



Ancaster
Church of England Primary School

Newsletter 4

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Dear Parents, Carers and members of the community, welcome to Newsletter 4. Wow, what a wonderful two weeks we have had in school. We have had the police, a nurse and clergy visiting our Year 1/2 children to explain about being real life superheroes, fantastic trips to enrich pupil learning, Year 5 undertaking bikeability with great success and a fantastic amount of parents in and around school for the parent sharing opportunities (more information below). On Wednesday 21st October, we also had a Section 48 inspection which evaluates our effectiveness as a Church school. We are extremely proud of our heritage as a Church of England Primary School and the inspector spent a full day thoroughly inspecting all areas of school life to make a judgement on our overall effectiveness. We are unable to share the result with you until the report is published however look forward to sharing this information with you in due course. As we now break up for half term, may I wish you well for the break and look forward to seeing you again on our return on 2nd November. **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-Taylor Cheevers and Alan Hunter
Class India-Alfie Dutfield and Kara Hunter
Class Madagascar-Horatio Brown and Ewan Hull
Class Australia-Alix Bailey and Benji Heron
Class USA-Eliza Batchelor and Arabella Seng
Class Iceland-Shawn Pellett and Josh Milton

Well done to St. Columba who have won the Team Point Challenge this term. They will receive a special treat next term. More details will be passed to the children over the course of the next term.

Well done to everyone for being the best you can be!

Parent Consultations Monday 9th and Wednesday 11th November



A quick reminder that Parents Evening will be held on **Monday 9th and Wednesday 11th November**. Parent Meetings are not only a statutory requirement but a great opportunity to find out how well your child has settled, their targets for this term, their current attainment in Maths and English as well as how you can help support your child to be the best they can be and reach their goals. Please ensure your meeting is booked with Mrs Beard.

Fireworks-Thursday 5th November



Once again, we will be providing the jewel in our entertainment crown of our Firework Extravaganza. Over the past 4 years, we have brought the community together for a wonderful fun filled family evening and this year promises to be no different (although there is talk of bigger and better fireworks than ever). Entry will be on the gate.

Prices are as follows;

Adults £3.00 Over 4's £2.00 Under 4's Free

This is fantastic value for money and there will be music, food and drink and of course the superb fireworks. Please let as many people know about this event, including those from other villages.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Big Bike Race-Week Beginning 9th November

We will be taking part in another Big Bike Race in which all children are invited to come to school on bikes, scooters etc. The more bikes on site each day, the more chance we have of winning- last time, we came 2nd and won one of the new scooter pods-we would appreciate your support!

Our School Values

*Friendship Achievement Respect
Creativity Honesty*

Next term, we will be focusing on one of these values each week in Collective Worship to explore its Christian nature and this could form the basis of many great discussions within the family home.

Advance Notice of Date-Children in Need

Friday 13th November

We will be holding a dress up day for children to raise money for this wonderful charity in which the children are invited to dress up as their hero or a superhero for a £1 donation. We look forward to seeing the school community come to life with superheroes.

Open Morning

Thursday 5th November

9.30am – 11.30am

Whether your child is already at school with us or hoping to join us in September, why not come along to our Open Morning. You can:

- Take an informative tour of the school
 - Join in with learning in each class
 - Talk to the staff and pupils
 - Share in our celebration assembly
- Have coffee and cake at break time with staff and other key members of the school community
- Learn of our mission, aims and successes and of course ask all the questions you want any answers to.

We very much look forward to seeing you at this special event. Please spread the word to any members of the community who may also be looking for a place for next September, it is always great to see the school full of people from the existing, and new, school community.

Flu Vaccine Success

Our Year 1 and 2 pupils were given the flu vaccine on Tuesday 20th October, in line with the NHS initiative of offering vaccinations to school children, which will help stop the spread and help protect the children. The School Nursing Team, who were responsible for administering the vaccine, were thrilled with the number of children given consent for this to take place. They also wanted the school to let parents of children in Year 1 and 2 know that if, for any reason, the vaccination did not take place, you will be able to approach your GP for this to be administered.

Ancaster Pre-School-OFSTED Outstanding!!!!

A huge well done to Ancaster Pre-school who had a recent visit from OFSTED to judge their provision on offer. We are delighted to be able to inform everyone they were judged as Outstanding and are keen to let people know that they have spaces (including funded 2 and 3 year old places) which are available now!

Parent Sharing Opportunities

Thank you to everyone who attended the parent sharing opportunities over the course of this week. Seeing so many parents in school was absolutely wonderful and the children always respond so positively when they have the opportunity to share their learning with their loved ones. If you couldn't make these sharing opportunities, please do not worry as there will be plenty more opportunities to get involved in the future.

Wonderful Year 6



Well done to our super Year 6 pupils who undertook their residential trip to Castleton and had a wonderful time. We were contacted by their group leader who wanted to pass on the following message: 'I would just like to say thank you to all the pupils at Ancaster CofE Primary School for making your trip a great one. All the children were incredibly well mannered and were a pleasure to teach'. Thank you to both Mrs Hiorns and Mrs Tomlinson for organising the trip and a big thank you to parent, Mr Dan Greenhalf, for taking time out of his busy work schedule to take part in the trip.

New Logo and Prospectus



Our brand new logo is now being used to replace the existing one that is used in official communication. This logo has been created alongside a new prospectus and other materials to help showcase people our fantastic school.

In addition to this, we have a new letterhead which will now be used whenever we send out any letters. We hope you are as happy as we are with the new look logo, however please be assured that there are no immediate plans to change the branding on any of the school uniform. Any decisions made on the changing of uniform will be communicated with parents.

For a look at the new materials, please attend our Open Morning-see more details above.

From everyone at Ancaster-have a wonderful half term break!