, Sam Bailey, Mischa Foster, Jack Marsh, Lucy Cullum and Archie Vangasse

Class Iceland-Ruby Coates, Hannah Franklin, Will Davies, Shawn Pellett, Whole of Class Iceland and Josh Milton

Wow Writers and Mega Maths

Wow Writers and Mega Mathematicians from each class who share their learning in assembly are celebrated. Over the past two weeks, these children were;

Mega Maths- Conrad Jackson, Kara Hunter, Emily Gresham, Gus Phillis, Josh Welby and Poppy Jennings

Wow Writers- William Hubbard, Imogen Taylor, Jack Wright, Harry Hutsby, Shawn Pellett and Charlie Baker.

**Friendship Achievement Respect
Creativity Honesty**

Individual Photographs



Please be aware that Wrates Photography will be in school on Monday 28th September during the afternoon to take individual photographs of each child.

Well done to our Exceptional Reception Children

A huge well done must go to our wonderful new Reception Class of children who have settled in so beautifully and are very much following our school routines and rules with such enthusiasm. Keep up the hard work, Class France!

Governors Needed-Is This You?

Our dynamic, forward thinking Governing Body is on the hunt for new recruits. We have vacancies which we would like to fill with people who have the skills to complement the work of Governors within school. The role of being a school Governor has changed significantly recently and we are looking for people with the ability to make the commitment to join our school and help the collective team of governors to ensure the school's consistent high standards are continued. If you think this is you, or know someone who might be interested, please see Mr Edén.



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Crossing Patrol News



As we are sure you are aware, the crossing patrol has not been manned by the very lovely Mrs Ann Butters, who has recently decided to retire from this position. We wish her all the very best in her future endeavours and know that she will continue to be a very special friend of the school.

The crossing site is being monitored closely by Lincolnshire County Council and an observation of the parking and crossing took place last week. From this, it was found that vehicles were parked sensibly and pedestrians were behaving safely. There was a slight issue in which pedestrians were experiencing difficulty in crossing the road, as people chose to cross at different parts of the road and none of which were at the crossing point. The recommendation is that everyone crosses at the designated crossing point as this is a place that regular drivers recognise as a place they expect to see children and adults crossing.

Parent Meeting Dates *Advance notice of dates*

We will be holding our parent consultations for each child in the school on 9th and 11th November from 3pm-6pm. More information will be sent out nearer the time in order for you to book your appointment; it will be at this meeting that we will be informing you of your child's initial progress this term as well as how we have assessed their attendance, attitude, behaviour and readiness to learn. We are very much looking forward to sharing this information with you. If in the meantime you have any worries or concerns, please see your child's Class Teacher who will be more than willing to meet and discuss with you.

Biker Breakfast-Friday 2nd October 2015

Dr Bike and the school's Bike It Crew will be hosting a Biker Breakfast on Friday 2nd October. All children (and adults) who arrive in school on their bike will be treated to a delicious breakfast and an opportunity to socialise before school starts. Our record has been 76 bikes in school in any one day-let's beat this!!!!

Harvest Festival



Our annual harvest festival will take place on Friday 9th October at St. Martin's church. As we now have too many children to fit the whole school into the church as well as parents, we will be holding two separate harvest festivals. These will be:

9.30am-Key Stage 2

10.30am-Key Stage 1

We hope you will be able to join us for this important celebration. If you are able to walk with a class to help maintain adult:pupil ratios, please see your child's class teacher.

This year, all proceeds will be donated to Grantham Foodbank and they have requested the following items; instant mash potato, tinned potato, tinned vegetables, fruit juice, tinned fish and meat, tinned sponge puddings, small packs of tea bags, small jars of coffee, 500g of sugar, breakfast cereal, tinned tomatoes and toiletries.



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Headlice

Please be aware that there have been confirmed cases of headlice within school. Please take steps to check your child's hair regularly and treat any instances of headlice in the first instance.

Clubs

Many of the clubs for this term are now up and running. We are pleased to offer a range of different clubs and will continue to look at this provision to ensure it is the best it can be. We generally run a limited number of clubs in the run up to Christmas due to the dark nights, but any clubs will be communicated with the relevant classes prior to them starting.

Monday	Bike Polo (Y4/5)	Dr Bike
Thursday	Football (Y2 upwards) Wildlife (KS2)	Terry Vangasse Mrs Hiorns
Friday	Rugby (KS2)	Inspire+

Should you feel that you are able to run a club for the children, this would be greatly appreciated as we know that there are many skills and talents within the parent community that we would love for our children to have access to. Please see Mr Eden who will be more than happy to discuss this with you.

Value of the Term-Tolerance

This term, we are focusing on the value of tolerance. We have used our Monday worships to explore what this means and how tolerance is something that should be applied to society, particularly as we live in a multicultural world with many different religions and faiths. Please explore this further with your child to help them understand what this means and how this can and should be applied to everyday life.

Good Neighbour Award Announced



Last week we awarded our latest recipient of the 'Good Neighbour Award' their special badge to wear with pride. Keira Nettelton, a pupil in Year 5 demonstrated that being neighbourly is so much more than working with the person next door to you. Prior to the summer break, she organised an event in the village to raise funds for children via the Rainbow Trust. We are incredibly proud to be able to inform you that she raised a total of £850 and this has been received and is being put to good use. For Keira to have the desire to do this, and make such a difference, we are so proud of her and what she has achieved. The Good Neighbour Award means that she will now join the growing list of children identified as being neighbourly towards others. Well done, Keira!

Should you know of any worthy children who have shown good neighbourly qualities, please do not hesitate to let us know.

Scouts in School



As part of our refurbishment process, we have donated some of our existing resources to other organisations; Mrs Tomlinson's husband is a scout leader who has taken the old picnic benches and put them to good use with the scouts. As a thank you, they are keen to give something back and have offered their services in tidying up our green areas. They will be spending the weekend camping out and their days in school on Saturday 10th October. They are looking for any kind donations of trowels and spades prior to this date and if you are kind enough to make these donations they can be given to the school office marked for the attention of Mrs Tomlinson. Thank you in advance.