



Ancaster CofE Primary School

Newsletter 8 – 20th December



Dear Parents, we have made it to the end of term, and what a term it has been! Whilst this has been a long (8 week) term, the children have absolutely thrived. There is a real 'buzz' for learning all over the school and we are truly seeing what the children are capable of as we continue to strive to 'be the best we can be' and aim to move the school forward towards 'outstanding'. So, with Christmas fast approaching and the New Year just around the corner, we begin to think about the forthcoming term. Next term, we will be undertaking the whole school theme of 'Journeys' which promises to be as exciting and engaging as our 'Fantastic Fiction' theme has been this term. We will be sending out curriculum maps and parent letters from each class in the new term and these will also be available on the school website. On behalf of all the staff and governors in school, we wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! We reopen to children for Term 3 on January 7th and look forward to hearing all about your Christmas adventures. Best Wishes, **Mr Eden**.

Be the Best you can Be!



Our certificates for achievement were awarded to the following children-well done all;

Class 1-Michael Lawson, Edie Mae Hotchkin and All of Class 1

Class 2-Kayla Rohland, Khya Colcomb, Eva Lunn and All of Class 2

Class 3- Chloe Gresham, Poppy Jennings, Will Davies, Josh Welby and All of Class 3

Class 4- Cameron Wills, Holli Batchelor, Jessica Blankley, Ellen Stafford and All of Class 4

Class 5- Mya Baker, Daniel Annan and All of Class 5

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- Morgan Mason, Katie Hutsby, Ethan May Jackson, Kira Roper, Shane Hunter, Class 3, Grace Turner, Alice Selby.

Mega Mathematicians-Ellen Stafford, Hannah Hinbest, Rose Read, Matthew Holmes, Ava Roberts, Liam Walsh, Chloe Gresham, Harry Demetriou and Rose Read.

Team Points

Team point totals for the term are as follows;

Saturn-864

Minerva-1178

Apollo-1111

Maia-831

Well done to the winning team-Minerva who enjoyed their chosen treat of a trip to the park.

In January, we will be working to establish a new **whole school** behaviour system which continues to ensure children's choices are linked to consequences. We will provide more information on this in the New Year.

Christmas Fayre

This year, the Christmas Fayre was our best ever. Each class spent time making items to sell and members of the community came to set up craft, cake and art stalls. There was a real sense of community at the event and to see so many people in school enjoying the festivities was a fantastic sight to behold. It was also lovely to see Mrs Good who brought baby Benjamin (dressed as a festive reindeer) and thoroughly enjoyed speaking to parents, children and staff. We have been busy counting up the money taken and we can exclusively reveal that this year's total is a mammoth **£557.10**. This will be added to the School Fund which is a reserve of money spent solely on improving educational activities and resources for all children in school. By adding this healthy amount of money, we are giving our School Fund a much needed boost and we **Thank you** for all of your continued support! **Raffle update:** The following tickets are winners and need to be collected from the office-Pink 210, Yellow 43 and Yellow 57.

Lucky Square Winner: Sam Holmes- The Holmes family have donated the teddy to school-We thank you very much! Mrs Beard is thrilled as she has become very attached to him this term. He has been named, Charlie and is now residing in Class 5.

Christmas Productions



What a wonderful week of performances we had in school this week. Our school was awash with the sound of singing and acting as Class 1 and 2 performed their brilliant nativity, 'Humph the Camel', and Classes 3, 4 and 5 held their annual Christmas concert in church. All performances were absolutely wonderful and showcased the children's many talents. A huge well done to the children as well as **all staff** for their hard work and dedication!



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Pupil Progress Updates

Each term we look closely at the progress children are making as well as ways in which we can enrich the curriculum further to ensure the children are making as much progress as possible. Where children may have made less than expected progress this term, we identify the possible reasons why and look at extra support for the forthcoming term. We feel that, as parents, you should be as fully informed of your child's current level of attainment and the progress they are making in line with national expectations. For this reason, children in years 1-6 should have brought home with them a December update which will tell you the sublevel they started at in September and the level they have been assessed as being in December. We will also report on the level of effort made by your child as well as the attendance figure since September. If you would like to discuss the update sheets further, please make an appointment to see your child's class teacher who will be more than happy to provide more information.

You will receive further updates in April and July.

Superstar Attendance!

We have been extremely pleased with the attendance levels since September. The number of children with 100% attendance is fantastic and we are very proud to be able to report that the overall attendance figure for the school since September is currently 96.03%. We should be aiming for an overall figure of 97% and if attendance is sustained at the levels seen over the past 2 terms, we will be much improved on last year where our yearly attendance figure was 95.6%. Lateness has improved significantly too; we cannot stress enough the importance of being in school on time to ensure your child enjoys a calm start to the school day and thank you for ensuring your child(ren) are here well before 9am.

The following children have received 100% attendance since SEPTEMBER; Harry Askham, Alex Bailey, Alfie Baker, Ally Buffham, Skye Chapman, Jack Green, Lottie Hendry, Benji Heron, Michael Lawson, Ava Morgan, Gus Phillis, Gabriella Roberts, Charlie Askham, Sam Bailey, Lucy Cullum, Jaydon Dixon-Hardy, Brogan Greenhalf, Rosie Lawson, Niamh Morgan, Ava Roberts, Arabella Seng, Erin Taylor, Jake Barrett, Will Davies, Justin Dixon-Hardy, Willow Hanks, Ashlee Hayter, Jack McDowall, Lois Taylor, Sam Taylor, Olivia Allen, Harry Demetriou, George Fisher, Harvey Greenhalf, Jasmine Hendry, Jessica Heron, Sophie Maclachlan, Edwin Maughan, Steven Vallance, Cameron Wills, William Blankley and Megan Dillon. **These 44 children represent 35% of the school having 100% attendance which is absolutely fantastic. Well done to all!**

In addition to the list above, the following children have received 100% attendance for TERM 2; Horatio Browne, Maisie Whatton, Alecia Clark, Anthony Clark, Keeley Creasey, Emily Herrick, Harry Hutsby, Jack Marsh, Jessica Annan, Charlie Baker, Chloe Gresham, Oliver Undy, Jessica Blankley.

We also celebrate the attendance of each class. The class with the highest attendance figures are awarded the Attendance Cup. Here are the figures for term 2.

Class 1- 97.63

Class 2- 96.74

Class 3- 98.54

Class 4- 95.52

Class 5- 95.36

Your cooperation with attendance is absolutely vital. Time spent away from school is time that a child can never get back. Unless they are genuinely unwell or there is an exceptional circumstance, all children are expected in school. Where attendance falls below 90%, a letter will be sent home to parents detailing the exact attendance figure and the next steps that could possibly be taken. In more extreme circumstances, where attendance falls below 80%, we will need to notify our Education Welfare Officer.

*Once again, from everyone at Ancaster CofE Primary-
Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!*