



Ancaster  
Church of England Primary School

## Newsletter 9

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Dear Parents, Carers and members of the community, welcome to Newsletter 9. What a wonderful couple of weeks it has been since the previous newsletter. With so much happening in and around the school, there is much to celebrate. As word spreads about the provision on offer at Ancaster and the outstanding practice that is taking place each day in our wonderful school, we are increasingly being asked if visitors from other schools can come and share in the excitement and see the provision for themselves. The feedback from these visitors is excellent with so many positive comments made about the premises, learning, teaching, behaviour, leadership and our church school success. Sharing our school with others makes me so incredibly proud and hearing their comments makes me realise how far we have come as a school in every way. We are on a very special journey and it is a pleasure to share this journey with the school community. As always, if you would like to catch me, I am available each morning on the school gate and by booking an appointment with Mrs Beard. I hope you have an enjoyable two weeks and look forward to seeing you soon. **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**-Alan Hunter, Zach Bristow

**Class India**-Oscar Kerry-Dutton, Annie Batchelor, Kara Hunter,

**Class Madagascar**-Edie-Mae Hotchkins, Christopher Clark-Monk, Oliver Hague,

**Class Australia**-Lilly Fields, Romeo Gibson, Nicole Barnes-Green

**Class USA**-Laura Franklin, Harry Shadbolt, Josh Welby, Khya Colcomb

**Class Iceland**-Jamie Seng, Chloe Gresham, Jessica Blankley, Grace Turner

#### **Wow Writers and Mega Mathematicians**

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

**Mega Maths**- Troy Chapman, George Bailey, Owen Rohland, Kayla Rohlan, Archie Vangasse, George Taylor

**Wow Writers**-Maizie Rasdall, Lilly Knight, Keiley Hayter, Michael Lawson, Liam Walsh, Soraya Morais, Mischa Foster, Justin Dixon-Hardy

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

### **Refurbishments to the Main School**

As you are aware, we remain committed to ensuring that the main building is completely refurbished to the highest possible standard. Having started our work on the school just under a year ago, we have completed over 90% of the school with just one part of the main corridor and the school hall to refurbish.

Over the course of the Christmas break, we had the corridor leading to Class France decorated as well as the library space redeveloped and transformed into a new Curriculum Kitchen. In this fantastic space, the children can cook and bake their own creations in line with the DT curriculum and enrichment. Having had groups working in this room all week, the children have given this new area a big thumbs up! The picture below shows the kitchen space now provided.



### Individual Photographs



Please be aware that Wrates Photography will be in school on 2<sup>nd</sup> March during the afternoon to take Class/Group photographs of each child. As always, please ensure the correct uniform is worn by your child.

### Reception/Year 1 Bikeability Programme



Over the last few days, we have had 3 specially trained tutors in school to work with all Reception and Year 1 children on learning to ride a bike.

Seeing the children, working in small groups, zooming around and making excellent progress was a wonderful sight. Well done to our superstar pupils!

### FAB Friday



Each Friday afternoon in the very last session of the week, we encourage the children from all year groups to mix into groups and learn from each other collaborating on a given theme; we call this FAB Friday-it is a truly magical part of the week where pupils come together as one. This term, we are having a big focus on reading and sharing books. The children asked for this during a recent BIG Conversation and we have used their ideas to plan a menu of FAB Friday events for the rest of this academic year.

### Arriving Late

School officially starts for all children at 9am with the bell ringing at 8.50am. We expect all children to be in school for 9am when the gates will be locked. We are noticing that an increasing number of pupils are arriving late to school. It is vital that children are at school every day, on time, and ready to learn. Punctuality is an area of focus of the school and we will be writing to parents of pupils who are persistently late should improvements not be seen this term.

### Share and Shine Time!



Don't forget-family sharing will take place week commencing 8<sup>th</sup> February and this is the children's opportunity to share with you the learning that has taken place across the curriculum.

The dates for these sharing opportunities are as follows;

**Class France** -Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> Feb at 9.15am

**Class Iceland**-Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> at 3pm

**Class USA**-Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> at 3pm

**Class Australia**-Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> at 3pm

**Class Madagascar**-Friday 12<sup>th</sup> at 9.15am

**Class India**-Friday 12<sup>th</sup> at 3pm

### Pupil Profile Sheets



Last week, you will have received the latest Pupil Profile sheet which is aimed to keep you up to date and informed of your child's progress. If you have any questions regarding this information, please do not hesitate to catch your child's Class Teacher who will be more than happy to discuss this further.

### Informing the School Office of changes to picking up arrangements



We recognise that changes can occur with respect to picking up arrangements at the end of the day. However, we have recently noticed that the number of calls the school receives in a day asking us to inform children of changes has increased dramatically. To reduce the additional burden this administration is placing on the school; please can we ask that, where possible, arrangements are made prior to the school day starting and changes are only communicated via the school office as a last resort. Thank you for your cooperation with this.