



Ancaster CofE Primary School

Newsletter 5 – 8th November



Welcome to Newsletter number 5. The children have made a brilliant start to term 2 and already we have had open morning, fireworks and parent meetings as well as lots of exceptional learning in every class. This term promises to be as packed as we usually expect with the build up to Christmas festivities. We will be in touch with you soon regarding Christmas events and look forward to celebrating this special time with everyone. In the mean-time, we will be continuing to focus on our current 'Fantastic Fiction' topic which has been wonderful so far, as has the learning from each class. I hope you find the information in this newsletter useful. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you need any further information. Best Wishes, **Mr Eden**

Be the Best you can Be!

Our certificates for achievement were awarded to;

Class 1-Max Lewis, Jack Green, Maisy Whatton

Class 2-Ethan May-Jackson, Matthew Holmes,
Brogan Greenhalf

Class 3-Will Davies, Ashlee Hayter, Lois Taylor

Class 4-Keiran Barnes-Green, Jessica Blankley,
Cameron Wills, Olivia Allen

Class 5-Will Blankley, Maisy Pattison, Alice Selby

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

Wow Writers- Gus Phillis, Matthew Holmes,
Chloe Gresham, George Taylor, Lois Taylor, Ellen
Stafford, Alice Selby.

Mega Mathematicians-Harry Askham, Sam
Bailey, Lilly-Belle Turner, Emily Herrick, Will
Davies, Jamie Seng, Rose Read.

Team Points

All children in school are assigned a place in one of four teams (siblings will be in the same team) and can be awarded team points by any member of staff. Each week, the children record their points and these are totalled and announced in our Thursday assembly. Over the course of the term, the cumulative total is calculated and in the final week of each term the winning team is announced. Team point totals for this week are as follows;

Saturn-112

Minerva-174

Apollo-130

Maia-113

Well done to all of the children for their continued enthusiasm and hard work in school.

Parents Evening



On Monday 4th and Thursday 7th November, we held the first of our Parents Evening Meetings. Thank you for your attendance at these meetings, we hope you found them useful and informative in how your child has settled into their new class environment, current levels of attainment and any targets that have been set for this academic year. To gain parental feedback, we also asked each parent to fill out a questionnaire in which responses were measured against the following statements/questions.

- My child feels safe at Ancaster CofE Primary School.
- My child makes good progress at Ancaster CofE Primary School.
- My child is well looked after at Ancaster CofE Primary School.
- My child is taught well at Ancaster CofE Primary School.
- My child receives appropriate homework for their age.
- The school makes sure its pupils are well behaved.
- The school deals effectively with bullying.
- The school is well led and managed.
- The school responds well to concerns I raise.
- Overall, does the school promote good behaviour?
- I receive valuable information from the school about my child's progress.
- Would you recommend Ancaster CofE Primary School to another parent?

We are analysing the full responses and will publish the full feedback in the next newsletter.

Christmas Fayre

It may seem a long way off yet, but Christmas is only around the corner (less than 7 weeks, in fact)! Our Christmas Fayre is planned to take place on Friday 13th December between 2-4pm. We hope you can join us for this event and if you wish to hold a stall, please see Mrs Beard in the office.



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Open Morning



We held our annual Open Morning on Friday 1st November and it was absolutely amazing. The children across the school shared their learning and we were inundated with parents. Over 50 adults came in to school, which is the largest amount of parents we have had to our Open Morning event in recent years. There were many positive comments from parents and grandparents which include,

'First impressions on coming into school are one of a very happy and bright school. The opportunity to visit all classes and see the children working is wonderful. The programme of assembly was excellent. It is also lovely to see a combination of learning and happiness within a school, tempered with discipline and respect. Overall, a very enjoyable morning. Well done to the staff and pupils. Grandparent, November 2013

'This was a really useful way to meet the teachers and see the classrooms in action. All the activities were very interesting and showed lots of learning across the school. Everyone was very welcoming!' Parent, November 2013

'I was most impressed with the atmosphere! The children were relaxed and keen to work. The school is so light and welcoming. It was nice to feel part of the school. Parent, November 2013

Thank you to all that came to the Open Morning and to all parents for your continued support. If you would like to look around the school or have a guided tour, then please request an appointment with Mrs Beard.

PTFA Firework Night



Our annual Firework event was held on Tuesday 5th November. It was a hugely successful night full of music, tasty food, fun treats and of course fabulous fireworks. The fireworks certainly lit up the night sky and your generosity helped the amount of money raised total a staggering £650. We are extremely pleased that this event continues to be as well attended as it really is an event that brings the whole community together. We hope to continue to hold the firework extravaganza on an annual basis, so look forward to providing the same event again next year.

A huge thank you must go to our wonderful PTFA for organising and coordinating the event as well as Simon Stafford, Jason Taylor and Terry Vangasse who set the fireworks off!

School Safety



Please be reminded that children who come to school unattended should not be entering the school playground in the morning until 8.40am. Staff will be on the playground from 8.45am and until this point, there is nobody to look after children who arrive early. Recently, we have had to speak to children who have been arriving on the premises from 8.30am. If you would like your child to attend our breakfast club, please book in with Mrs Beard at the school office.

Children in Need-Friday 15th November

Our School Council have met and discussed arrangements for Children in Need. To raise funds for this incredible charity we would like to hold a 'Onesie/Pyjama' day in which the children can come to school in their onesie or pyjamas and bring a minimum of 50p donation. We are also holding a bring and buy session where the children can bring or buy old toys and games. Children will need to bring up to £2 to buy an item. Finally, School Council are appealing for any loose change-if you have any odd coins lying around, we are hoping to cover giant spots in the hall with spare change. We hope you are able to support us in fundraising for this worthwhile cause.

