



Ancaster
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Newsletter 6

2nd December 2015



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Dear Parents, Carers and members of the community, welcome to Newsletter 6. It has been a wonderful few weeks in school since the previous newsletter and whilst Christmas is just around the corner, we have had great fun closing down the current topics so that we can focus on the magic of Christmas. This term the children have absolutely shone in their learning and have made excellent progress across the curriculum. We are thrilled with the outcomes of this history based topic and look forward to continuing this development next term, as our focus shifts to Journeys (see below). For now, there are many exciting activities planned between now and Christmas and I have included key dates for your diary so that you can see how the next two weeks are planned out. Have a wonderful 2 weeks and I look forward to seeing you around school.

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-Hollie Larrad , Millie Lunn

Class India-Lexi Davies, Smilte Jacunskyte, Alfie Dufield and Emily Awcock

Class Madagascar-Max Davies, Maisie Whatton, Horatio Brown, Skye Chapman

Class Australia-Kayla Rohland, Eva Lunn, Romeo Gibson and Max Vangasse

Class USA-Esmæ Millot, Ethan May-Jackson, Keeley Creasey, Laura Franklin.

Class Iceland-Jack Stonestreet, George Taylor, Harvey Greenhalf and Jessica Annan.

Riproaring Readers and Mega Mathematicians

The following children have all been recognised for their excellent achievement in these areas this term. Well done everyone.

Mega Maths-Oscar Kerry-Dutton, Oliver Hague, Ruby-Rose Rosling, Emily Herrick, Rosie Lawson and Olivia Clark-Monk

Rip-roaring Readers-Alfie Lowe, Annie Batchelor, Christopher Clark-Monk, Eva Lunn, Harry Hutsby and Poppy Jennings.

Disco-Friday 4th December

Our re-energised PTFA have met for the first time and have been busy building upon the success of the Firework Extravaganza to now offer a Christmas Disco on Friday 4th December. Mr Eden will be DJ and there will be drinks, snacks, sweets and glosticks to light up the night. The timings are as follows;

Key Stage 1-5pm-6pm

Key Stage 2-6-7pm

Entry is on the door and priced at £1.50 and this includes all drinks for the duration.

Christmas Dates for your Diary



Tuesday 8th December-Children may come to school dressed in non-uniform today in exchange for a prize for the tombola or our barrel of booze. (Children from Class USA have the choice whether to dress up for Viking Day or come in non-uniform)

Wednesday 9th December-Key Stage 1 Christmas Performance of their nativity play at 2pm-*Ticket Only*

Thursday 10th December- Key Stage 1 Christmas Performance of their nativity play at 2pm *Ticket Only*

Friday 11th December-Key Stage 2 Christingle in church at 9.30am-All welcome.

Friday 11th December-Christmas Fayre from 1.30pm.

Monday 14th December-Whole School Pantomime trip to Grantham Guildhall. Cold option only to be ordered from 'Good Looking Cooking'. *We have utilised all of the school's staff on this trip so will not need any volunteer help on this trip.*

Monday 14th December-Santa is visiting school this afternoon to deliver the PTFA's gifts to the children.

Tuesday 15th December-Foundation Stage Christmas Extravaganza-parents/families of FS welcome for this wonderful performance at 2.30pm

Wednesday 16th December-Class Parties during the afternoon-Classes will be sending letters with more information.

Thursday 17th December-Christmas Dinner Day and Last day of term.

Monday 4th January-INSET Day-School closed for children.

Tuesday 5th January-First day of Term 3.

Starting School in September 2016?

If your child, or someone you know is due to start school next September, please be aware that the application round is now open. Should your child have a sibling in school, make sure that this criteria is outlined in the application as this will strengthen the application and secure a place at the school. If someone you know is interested in sending their child to our school we would love to hear from them and will be happy to show them around.

Remembrance



A huge thank you for your contributions to the Poppy Appeal earlier this term. We are delighted to be able to inform you that £122.25 was kindly donated, which will help to ensure the work of the Royal British Legion is able to continue.

A huge thank you must also go to Mr Clark-Monk (parent) who came in to school to deliver a wonderful presentation to our Key Stage 2 children on the true meaning of Remembrance.

New Governors

At a recent Full Governing Body meeting, we were delighted to welcome 3 new co-opted Governors to the team. Julia Dorling, Margaret Kirby and Juliette Kerry all were very enthusiastic about taking on the role and helping Ancaster be the best it can possibly be. We will be sharing their information in the Governor Focus which will resume in the new year.

Journeys Curriculum Topic-Term 3/4



When we return in January, we will begin our new topic, which has the umbrella theme of 'Journeys'. We are very excited about this topic as there are many cross curricular links that can be made to bring learning to life for our pupils. Teaching staff have been busily planning the curriculum for next term, but we have also recently held a Big Conversation which involved every child in school being able to tell us what they want to learn about and give us their ideas to enrich the curriculum further.

Christmas Fayre Friday 11th December 1.30pm onwards



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 crafts, gifts, decorations and so much more. You can join in the raffle to win a barrel of booze or a mountain of chocolate, play some games and indulge in some Christmas refreshments (mince pies)!

Children can be collected from 1.10pm onwards from their classrooms and then at 1.30pm, any remaining children will be in Class France. When collected, children will need to be signed out by an authorised adult who will then take full responsibility for them for the remaining time in school. Any child not collected before 3.30pm will be helping on stalls or be supervised undertaking Christmas activities in class. ALL children must be collected by 3.30pm.

We are aiming to have a wonderful Christmas Fayre and hope that you are able to join us and begin the festive celebrations.

Parents in School

We are aware that parents often need to speak to teachers before the start of the school day and we try to overcome this by ensuring all staff are on the playground each day from 8.45am prior to the bell ringing at 8.50am.

On reviewing our fire risk assessment and safety policies and procedures, we have identified a potential hazard that involves parents letting themselves into the school via the playground entrances to find school staff and speak to them. When this is the case, we have no way of knowing who is in the building at these times and we ask that parents who need to pass a message on, please speak to the teacher when they enter the playground or make a longer appointment via Mrs Beard in the school office. Please note: Class Teachers will need to leave the playground as soon as the bell rings to ensure they are available for all of the children in their class.