



# Ancaster C of E Primary School

*Newsletter 14 – 4th April*



Dear Parents, Welcome to Newsletter number 14. This is the final newsletter of term as school closes for the Easter break today. We will open again at the usual times on 22<sup>nd</sup> April when Term 5 will begin. I hope you all have a restful break and enjoy the time away from school. It is always lovely to hear all about the adventures of the children (and adults) and I look forward to hearing about them on our return. I must take this opportunity to thank the pupils and staff for putting on an excellent Easter Service in church attended by both parents and governors. I felt extremely proud to be leading the school, watching every class demonstrate their Easter learning and witnessing the children showcase their many talents. Throughout the worship, the true message of Easter was never forgotten, with the continued celebration of our church school Christian ethos extremely prominent throughout. I am delighted to be able to also announce that the first of our Good Neighbour Awards have been given to two very worthy children (see below) and the latest analysis of how much progress the children have made this term continues to demonstrate how we remain resolute in our quest to ensure each and every child receives an outstanding education and the school is the best it can possibly be in every way. On behalf of everyone at school, thank you all for your dedication to the school as well as your continued support and we wish you a very happy Easter. 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**-Benji Heron and Oliver Hague

**Class 2**-.Tyler Rosling and Ava Roberts

**Class 3**- Jack Wright and Charlie Baker

**Class 4**-Jasmine Hendry and Sophie Machlachlan

**Class 5**-Will Blankley and Libby Stafford

### Wow Writers and Mega Maths

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;

**Mega Maths**- Jack Green, Jaydon Dixon-Hardy, Charlie Askham, William Cullum, Grace Turner and Jenna Marshall.

**Wow Writers**-Soraya Morais, Niamh Morgan, Lois Taylor, Olivia Allen, Megan Dillon and Matthew Holmes.

### Team Points

Team point totals for the term are incredibly close and are as follows;

**Saturn-1049**  
**Minerva-1137**  
**Apollo-1065**  
**Maia-1041**

The children will be adding to these totals in the Fab Friday singing competition- therefore, the winning team will be announced next term!

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

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## We have our first 'Good Neighbours' have been awarded!



**Our first 'Good Neighbour Awards', sponsored by Reverend Alan Littlewood, have been presented to William Blankley from Class 5 and Edwin Maughan from Class 4.**

William received his award for consistently showing great support of, and encouraging, a fellow class member which is a fantastic example of being a good neighbour.

Edwin received his award for giving up his free time on a monthly basis, after school, to help in a day centre for senior citizens in the village. He has been doing this for over two years and is a role model to all for his excellent attitude in helping others.

**Well done boys - everyone at Ancaster CofE Primary School is extremely proud of you!**

## Football Fun



On Monday 31<sup>st</sup> March, a team of pupils from **Class 4 and 5** took part in a **football tournament** at Navenby CofE Primary School alongside other schools from the local area. Despite not winning the tournament, the children had a fantastic time and played brilliantly. A huge **thank you** must go to **Colin Blankley and Lee Taylor** who chaperoned the children and ensured they demonstrated good team work skills to play to the best of their ability.



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### Gardening Club

It is with a heavy heart that, due to lower numbers of pupils attending, **Mrs Blankley and Mrs Wills have decided to stop running our Gardening Club.** This club has been an absolute asset to the school and we are very sorry this club will no longer be available after half term. **We must thank both Mrs Wills and Mrs Blankley for all of their hard work in providing this club over the past 3 years and for ensuring the front of school looks so beautiful throughout the year.**

They have used gardening club funds to buy **3 new benches** which have been built and placed next to the pond to facilitate seating in the outdoor classroom. These are a welcome addition to this area and look brilliant.

Both Mrs Blankley and Mrs Wills have said they will provide information and support to any green fingered parents who wish to take the club forward. **Please contact the school if you are interested in running Gardening Club.**

### Term 5

**Next term, the overarching theme for the curriculum is 'Footprints from the Past' and this promises to be action packed with lots of activities planned to enrich the curriculum.**

To tie in with their learning on World War 2, **Class 4 will be undertaking a visit to Stibbington**, a wartime museum and experience which allows the children to experience wartime life. **This trip will take place on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> April.**

After several years visiting Castleton for the annual residential trip for Year 6, **we have decided to hold this year's residential at PGL, Caythorpe.** Following an afternoon visit by a selection of Key Stage 2 pupils, one Year 6 pupil expressed an interest in the whole class attending, as the visit had been so good. **Our Class 5 pupils will be visiting PGL on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> - Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May.**

Swimming is an essential part of the National Curriculum and every school is entitled to offer children the chance to learn to swim. Next term, our **Class 3** will undertake weekly swimming sessions at **Grantham Mere's Leisure Centre every Monday starting on the 28<sup>th</sup> April.**

**Please ensure you have returned any reply slips to Mrs Beard at the school office ASAP.**

### Fab Friday Update



In previous newsletters, we have informed you of our new Fab Friday sessions which are taking place in the final session of each week. We have focused on working in teams to create a performance to a classic Disney song. This has been an excellent start to Fab Friday and the children have loved each week. Our final session of term has been a singing competition to showcase each performance and each and every child should be very proud of themselves for their excellent attitude and efforts each week.

Next term, we are continuing with the sessions each week, but the focus will change. To ensure we are broadening pupil's knowledge, skills and understanding of their own spiritual, moral, social and cultural development, we will be focusing on Team Building activities. These sessions will encourage the children to work collaboratively and we are all looking forward to witnessing the positive outcomes.

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### PTFA News



**Our mighty PTFA have met and discussed upcoming events for the forthcoming term.**

**On Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April**, to connect with as many parents as possible, **the PTFA are holding a coffee morning.** This will be a fantastic opportunity for you to find out any PTFA information, have your say and also meet the hard working members of the team. We hope you can make it and look forward to seeing you there!

On Friday 6<sup>th</sup> June, the PTFA will be holding a fashion show of children's clothing at Ancaster Village Hall, 6.30pm. Models will be required from Year 1 upwards and you will be able to buy items of clothing whilst raising funds for the school. More information will be sent nearer the time.



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## Mobile Phones



Please be reminded that **children are not permitted to bring their mobile phones into school** unless there is a valid reason for them to need it. In these exceptional circumstances, mobile phones should be given to the class teacher to keep the item safe and it will be returned at the end of the school day.

## Sport Relief



We are extremely proud to announce that we raised a whopping **£123 for sport relief and enjoyed a 'comfy' day in our sports-wear!** The children all ran their 'Golden mile' in the beautiful spring sunshine. Thank you for your continued support!

## Superstar Attendance!

We continue to be 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 97.17%**. As a school, we are aiming for an overall figure of 97% or above, so if attendance is maintained at the levels seen over the past 4 terms, we will be much improved on last year where our yearly attendance figure was 95.6%.

**The following children have received 100% attendance since SEPTEMBER;** Ally Buffham, Michael Lawson, Gus Phillis, Gabriella Roberts, Charlie Askham, Sam Bailey, Jaydon Dixon-Hardy, Rosie Lawson, Ava Roberts, Jake Barrett, Will Davies, Willow Hanks, Jack McDowall, Lois Taylor, George Fisher, Harvey Greenhalf, Jasmine Hendry, Jessica Heron and William Blankley. **These 19 children represent 15% of the school having 100% attendance since September. Well done to all!**

**In addition to the list above, the following children have received 100% attendance for TERM 4;** Harry Askham, Alfie Baker, Horatio Browne, Ally Buffham, Lewis Davies, Jasmin Gheniou, Emily Gresham, Lottie Hendry, Michael Lawson, Alice Pellett, Gus Phillis, Gabriella Roberts, Owen Rohland, Eliana Shelbourn, Liam Walsh, Isabelle Welby, Charlie Askham, Sam Bailey, Ellie Barr, Alecia Clark, Anthony Clark, Jaydon Dixon-Hardy, Ben Fuller, Brogan Greenhalf, Emily Herrick, Harry Hutsby, Rosie Lawson, Eva Lunn, Ethan May-Jackson, Ava Roberts, Kayla Rohland, Kira Roper, Arabella Seng, Jessica Annan, Callum Arnold, Charlie Baker, Jake Barrett, Ryan Chapman, William Cullum, Will Davies, Chloe Gresham, Willow Hanks, Jack McDowall, Shawn Pellett, Lois Taylor, Oliver Undy, Josh Welby, Jessica Blankley, George Fisher, Harvey Greenhalf, Jasmine Hendry, Jessica Heron, Hannah Hinbest, Edwin Maughan Jamie Seng, Harrison Taylor Grace Turner, Sam Bailey, William Blankley, Megan Dillon, Sam Holmes, Jenna Marshall, Rose Read, Jamie Robertson and Alice Selby. **These 65 children have all been in school every day of term 4. That means that 52% of our pupils have achieved 100% attendance this term. Fantastic news!**

**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 4.**

**Class 1- 97.60%**

**Class 2- 98.19%**

**Class 3- 96.70%**

**Class 4- 97.22%**

**Class 5- 97.66%**

Well done to Class 2 who won the attendance cup for the second term running. Every other class has a high percentage and it is great to see these high levels of attendance. Thank you for working alongside us to ensure attendance is the best it can possibly be.

*Happy Easter! From all staff, pupils and governors-we wish you all a very happy Easter and a restful break.*

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