



Ancaster CofE Primary School

Newsletter 4 – 17th October



Welcome to Newsletter number 4. I cannot quite believe we are at the end of Term 1 already. Time has literally flown by and looking back, it really has been a super term. Next term promises to be just as action packed and I am looking forward to sharing with you, the many exciting learning opportunities we have planned. On behalf of all of us in school, have a wonderful half term and I look forward to hearing all about your family adventures when we return on **Monday 28th October**. I hope you find the information on this newsletter informative; if you would like to speak to me please do not hesitate to catch me at the gate or arrange an appointment. Best Wishes, **Mr Eden**

Be the Best you can Be!

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-Jasmine Gheniou, Nicole Barnes-Green, Erin Taylor, Kayla Rohland, Lois Taylor, Ashlee Hayter, William Cullum, Callum Arnold, Emily Pattison, Hannah Hinbest, Jake Johnson and Jamie Robertson.

Mega Mathematicians-Liam Walsh, Horatio Browne, Ava Roberts, Josh Welby, Olivia Allen, Jenna Marshall, Emily Herrick, Jack Wright, Jamie Seng, Heather Butters.

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. As this is the last week of term, the winning team for this term was Apollo who gathered a staggering 656 team points between them and enjoyed a treat of a trip to the park. We had great fun and Mr Eden even had a go on the zip wire! The totals for this term are as follows;

Saturn-614
Minerva-501
Apollo-656
Maia-509

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

Disco News

The Disco was a huge success and the children (and adults) had great fun moving to the tunes of DJ Eden. We shall let you know the total raised in the new term.

Harvest Festival-Thank You!



Thank you to all who donated an item to our Harvest service or came to St. Martin's Church to see how wonderfully the classes presented their learning. It was a super service and the huge amount of donations we were able to send to Grantham Foodbank were very much appreciated. Thank you for your continued support.

We are on Twitter- @ancasterprimary



We are continuing to use our Twitter account to let our followers (of which, there are currently 11) know what is happening inside the school. Some of the tweets have actually been sent by the children and this is a great way of keeping in touch. If you are on Twitter, or aim to set an account up, our profile name is @ancasterprimary. We will aim to update daily, in addition to the school website, so this really is a new way of keeping up to date with the latest happenings of school. We look forward to you joining our followers list.

Parents Evening

A quick reminder that Parents Evening will be held on **Monday 4th and Thursday 7th 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 literacy and how you can help support your child to be the best they can be and reach their end of year goals. Please ensure your meeting is booked with Mrs Beard.



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Open Morning Friday 1st November 9.30 – 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 from our pupils
- Join in with learning in each class
- Talk to the staff and pupils
- Share in our celebration assembly
- Have coffee and cake with our volunteers
- Learn of our mission, aims and successes
- and of course ask all the questions you want any answers to.

There will be lots of information available including our school brochure, admission packs and examples of school and governor newsletters which keep you up to date throughout a school year.

Governor News

Are you interested in becoming a Governor?

If the answer to the question above is 'yes', then we would love to hear from you. We are very lucky to be welcoming Mrs Sally McDowall on to the Governing Body as a Parent Governor and Mr Steve Rudd as Support Staff Governor. However, we currently have Parent and Community vacancies and are looking to fill these in the next term. We are incredibly lucky to have such a supportive Governing Body and we are also pleased to announce that at the recent Full Governing Body (FGB), Mrs Viki Thomas was appointed as the Chair of Governors. She is herself a teacher who now works for the Lincolnshire Birth to Five Service and is incredibly happy to become the Chair and lead the Governors in being the best they can be. We will be sending out more information after half term to include information about the roles and responsibilities attached to being a Governor. Until then, we hope that any willing volunteers are able to consider joining us in achieving our vision of becoming an outstanding school.

PTFA Firework Night

Tuesday 5th November 6.30pm onwards



Tickets are now on sale for our amazing Firework Extravaganza. Over the past 2 years, we have brought the community together for a wonderful fun filled family evening which will include food, drinks, music and of course a firework display which we aim to be our biggest and best yet. We hope you, your family and friends are able to join us in what promises to be the best ever firework night. Tickets are available from PTFA members, and will be on sale on the school gate at the beginning of the day and after school. **Tickets are priced £3 for adults, £2 for children and under 4s are free.**

School Uniform



In school, we are noticing recently that there are instances where children are coming to school wearing nail polish and jewellery as well as some older children wearing make-up. Please be reminded that these are not part of school uniform and we ask that only the correct uniform is worn to school (see below). At Ancaster, we believe that what a child wears to school reflects his/her attitude to learning. It portrays the school ethos and shared positive values.

Our uniform consists of the following.

- School royal blue jumper
- White or blue polo shirt or shirt
- Black or grey trousers, shorts or skirt
- Or a white and blue summer dress
- Grey, black or white tights/socks
- Black shoes

Film Club Reminder

Please be reminded, there will be no Film Club on Monday 4th November due to Parents Evening.



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Operation Christmas Child



In the past, we have encouraged the children to consider the needs of others at special times such as Christmas through participating in Operation Christmas Child, a charity who ask that you fill an empty shoe box with items for either a boy or a girl. These shoe boxes are then distributed to children based on need and regardless of religion or background. We are supporting this charity in school and each class will be producing two boxes. We would love to be able to send many shoe boxes to have the most impact-are you able to help? Mrs Hiorns is working alongside Mrs Annan, a parent volunteer to ensure this year we participate fully. Please see either if you wish to participate.

Parent Forums

We would like to establish a Parent Forum. In school, we have a number of priorities in which we would like to consult parents and gain views to ensure we are being the best we can be. The areas we would like to consult on over the course of this year are; homework, the new curriculum, PE and the outdoor areas. We would like the different areas to be discussed by different parents to ensure a wide variety of views can be heard. Mrs Parsons will be leading these forums and if you wish to be involved in any of the above; please approach her to register your interest.

Relief Lunchtime Supervisor



We have a super team of lunchtime staff who work incredibly hard each day to ensure that the children are happy and safe at lunchtimes. From time to time, we may need an extra member of staff to call upon if one person is ill or not in school. For this reason, we are looking for someone who is willing to be called upon in times such as above. If you are willing, please see Mrs Beard in the school office who will give you more information.

Share and Shine Time!



Family worships have taken place this week and what a lovely set of assemblies they were. The children have worked so hard over the course of this term and it was wonderful to see them showcasing their learning to the parents in very different ways. We will be holding these parent assemblies again in Term 3 and will let you know the dates in the new year. Thank you for your attendance at these events, the motivation from the children is incredibly clear whenever parents are invited to attend these assemblies.

Attendance

Each term we monitor the attendance of each child and each class. We are very proud to be able to inform you that attendance over the course of this term has been absolutely fantastic! Well done to Class 3 who won the attendance cup by gaining an overall attendance figure of 98.8%. When looking at attendance, letters are sent to parents of pupils where attendance drops below 90% however, in assembly we have celebrated the following pupils achieving 100% attendance for this term; [Harry Askham](#), [Alex Bailey](#), [Alfie Baker](#), [Ally Buffham](#), [Skye Chapman](#), [Max Davies](#), [Jasmin Gheniou](#), [Jack Green](#), [Emily Gresham](#), [Oliver Hague](#), [Lottie Hendry](#), [Benji Heron](#), [Edie-May Hotchkins](#), [Ewan Hull](#), [Thunchanok Khemsiri](#), [Michael Lawson](#), [Soraya Morais](#), [Ava Morgan](#), [Gus Phillis](#), [Gabiella Roberts](#), [Owen Rohland](#), [Eliana Shelbourn](#), [Liam Walsh](#), [Isabelle Welby](#), [Charlie Askham](#), [Sam Bailey](#), [Khya Colcomb](#), [Lucy Cullum](#), [Jaydon Dixon-Hardy](#), [Matthew Holmes](#), [Rosie Lawson](#), [Niamh Morgan](#), [Ava Roberts](#), [Shakira Roper](#), [Tyler Rosling](#), [Arabella Seng](#), [Erin Taylor](#), [Archie Vangasse](#), [Max Vangasse](#), [Callum Arnold](#), [Jacob Barrett](#), [Ryan Chapman](#), [William Cullum](#), [Will Davies](#), [Justin Dixon-Hardy](#), [Willow Hanks](#), [Ashlee Hayter](#), [Poppy Jennings](#), [Jack McDowall](#), [Keira Nettleton](#), [Shawn Pellett](#), [Lois Taylor](#), [Sam Taylor](#), [Jack Wright](#), [Olivia Allen](#), [Keiran Barnes-Green](#), [Harry Demetriou](#), [George Fisher](#), [Harvey Greenhalf](#), [Jasmine Hendry](#), [Jessica Heron](#), [Hannah Hinbest](#), [Sophie Machlachlan](#), [Edwin Maughan](#), [Freya Mettam](#), [Jasmine Pellett](#), [Jamie Seng](#), [Ebony Sumner](#), [Grace Turner](#), [Becky Vallance](#), [Steven Vallance](#), [Cameron Wills](#), [Daniel Annan](#), [Sam Bailey](#), [Mya Baker](#), [Heather Butters](#), [Megan Dillon](#), [James Farrant](#), [Katie Hutsby](#), [Morgan Mason](#), [Maisy Pattison](#), [Rose Read](#), [Harry Spencer](#), [Lauren Vine](#).
Well done and keep the efforts up.