



# Ancaster CofE Primary School

*Newsletter 19 – 19<sup>th</sup> July 2013*

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## Special Mentions



**In our celebration assemblies, certificates have been given to:**

**Class 1** – All of Class 1 for being a wonderful class this year

**Class 2** – All of Class 2 for being fab for Mr Eden, plus George Taylor, Harry Hutsby and Shawn

**Class 3** – Harrison Taylor, Will Davies, Harvey Greenhalf and Jessica Annan

**Class 4** – All of Class 4 for a wonderful 'Climates' assembly plus Holli Batchelor and George Fisher

**Class 5** – All of Class 5 from Class 1 for writing them super stories. All of Class 5 for a super play and, all of Y6 for being fab hosts and hostesses at the Volunteers Tea.

### **WOW Writers:**

Eva Lunn, Jake Barrett, Willow Hanks, All of Class 3, Shannon Hunter, Jasmine P, Jamie Robertson and Ben Elmes

### **Mega Mathematicians:**

Emily Herrick, All of Class 3, George Fisher, Charlotte Hinbest and Libby Stafford

### **The Winning Team for Term 6 is:**

Minerva – with a whopping 956 points.

## Sports Day



### **What a fab afternoon!**

Thank you to everyone who came down to our sports afternoon last Friday. I think you'd all agree it was a super day in the sunshine. The children were brilliant and we couldn't have asked for more. Thanks to the McDowall and Fuller families for loaning their gazebos and to all our wonderful volunteers who helped ensure the day ran smoothly!

## WHAT A YEAR!!!

**It's time to reflect and celebrate!**



Well, I came back to school Mrs. Good thinking not much could top such a wonderful summer, but as ever, another year at Ancaster has proven me wrong!

The staff and children came back in exceptionally good spirits and ready to 'Be the best they can be' and we truly started the year as we meant to go on. Visits began with Class 5 visiting Burghley House and our connections with our Collaborative Partner schools got off to a great start in term 1. Term 2 was suitably highlighted by a wonderful fireworks night organised by PTFA, before we raced head on towards Christmas and were able to enjoy 'Breakfast with Santa', watch KS1 in the Nativity (with aliens) and enjoy some lovely class parties. Then of course came term 3, bringing along with it the Ofsted we'd been hoping for. We were judged as good (with outstanding features) and began to feel like the hard work was really paying off. As we glided into term 4 on our cloud of pride, we took some time to remember our much loved Simon and showed what a thoughtful community we are with another successful comic relief fundraiser – we even gave the kids the opportunity to 'show off' in aid of others and the talent show did not disappoint. Of course, as always, SATs pretty much took over term 5 but we made it as painless as possible and the children once again have knocked our socks off with their achievements plus they got a great chance to forget about them as they headed off to Castleton in the final week. And so, here we are in term 6, at the end of another year. There's been festivals, choir performances, science workshops, summer fayres, family assemblies, sports afternoon, babies, reports, plays and still to come Prom and Leavers Service. How do we do it?? Because we have great parents, fab staff and the most wonderful children who make it all worthwhile. THANK YOU!



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## MORE TO CELEBRATE!



On Wednesday we were given even more reason to celebrate, as I received a phone call asking whether we were happy to share our school's story which is to be published in a government report. Recent studies have shown that education uptake is in decline but that the Primary School sector is going against the grain, achieving better results and continued improvements in performance.

As a result, in two weeks, a report will be published entitled 'SCHOOL INSPECTION PERFORMANCE 2013' and our school is to be 1 of 36 in the country to be included. The report will be accessible to all parents (current and prospective), all Local Authority Directors and every Primary Head in the Country.

We are truly putting Ancaster on the map and are well on the way to Outstanding!

## Goodbye and Thankyou!

A huge thank you to Mrs. Cousland for stepping in and working with Mrs. Tomlinson and Class 4. She will however, be back continuing to support the school's supply needs and for this we are thrilled!

## Swimming Gala



Last Friday we took 8 KS2 pupils to compete in a swimming gala with our cluster schools at Cranwell. This was our first time in attendance, which was daunting in itself, but our children were brilliant and achieved first place in my eyes for determination, respect and inspiration. Well done to all of them!

## DIARY DATES

Mon 22<sup>nd</sup>: Leavers Service @ Church – 2pm

Tues 23<sup>rd</sup>: Last day of term and 2012-13!

On the last day of term children may bring in toys and games. These must be clearly labelled. Anything electronic or of value we would recommend they don't bring in and if they do so, must be with your permission and entirely at their risk!

## TERM DATES 2013-14

Term 1: Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> Sept – Thurs 17<sup>th</sup> Oct

Term 2: Mon 28<sup>th</sup> Sept – Fri 20<sup>th</sup> Dec

Term 3: Mon 7<sup>th</sup> Jan – Thurs 13<sup>th</sup> Feb

Term 4: Mon 24<sup>th</sup> Feb – Fri 4<sup>th</sup> Apr

Term 5: Tues 22<sup>nd</sup> Apr – Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> May

Term 6: Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> June – Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup> July

Good attendance is vital to making good academic progress. Please ensure time off is limited and authorisation is sought. The attendance policy is under review with further limitations being placed on what school can and will authorise!

## THANKYOUS

Thank you to everyone who attended the family assemblies last week, they were a real hit. Thank you to Mrs Garriock and co. for putting on a wonderful volunteers tea.

Thank you and well done to Chloe and Jack for completing two successful work experiences.

Thank you to everyone who returned their parent/pupil report feedback forms, they were incredibly positive.

Thank you to our retiring Chair and Vice Chair of Governors for their time, challenge and support whilst in post.

Thank you to the staff for their continued time and dedication, with a special thank you this week to Mrs. Hiorns for the additional time given to Y6.

Thank you to everyone in supporting our school and making it the best it can be!