



Ancaster CofE Primary School

Newsletter 3 – 4th October



Welcome to our third newsletter of this academic year. Lots has been happening in the last two weeks including baking; collaborative sports across our partnership; visiting authors, iPad workshops, dressing up, a trip to a Victorian workhouse, twitter and of course a bucket load of fantastic learning. Not a day passes without children coming to show me exceptional pieces of learning across the curriculum, making me a very proud Acting Head teacher indeed! 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!

In our Friday assemblies, we award special certificates for those children who have gone above and beyond in their learning or demonstrated a super attitude. Over the course of the year, each child will be awarded certificates. The following children have been recognised for being the best they can be...

Class 1-Michael Lawson, Thunchanok Khemsiri, Isabelle Welby, Benji Heron.

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

Class 3-Will Davies, Jessica Annan, Justin Dixon-Hardy, Charlie Baker.

Class 4-Freya Mettam, Harry McGrath, Cameron Wills, Harvey Greenhalf, Jessica Heron and Harry Demetriou.

Class 5-Maisy Pattison, Daniel Annan and Rose Read.

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

Wow Writers-Soraya Morais, Sam Bailey, Jacob Barrett, Josh Welby, Ebony Sumner, Megan Dillon.

Mega Mathematicians-Ava Roberts, Jaydon Dixon-Hardy, Charlie Baker, Sophie Machlaclan, James Farrant.

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. The winning team will be able to choose from a range of different treats to experience such as a tea party, disco, film and park visit. We will keep you informed on each newsletter of the totals for each team. The totals so far are as follows;

Saturn-359

Minerva-344

Apollo-372

Maia-344

Harvest Festival



Friday 11th October @ 9.30am

Please come and join us all at St. Martin's Church and celebrate our Harvest Festival. All classes will be sharing some of their learning including art, prayers and poetry. All parents are welcome and we look forward to seeing you there! If you are able to donate an item of food to our Harvest Festival, it would be greatly appreciated as we will be ensuring it is packaged and sent to Grantham Foodbank. If you can support your child's class and help with walking the children to and from the Church, please see the class teacher.

Y2 Sports Collaboration Morning



On Thursday 3rd October, all 5 of our collaborative partnership schools (Navenby, Our Lady of Good Counsel, Welbourn and Caythorpe) met on our school field with half of the Year 2 children from each school, for a sports event. The event was organised and run by Mrs Duncan and was yet another super opportunity for children to work with others in a supportive and collaborative manner. A huge thank you must go to Mrs Duncan for organising the morning which was a great success. Thank you also to Mrs Lawson, Mrs Askham and Mrs Creasey for helping with the refreshments, ensuring the children (and adults) did not go thirstv.

We are on Twitter!

We have set ourselves up with a school Twitter account for you to keep up to date with the latest happenings within school. If you are on Twitter, our profile name is @ancasterprimary. We look forward to 'tweeting' you exciting happenings from inside the school.



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SCHOOL CLUBS WE NEED YOU!!



We would love to be able to provide any further extra-curricular activities for our children, however skills and people power are limited. If you could volunteer some of your time and support running a small group after school, even for just a few weeks, we would love to hear from you.

Our school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of students and young people and rigorous child protection procedures are in place. A full CRB check would be required.

Restricted Parking and Access KEEP YOUR CHILDREN SAFE



The yellow zig-zag lines at the front of school are there to keep your children safe. Please do not park on the lines or use the space at the front of the gates as a turning circle. Our local police will give tickets to those doing so.

Parents Evenings



**Monday 4th and Thursday 7th November
4 – 6pm**

Please note a change of date from previous communication

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. We will contact you to make a different appointment if you are unable to attend the above dates. Please also note that we will not be running Film Club in this week.

**LETTERS WILL BE SENT OUT 4TH OCTOBER.
PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR APPOINTMENT IS
BOOKED!**

PTFA Update



Our wonderful PTFA have come together and held their AGM. The roles of each member was discussed and Mrs Greenhalf will remain as Chair, Mrs Ali Stafford is retaining her role as Secretary and Mrs Pauline Morgan is once again the Treasurer. Thank you also to committee members who also attended the meeting and have taken on additional roles. As well as electing key roles and responsibilities, the PTFA have also decided on their next round of fundraising events.

Disco-Friday 11th October

The disco will be taking place on the date above. There will be music provided by Mr Eden on his DJ decks as well as sweets, glow sticks and lots of fun! Entry is £1.50 and this includes unlimited drinks. The Key Stage 1 Disco will be 6pm-7pm and the Key Stage 2 Disco will be 7pm-8pm.

Fireworks-Tuesday 5th November

We will, once again, be providing the jewel in our entertainment crown of our Firework Extravaganza. Over the past 2 years, we have brought the community together for a wonderful fun filled family evening and this year promises to be no different (although there is talk of bigger and better fireworks than ever). Look out for more details but keep the date free as we will provide more information nearer the time.



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Share and Shine Time!



This year we will be holding family assemblies in Terms 1, 3 and 5. This term, these assemblies will take place week commencing 14th October and are the children's opportunity to share with you the learning that has taken place in maths, literacy and across the curriculum. The dates for these assemblies are as follows;

Monday 14th at 3pm-Class 2

Wednesday 16th at 9am-Class 5

Wednesday 16th at 3pm-Class 3

Thursday 17th at 9am-Class 1

Thursday 17th at 3pm-Class 4

Head Lice

There have been a number of cases of head lice reported to the school. Please help by checking your child's head and treating any cases immediately. Thank you for your continued support.

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.

Communication with Adults in School

At Ancaster, we firmly believe that communication with parents is at the heart of any work we undertake with your child. For this reason, we ensure that all staff are on the playground each morning from 8.45am. This allows any parent/carer the time to catch an adult for a quick discussion or to book an appointment if a longer meeting is required. When the bell rings, it is imperative that the staff members are then able to get into the classroom to supervise and begin teaching the children. Please utilise the 5 minutes at the beginning and end of each day to catch the teacher, book an appointment or see Mrs Beard who will arrange an appointment for you.

Billy Bob Buttons-Author Visit



This week, Billy Bob Buttons returned for a fantastic set of workshops with our Key Stage 2 children. He worked with the children on 'planning' stories and making the most of story writing. He also held a Q&A session which was a fantastic opportunity for the children to speak to and interact with a highly successful published author. We look forward to seeing the stories planned by the children come to life through their own fantastic creative writing sessions.

Class 1-Wonderland Day

Class 1 will be holding a Wonderland Day on **Tuesday 15th October** as part of their topic learning on Fantastic Fiction. School will provide the food and drinks but Class 1 children are allowed to dress as a character from Alice in Wonderland or from a traditional tale on that day. We look forward to seeing what super outfits the children come dressed in.

Attendance

A huge well done to children in school for super attendance. We will be looking closely at each child's attendance figures in the coming weeks and will communicate via individual letters if your child's attendance falls below 90%.