

Ancaster Church of England Primary School

Headteacher's February Message



Welcome to the February message from Ancaster Church of England Primary School. At the end of the last term, we were delighted with our Christmas enrichment weeks to celebrate this special time of year. Key Stage 1's exceptional performance of Prickly Hay told the Christmas story and helped children understand the real meaning of Christmas. Our Key Stage 2 pupils delivered a wonderful service in church, led by Reverend Alan Littlewood, which focused on the children reading and performing their own choral poetry and singing our favourite carols. For the first time ever, we took the whole school to Grantham Guildhall to watch the pantomime, Aladdin. The children had a fantastic time and came back with many tales to tell, huge smiles and bucket loads of festive cheer. We also held a wonderful Christmas Fayre, which helped raise a tremendous £474.37 for the school. We were delighted to see so many people from within the village attending this event and this reinforced our vision of the school being at the heart of the community. Thank you to everyone who helped make all of these events happen.

Numbers of children joining our school continue to grow and we are thrilled to welcome 1 new child into the Ancaster family this term. I am absolutely delighted with this continued upward trend in pupil numbers-please be reminded that there are only a limited number of places available within school and we welcome enquiries from parents who would like to find out more information. Please call 01400 230871 and ask to speak to Mrs Diane Beard (School Administrator) who will be happy to show you around the school and discuss any queries you might have.

We have collated the responses from the recent Parent Questionnaire. We are delighted with the response and I am pleased to be able to report the following,

- 100%** of families strongly agree/agree that their child(ren) feel safe in our school.
- 100%** of families strongly agree/agree that their child(ren) make good progress in our school.
- 100%** of families strongly agree/agree that their child(ren) are taught well in our school.
- 100%** of families strongly agree/agree that the school deals effectively with bullying.
- 100%** of families strongly agree/agree that the school promotes good behaviour.

The following comments were also made by parents;

'My child's progress has been incredible since coming to Ancaster. My child now loves to learn and has made lots of friends. Overall, we are extremely pleased-thank you!'

'Ancaster Church of England Primary School is, in my opinion, the best primary school in the area. The staff are amazing and my child just loves being there.'

An opportunity has arisen for a community governor to join our dynamic Governing Body. We do not have any parent governor vacancies currently but are hoping that a member of the Ancaster community will feel interested in gaining more information in this important, strategic role-should you wish to find out more information-please contact me in school.

I hope you all have a wonderful February.

Best Wishes, Mr Sam Eden