



Ancaster C of E Primary School

Newsletter 12 – 7th March



Dear Parents, Welcome to Newsletter 12. Firstly, a huge 'thank you' to each parent who came to our recent Parent's Evenings. Each Class Teacher has informed me of how incredibly valuable each meeting was and how much they enjoyed discussing your child's progress, attitudes to learning as well as any other issues. From my perspective, it was also a brilliant opportunity to welcome you into school, alongside the Governors, and have a chat whilst you waited for your appointment. We also took the opportunity to ask your opinions on our homework and music provision and we are busy collating the responses to help guide the school further in being the best we can be. School continues to be a hive of activity with the introduction of our new 'Fab Friday' sessions which are discussed in more detail below, a super trip to Leicester Space Centre for Classes 1,2 and 3, group class photographs and much, much more. As always, I am available to discuss any issues with you via appointments made with Mrs Beard or if you'd rather, you can catch me on the school gate.

Best Wishes, **Mr Eden.**

Be the Best you can Be!



Our certificates for achievement were awarded to the following children in our special Friday assembly-well done all;

Class 1-All of the Year 1s

Class 2-.Rosie Lawson and Keeley Creasey

Class 3- Charlotte Blackledge

Class 4-Jessica Heron and Harry McGrath

Class 5-Mya Baker and Rose Read

Team Points

Team point totals for this week are incredibly close and are as follows;

Saturn-215

Minerva-214

Apollo-213

Maia-201

Well done to all children for following the Golden Rules and continuing to be the best they can be!

Friendship Achievement Respect Creativity Honesty

Request from the Teaching Staff

We have been informed by staff of several incidents in which parents, waiting to collect their children on the playground at the end of the school day, have been using this time to look in the classroom windows to gain the attention of their children. This can be quite unsettling for the children, often we work right up until the end of the school day. Please could we ask that parents wait for their children on the school playground and refrain from distracting the children in any of the classes.

Donations to CLIC Sargeant in Memory of Simon



In the previous newsletter, we told you that the school was holding a special assembly to remember Simon Farrant, a pupil who sadly passed away 2 years ago. The children all wore an item of red clothing, in addition to their school uniform and donated in our Silver4Simon collection.

The assembly was a lovely celebration of our memories of Simon and also included a fantastic lap of honour by James, Simon's brother in which he was cheered on by the school and his parents.

We are incredibly proud to be able to report that the **Silver4Simon collection raised a staggering £198 for the charity CLIC Sargeant.** Thank you to everyone who donated, every single amount will go to a very worthy cause.

We were also very humbled to hear that **Rose Read**, one of Simon's best friends, was keen to hold a sale of old toys. On completing the toy sale we added up her total and she helped raise a further **£48** to include in the total to be donated. Well done to Rose for her sale and donation!

This means that a fantastic £246 is to be donated.

Thank you!

Strike Action-March 26th 2014

Please note that the **school will not be closing** for the planned strike action, due to take place on March 26th. Whilst staff support the reasons for the strike, on this occasion, the school will remain open with each class being taught by their normal class teacher.



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Class 2 Junk Modelling

Mrs Duncan has now completed the Junk Modelling activity with class 2 in which she was asking for your spare pots and bottles etc. Thank you to everyone who sent in their 'junk', For this project we no longer need any more but we will let you know in the future should we require more items.

Chickens



Our resident chickens have received an upgrade to their accommodation this week, with the addition of a new Chicken Run added to their existing compound.

They are now let out every morning and then put away at the end of the school day, with nominated children taking responsibility for feeding, providing water and cleaning them out under the supervision of an adult. Our chickens are now also laying eggs which encourages the children to further understand the concept of where eggs come from and how they are a source of food.

Headlice

Please be informed that we have been informed of several incidents of Headlice within school recently. Please ensure that the risk of allowing the headlice to spread is reduced by **checking your child's hair regularly** and treating every time you find an instance of headlice in your child's hair. Please inform the school as we will then issue a message via ParentMail, to alert other parents.

Non-Uniform Day-Chocolate Tombola



This year, to help celebrate Easter, we are holding a chocolate tombola, in which every child will receive a piece of chocolate as they leave school for the end of term on Friday 4th April. For this reason, we are holding a non-school uniform day on **Friday 28th March**. Each child can come to school in their own clothes in return for an item of chocolate to donate to the tombola. This could be as small or as large as you wish to donate. We thank you in advance.

Fab Friday



As you know from previous newsletters, we are promoting spiritual, moral, social and cultural development in school and last week saw the launch of the first of our Fab Friday sessions.

Fab Friday is taking place in the very last session of a Friday afternoon and sees the whole school mixed into 4 groups and working with a teacher on a given theme.

We felt that this term, as music is a school priority, we would focus the sessions on each group learning to sing a classic Disney song, complete with a performance in a whole school singing competition in the last week of term. Mrs Talbot, as music subject leader is not responsible for a group but will provide a music master-class each week with a different team.

Working in this way helps to develop the children's team work skills. We will also use this time to encourage the children to reflect on wider world issues and cultures as well discussing moral dilemmas and topics which are important to the children and their lives.

The children have got off to a great start learning their songs and are very enthusiastic about each performance. If you would like any more information about Fab Friday, please do not hesitate to ask.

Easter Service



Our Easter Service will take place on **Friday 4th April at 9.30am at St. Martin's church, Ancaster**. The theme will be 'new life' and each class will be sharing a special themed piece of learning to celebrate Easter. All parents are welcome and we look forward to seeing you there. Please let staff know if you are able to help walk the children to church to maintain safe pupil:adult ratios.