



Ancaster CofE Primary School

Newsletter 9 – 11th January 2013

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WELCOME BACK AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

We all hope that you had a good Christmas break and managed to overcome the variety of bugs that were looming last term. We're off to a great start to Term 3, having had a brilliant first week back and have many things to look forward to in the coming weeks ahead.

Special Mentions



In our celebration assemblies, certificates have been given to:

- Class 1** – Harry Askham and Tyler Walters
- Class 2** – Justin Dixon-Hardy and Willow Hanks
- Class 3** – William Cullum and Jessica Annan
- Class 4** – Cameron Wills and Katie Hutsby
- Class 5** – Sam Holmes and Amy Greetham

Team Point Totals:

Maia - 168
Apollo - 116
Minerva - 124
Saturn - 150

The End of an Era



It is with a heavy heart, that I share the news, that after 28 years of service to our school in the role of lollipop lady, dinner lady and most prominently school caretaker, Mrs Anne Butters has decided to retire at the end of this term.

The staff, governors and children can't thank her enough for her time and the dedication she has shown and hope you will join us in saying a great big thank you for everything she has done. She will be sorely missed but we will not be missing the opportunity to ensure we give her a proper send off and celebrate her time with us. (Most of it's a secret but we'll let you know somehow!)

A new opportunity to join our team CARETAKER NEEDED

In light of Mrs Butters retirement, we are now on the search for a new school caretaker. The post is advertised on the Lincolnshire County Council website, and below are some brief details about it. If you, or someone you know may be interested, please contact the school office via phone or email, and Mrs Beard will be happy to share the full ad, job description and person spec with you plus provide you with an application form.

BRIEF POST DETAILS:

- 22hrs per week split between 7.30 – 9am and 3 – 6pm.
- 46 weeks per year (to include school hols)
- Start date (inc handover) Mon 11th Feb
- Experience an advantage but not required
- Responsible for general maintenance, cleaning, health and safety and security of the school site
- Will take pride in their work and be friendly and flexible

Closing date: Mon 21st Jan Interviews: Mon 28th Jan

Attendance and Lateness



Yes, it's a smile not a moan! We just wanted to say thank you for the response we've had to the letter that was sent out on Tuesday. The number of children arriving late has significantly decreased this week and attendance across the school has been excellent. Well done and keep it up!

School Nurse to see Foundation Stage Pupils



For parents of children in Class 1 Foundation Stage, please be aware that the school nurse will be in on Monday 14th from 9.15am to carry out annual height and weight measurements and to test pupils hearing.

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Share and Shine Family Assemblies



Our family assemblies are back this term and we hope you will be able to join us to share in the learning your child has done and celebrate their hard work.

Each assembly apart from Class 5 will start at 3pm.

Monday 11th Feb – Class 1

Tuesday 12th Feb – Class 2

Wednesday 13th Feb – Class 3

Thursday 14th Feb – Class 4

Friday 15th Feb – Class 5 – 9 am

We look forward to seeing you there!

Recyclable Resources Needed



To support and fulfil Class 3's learning this term, we could really do with donations of your recyclable rubbish. Tins, cartons, shoe boxes etc would all be greatly appreciated, particularly if they'd help make a musical instrument!!

Please return student update forms to the office as soon as possible!

Parents Evenings in Term 4

Thursday 28th February: 4 – 6pm

Tuesday 5th March: 4 – 6pm

Further details and appointment forms to follow.

Snow

With the threat of snow looming please remember:

- Send your child in warm outer wear and vitally a change of outdoor shoes, preferably wellies, so we can all go outside still.
- Listen to Lincs FM and check their website in case of school closures. This will only be a last case scenario.
- Stay Safe! Take extra precaution on the roads and leave extra time to get to school without hurrying.

Remember to share your view at Parent View



<http://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk>

Working in Partnership ACHIEVING QUALITY TOGETHER



Over the past few years we have always tried to work closely with other local schools in order to provide our children with extended quality learning experiences. Most recently an opportunity arose for this to become more strategic and valuable and we are very pleased and privileged to now be part of a collaborative partnership with four other schools. These are:

- Welbourn CE Primary School
- Navenby CE Primary School
- Caythorpe Primary School, and
- Sleaford Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Primary School.

Each of the schools has its own distinctive characters and strengths and this is not an attempt to join schools or change our own schools in anyway. It is however, a funded opportunity, for staff and governors to share expertise, children to gain further learning opportunities and experiences and for us all to benefit from working together. I have already gained and been able to offer great support to the other head teachers and we are excited and passionate about disseminating this to all stakeholders.

Child 'Ambassadors' from each of the schools will be meeting on Tues 29th Jan at Welbourn to create our partnership logo, receive iPad training and discuss how they wish to benefit from the partnership! It's all very exciting!!

Students in Class 3

We are very pleased to be able to support some student teachers with their training. This year they will be working alongside Mrs Parsons in Class 3. They have some visit days this term but will begin their 5 week placement on Monday 4th Feb. If you wish to discuss this further please see Mrs Parsons. We appreciate your full support with this!