



Ancaster C of E Primary School

Newsletter 18 – 20th June



Dear Parents, Welcome to Newsletter number 18! The sun has been shining and the Summer term is very much under way with all of the usual events (summer fayre, sports day, Y6 leavers etc) being planned and arranged. Teachers are busy finalising end of year reports and these are due out to you on the 4th July- following these reports, there will also be the opportunity to meet with your child's class teacher to discuss the report should you wish to do so-look out for these dates soon. Fab Fridays continue to be a brilliant end to the week and the sight of the whole school gardening and working towards achieving the common goal of improving outdoor areas is magnificent to witness. Should you wish to help out and get green fingered between 1.15-2.15pm, you are always more than welcome to get stuck in alongside the pupils and staff. There is lots of important information written within this newsletter and we hope you find it useful to read. Should you wish to catch us, we will be available on the school gate each morning and after school. As always, should you wish to make an appointment, please see Mrs Beard in the school office. We hope you enjoy reading this newsletter and look forward to speaking with you soon. Best Wishes, **Mr Eden and Mrs Good.**

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-Whole of Class 1

Class 2-Whole of Class 2, Alecia Clark and Anthony Clark

Class 3- Jack Wright and Keira Nettleton

Class 4-Jamie Seng, Hannah Hinbest and Olivia Allen

Class 5-Lauren Vine and Harry Spencer

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- Alfie Baker, Izzy Welby, Archie Vangasse, Willow Hanks, Lois Taylor, Chloe Gresham, Jasmine Hendry, Cameron Wills, Daniel Annan, James Farrant, Jenna Marshall, Heather Butters and Libby Stafford.

Wow Writers-Gus Phillis, Alice Pellett, Jasmine Gheniou, Soraya Morais, Jessica Annan, Edwin Maughan, Ben Elmes, Phoebe Duggan, William Cullum, Harvey Greenhalf and James Farrant.

Team Points

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

Saturn-516

Minerva-329

Apollo-420

Maia-520

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

Friendship Achievement Respect Creativity Honesty

Sports Morning and Summer Fayre Spectacular- Friday 11th July 2014



Sports Morning will be held on the 11th July from 9.30am. This year, we will provide a range of activities to inspire the children to 'be the best that they can be'. One exciting new event will also feature you, the parents! We will have static bikes in school for every child to record their fastest time in recorded time trials during the week building up to Sports Morning. The fastest pupils will then compete in the Grand Finale on Sports Day to find the fastest cyclist. As well as this, we will be asking parents to partake to find the fastest parent-bring your trainers and stamina and prepare to compete!

We have also begun to organise our annual Summer Fayre which will be held on **the afternoon of Friday 11th July from 1.30pm.** Why not come and see your child during Sports Morning, bring a picnic and have lunch in the school grounds and stay to enjoy the Summer Fayre throughout the afternoon?

Do you want to run a stall? Do you know someone who might be interested in running a stall? If the answer is yes, we would love to hear from you! Please contact the school and speak to Mrs Good who is leading the organisation of this important event in the school fundraising calendar. We have lots of ideas that will help make this the best one yet, but if you have any other ideas that we might be able to include, please let us know!

Well Done Year 1 and 2!

A huge well done must go to our fantastic Year 2 pupils for their valiant efforts over the last two weeks in undertaking their SATs tests. We are incredibly proud of you all and you should be proud of yourselves too!

Well done also to our marvellous Year 1s who have undertaken their phonic screening check this week with great success!



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Biker Breakfast



Our very first Biker Breakfast was a resounding success. The sight of parents and pupils coming to school on their bikes and sharing in a scrumptious breakfast was excellent to see. Thank you for supporting your child in engaging with this project- we need to change attitudes towards cycling to school and one thing we can do to support this by upgrading our storage facilities. We look forward to communicating the next event soon! **Well done to Eva Lunn (Class 2) who won the top prize in the 'unusual cyclist' competition and received a stunt scooter worth £100!** Well done Eva and to all the entrants-these can be found displayed on the Bike It display board as you access the school via Mrs Beard's office.

Year 2 Sports



On Thursday 12th June, all 5 of our collaborative partnership schools (Navenby, Our Lady of Good Counsel, Welbourn and Caythorpe) met at Navenby with the younger half of the Year 2 children from each school, for a sports event. The event was yet another super opportunity for children to work with others in a supportive and collaborative manner in a fun, engaging and active manner! Everyone enjoyed themselves and we know the children cannot wait to collaborate again!

Fashion Show Success



The PTFA Fashion Show event was a huge success. The children loved every minute, being models on the catwalk and wearing the latest trends and fashions. It was an action packed evening and excellent to see the community come together for this event. **Thank you for supporting us, we raised £261.12 A huge thank you must go to our excellent PTFA for organising the event.**

Hot Dinners to become even more 'Good Looking'

GOOD LOOKIN COOKIN

Provider of Healthy School Meals

As a school, we are committed to ensuring everything is the best it can possibly be for our pupils. For this reason, from September, we have decided to move away from our current provider of hot meals, Farm Kitchen.

September sees the launch of Universal Free School Meals, in which every child in Foundation Stage, Year 1 and Year 2 is entitled to a free hot school meal on a daily basis. As this will significantly increase the numbers of meals we provide each day, we decided to explore alternative caterers and negotiate prices to ensure we are sourcing the best possible meals at the most reasonable prices for parents who will pay for meals.

We are very excited to announce that we have agreed to work with a provider called, 'Good Looking Cookin'. Their menu is excellent with different options and the food quality and portion sizes are superb. They will also charge £2.30 per meal and offer the same online booking system as Farm Kitchen.

We want as many children to enjoy a hot meal in school each day, and want you to know where the food is coming from and the people cooking it, therefore, **we have arranged a taster session on Monday 23rd June at 3.30pm in the school hall.** All parents and children are welcome and this will be hosted by the owners of the business-we look forward to seeing you there!

Terrific Trips



This term, we have some wonderful enrichment opportunities taking place to further learning taking place in class. Class 2 have already had a super trip to Southwell Workhouse (13th June) to complement their learning on the Victorians. Class 1 have visited Tattershall Castle (20th June) and Class 4 are undertaking a Tesco Farm to Fork trail on 30th June to aid their learning on rationing in World War 2. Class 5 had their residential trip to PGL at the end of Term 5 and had a wonderful time and Class 3 will be partaking in the annual Mini Olympics at Grantham Mere's on Thursday 26th June.



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Changes to provision for SEN

This September the Department for Education (DfE) are making changes to the law for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities. The new law will result in changes to the way you and your child will receive support from your local council, health and social care services and your child's nursery, school or college.

There is now a greater focus on personal goals, increased family involvement and improved rights and protections for young people in further education and training. The DfE are assuring everyone that this is not about cutting services but about creating a better system that puts parents and their child first. It is expected that the changes will take three and a half years to implement. Until the changes are complete the current protections you and your child have will continue and, in many cases, be enhanced further.

Statements of Special Educational Needs and Learning Difficulty Assessments are being replaced with a single education, health and care (EHC) plan for children and young people with complex needs. The EHC plan will place much more emphasis on personal goals and will describe the support your child will receive while they are in education or training. They're also introducing personal budgets to accompany this plan to give you more control over the support you and your child receive. The amount you would be given, and how it can be spent, is something that you would agree with your council. For children with less complex needs who still require help, they are introducing a new system called Special Educational Needs (SEN) support, which replaces School Action and School Action Plus. The process will be similar but it will be less about counting the hours or resources given to your child at school and more about what your child has achieved as a result.

If your child already has a statement or Learning Difficulty Assessment they will be transferred to the new system within the next three and a half years. The transfer is likely to happen around transition points in your child's education such as when they move from Primary to Secondary school. The legislation relating to Statements and Learning Difficulty Assessments will be withdrawn when everyone has completed the transition to the new system.

If your child currently receives help at school through School Action or School Action Plus, the transfer to SEN support will take place between September 2014 and spring 2015. It is likely to be during one of your child's termly reviews. At school we are preparing for this transition so that it is as smooth as possible. In the meantime, please be assured that our philosophy will not change. All children will be treated fairly and equally and those with a learning difficulty will be supported in their learning through good planning, teaching and intervention.

Maths Quiz-Y6



On Friday 13th June, Mr Eden took 4 Year 6 pupils to St. George's Academy in Sleaford to take part in a maths quiz against 13 other local Primary schools.

The questions were purposely designed to challenge the pupils taking part, and whilst we didn't win the competition, we came 5th out of 14 and could not be prouder of Sam Holmes, Heather Butters, Libby Stafford and Ben Elmes-Well done! We were especially proud that our pupils chose to congratulate the winning team without prompting, showing excellent sportsmanship!

Attendance-Holidays/Exceptional Circumstances

We have widely reported on newsletters this year that attendance has improved dramatically over the course of this year. One of the reasons for this has been the fact that we are no longer able to authorise family holidays and all absence other than illness and medical is only authorised if deemed an 'exceptional circumstance'.

Through attendance monitoring, we are able to see patterns and trends emerging. If a parent has applied for a leave of absence for a holiday and this has been unauthorised, please do not call in sick for your child whilst on holiday. One of our core school values is honesty and we would appreciate the truth from parents in every circumstance. Thank you!