



Ancaster CofE Primary School

Newsletter 6 – 22nd November



Welcome to Newsletter number 6. I cannot quite believe we are in November already and as we move through this term and the temperature begins to drop, we have so much to look forward to. There are some brilliant trips planned, learning galore and a small event in the calendar called Christmas. We are busy planning an exciting enrichment event, entitled 'Winter Wonderland', in which the children will be able to explore all elements of Christmas through a cross curricular approach. We will also ensure that we get into the spirit of Christmas through our annual Christmas Fayre. More details will be communicated via this newsletter as well as the school website. I look forward to seeing you on the gate in the morning and after school-if you would like to request a meeting with me, then please book an appointment through Mrs Beard. Best Wishes, **Mr Eden**

Be the Best you can Be!

Our certificates for achievement were awarded to;
Class 1-Jack Green, Gabriella Roberts, Owen Rohland, Liam Walsh.

Class 2-Harry Hutsby, Phoebe Duggan, Kayla Rohland.

Class 3-Shawn Pellett, Josh Welby, Willow Hanks, Ryan Chapman, Poppy Jennings

Class 4-Steven Vallance, Emily Pattison, Jasmine Hendry.

Class 5-James Farrant, Katie Hutsby, Libby Stafford, Sam Bailey.

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- Alex Bailey, Tyler Rosling, Josh Welby, Callum Arnold, Charlie Baker, Sam Taylor, Keira Nettleton, Sophie Machlaclan, Jamie Robertson and Harry Spencer.

Mega Mathematicians-Soraya Morais, Emily Herrick, William Cullum, Ebony Sumner, Holli Batchelor, Megan Dillon and Sam Bailey.

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-324

Minerva-335

Apollo-331

Maia-210

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



Well done everyone. Our final total for money raised for Children in Need was an Ancaster record breaking £284.29-FANTASTIC!!

Come to our

Christmas Fayre

Friday 13th December

2pm-4pm

Get in the Christmas spirit and purchase some of your gifts at our annual Christmas Fayre. Each class will be running their own stall plus we've invited local businesses too. We have jewellery, cards, decorations and so much more. You can join in the raffle, play some games and indulge in some Christmas refreshments (mince pies!)

Children can be collected at 2.30pm onwards from their classes but they will need to be signed out by an authorised adult who will take full responsibility for them for the remaining time in school. Any children not collected before 3.30pm will be helping on stalls or be supervised doing Christmas activities in class.

ALL children must be collected by 3.30pm.

We are allowing children to come to school on 6th December in non-uniform for exchange of prizes for our tombola-this can be as big or as small as you would like to contribute.



Thank you for your donations towards the Remembrance Collection earlier in the term. We have been told that we have raised our largest amount to date and are sending £45 to the appeal.



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Say NO to Bullying!



This week we ran yet another successful anti-bullying campaign in school. We have been thrilled with the responses from pupils and how they support one another, particularly in the area of cyber-bullying. We reviewed what bullying is and established that it is:

- Ongoing
- Unfair and
- Deliberate

And introduced pupils to CAT –

- Check
- Ask
- Tell

We feel confident that we have the right systems in place for supporting pupils, however, if your child is worried they are being bullied or you have concerns, please do not hesitate in coming to discuss these with us.

Does your child need a place in September 2014? Or does someone else you know need one?

Admission packs for new starters in Foundation Stage for September 2014 have arrived in school and are available from the school office for you to collect.

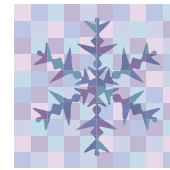
As per last year, there will be no application form in the pack as these are now online. If however, you do not have computer access you will need to make a telephone application or ask for a paper application, by contacting the Education Team at the Customer Service Centre on 01522 782030.

We've had lots of enquiries so make sure you get yours completed soon.

For more information, please visit:

www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/schooladmissions

SAFETY FIRST



Weather Warning

As the weather is now beginning to deteriorate, we are conscious of the safety of pupils in the playground. The stage and trim-trail, whilst painted with an anti-slip coating, is unable to effectively repel frost and ice. Therefore, we have asked children to remain off these pieces of equipment unless authorised by the adult on duty. **Whilst in your care at the start and end of the day, we would ask that you also keep your children off the equipment and safe on the playground. Thank you!**

Medicines

Please note that only medicines prescribed by the doctor can be administered in school by staff. They must be taken to the office and a medical form completed by an authorising parent/carer. Any un-prescribed medicines such as Calpol can only be given on school premises by a parent/carer. Please do not send your children to school with items such as tunes or soothers as they are not permitted due to health and safety reasons.

Dates for your Diary



Monday 25th Nov: Class 2 and 3 Trip to Cadbury World.

Friday 29th Nov: Class 1 trip to Belton House.

Tues 3rd-Monday 9th Dec: Book fair in school.

Thurs 5th Dec: Class 4 City of Ember Day

Friday 6th Dec: Non uniform day (tombola prize)

Friday 6th Dec: Christmas Pantomime in school for all children.

Friday 13th Dec: Christmas Fayre – 2pm-4pm

Saturday 14th Dec: Tea with Santa PTFA

Tuesday 17th Dec: KS2 Christmas Concert at Church at 6pm-All Ks2 children to attend.

Tuesday 17th & Wed 18th Dec: KS1 Christmas play performances from 2pm.

Thursday 19th Dec: Class Parties from 1.30pm onwards

Friday 20th Dec: Last day of Term – Fun and Games



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Snow



With the threat of snow looming please remember:

- Send your child in warm outer wear and vitally a change of outdoor shoes, (preferably wellington boots) so we can all still go outside.
- 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.

School Nurse to see EYFS/Y6



For parents of children in Class 1 Foundation Stage and Y6, please be aware that the school nurse will be in on Monday 25th from 2pm to carry out annual height and weight measurements.

PE

It is a legal requirement that children undertake 2 hours of physical education each week. It is incredibly important that all children participate and we will not excuse any child from a session **without a valid reason and a letter** from a parent/guardian. If your child must miss a session, please ensure the class teacher receives this information prior to the lesson.

Parent Forum

In school, we are looking in detail at key issues regarding policy and practice. One way we are trying to target all voices of the school community is by holding a Parent Forum for key areas. The first meeting took place this week regarding 'homework'. We had 5 parents give feedback on homework to Mrs Parsons, who is leading on implementing the discussions. If you have any information you think may be useful please contact Mrs Parsons. We will be holding further meetings in the future regarding different topics and hope you can join us to give your views and opinions.

Parent Questionnaire Results-2013

Questions	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
My child feels safe at Ancaster CofE Primary School.	85%	15%		
My child makes good progress at Ancaster CofE Primary School.	74%	24%	2%	
My child is well looked after at Ancaster CofE Primary School.	85%	15%		
My child is taught well at Ancaster CofE Primary School.	80%	19%	1%	
My child receives appropriate homework for their age.	46%	53%		1%
The school makes sure its pupils are well behaved.	74%	26%		
The school deals effectively with bullying.	75%	25%		
The school is well led and managed.	76%	24%		
The school responds well to concerns I raise.	75%	24%	1%	
Overall, does the school promote good behaviour?	76%	24%		
I receive valuable information from the school about my child's progress.	63%	35%	2%	
Would you recommend Ancaster CofE Primary School to another parent?	Yes 99%		No 1%	

Thank you for your participation in our Parent Questionnaire-we had 72 responses out of a possible 93 and are very pleased to hear that the overwhelming majority of parents feel happy in the areas listed above. Whilst we are thrilled with the feedback, we are always keen to improve and have listened to parent feedback via the comments boxes on both Open Morning and on this questionnaire. We are also engaging with parents through our Parent Forums. If you have anything you wish to make us aware of, please do not hesitate to contact us, or attend a forum and we will endeavour to sort any issues as quickly as possible.