



# Ancaster C of E Primary School

## *Newsletter 20 – 22<sup>nd</sup> July*



Dear Parents and carers, welcome to Newsletter 20! It is absolutely frightening that we are writing the final newsletter of the current academic year-where has the time gone? As we break up for the summer holidays, we hope all families, whether leaving the school, returning or joining have a superb Summer. Hopefully the weather will be kind and we can all enjoy a super sun filled break! School will close at the usual times and reopen on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> September. Please note that staff will be in school on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September but this is a Training Day and we will not be open to pupils. The last day of term (Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July), will be Fun and Games Day in which pupils are encouraged to bring toys and games which will allow pupils to collaborate and play together. Please do not send items of significant value and anything sent should be clearly labelled with your child's name and class. Whilst we recognise that they are the latest craze, please can we ask that children refrain from bringing in loom bands. We hope that you enjoy these final days of the academic year and once again want to take the time to wish you an enjoyable, fun filled Summer Break.

Best Wishes, **Mr Eden and Mrs Good.**

### Superstar Attendance



As you will be aware, we monitor the attendance of every pupil incredibly closely each half term. At this point in the academic year, we are able to view the whole school attendance figures for the year as a whole. Last year, the school achieved a whole school attendance figure of 95.63% which was in line with national expectations. This year, we wanted to raise this so attendance in school reflected pupil's keen attitudes and desire to be in school and learning. Parents have engaged with the Exceptional Circumstances Policy introduced in September 2013 and far fewer requests for time away from school have been submitted. As a result, the whole school attendance for this current academic year is a fantastic 97.20%, which is an excellent increase on last year. Please be reminded that your child should be in school unless they are ill or have a genuine reason to be off. We will make contact with parents whose children are regularly absent, late, being picked up early and hope that you will continue to work with the school to secure the excellent attendance figures seen this year! Well done everyone!

The following pupils all clearly have super immune systems, as they have all achieved 100% for the whole academic year! A huge congratulations and well done to; Gabriella Roberts, Charlie Askham, Ava Roberts, Misha Foster, Willow Hanks, Jack McDowall, Lois Taylor, George Fisher, Harvey Greenhalf, Jasmine Hendry, and Jessica Heron.

### End of an era...

Now we are at the end of term and begin to reflect upon the year, our minds naturally turn to those members of staff who are leaving at the end of term. We would like to wish these members of staff the very best for the future and hope they enjoy the new chapter of their life.

Goodbye to Mrs Good who leaves us to spend more time with her family as well as work for 3 days per week at one of our Collaborative Partnership schools, Welbourn Primary School. We are sure staff, pupils and parents join us in saying a huge 'thank you' for all of her hard work and efforts over the last 7 years and for her excellent leadership in securing the positive future of our school. Good luck for the future-you will be sorely missed!

Mrs Pack has also made a life-changing decision. After celebrating her 65<sup>th</sup> birthday back in April, she has decided to hang up her pencil case and retire from her position as a Teaching Assistant. After 22 years, this was not an easy decision for her to make and we know that she will miss us as much as we will miss her. She is keen to make frequent visits back to school and we will certainly continue to utilise her skills and expertise. Good luck, Mrs Pack!!!

Goodbye and good luck to Mrs Ives and Mrs Duncan who are moving on to new teaching posts in different schools. We hope your move is a successful one and we will miss you in and around Ancaster.

Mrs Campbell has completed her teacher training and is now a fully-fledged teacher with Qualified Teacher Status. We wish her well for next year!

Mrs Parsons begins a very new chapter in her life with the expectant arrival of her new baby which is due in the Summer holidays. She will begin her maternity leave in August and we wish her well for a safe labour.



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### Goodbye and good luck our fabulous Year 6

As always, Term 6 is dedicated to a range of events to help celebrate our outgoing Year 6 pupils as they make the transition from Primary to Secondary education. This year has been no different with an emotional Leaver's Service in church, an exceptional production of Thesius and the Minotaur, a glitzy and glamorous Prom and a food filled bike ride picnic to Woody's. We cannot stress enough how excellent this group of pupils have been during their time at Ancaster. We will miss each and every one of you and wish you all the success in the world in your future endeavours. Make sure you come back and visit!

### Big Bike Race-Sustrans

Thank you for your support in our participation of the Big Bike Race. At the end of the race, we came 5<sup>th</sup> and although we missed out on the top prize, the number of children now biking/scooting to school is excellent. We will continue to work with Sustrans and Dr Bike to encourage children and adults to bike/scoot and hope you will continue to work with us. The bike fairy came to school on 2 separate occasions and left prizes on random bikes and scooters. She will make further appearances over the course of the next academic year so hopefully all members of the school community will be able to receive a prize.

### Sports Morning Success



Our annual Sports Morning was held on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July and was a resounding success. The pupils took part in a super carousel of different activities and running races. We were so pleased to see the field bursting with parents supporting their child and enjoying the morning in the summer sun. Thank you to Mrs Duncan for organising the morning and to all school staff and volunteers for ensuring the event ran smoothly.

### Summer Fayre Spectacular



Wow! What a super Summer Fayre. The sun was shining, stalls were set up, activities were arranged and the whole playground and field was awash with families enjoying the summer fun!

We want to thank everyone who helped make the event so special. There were so many lovely different elements to the Fayre that there really was something for everyone. Feedback from parents included,

'This was the best Summer Fayre yet. I really felt that the school had excelled itself in creating an event that catered for all ages'. Parent.

'I loved the way parents have been able to spend the day in school. It made it much easier to book time away from work and I got to share in all activities and have fun with my children-thank you to all involved'. Parent.

**A very big Thank You to Mrs Good and her Summer Fayre Army who worked incredibly hard to ensure that this year's Summer Fayre was the best yet.**

**Now that the money has been counted, we can reveal that the total amount raised was a whopping £619. This is an amazing amount which will be added to School Fund to enhance learning opportunities for all children.**

### PTFA Help Needed!



We are incredibly lucky to have such a wonderful PTFA, this excellent committee of parents, teachers and friends of the school meet to plan and deliver high quality events which have always been a huge success. However, they need **YOUR help-do you want to fill some extra time and be part of this amazing team? Do you want to support the school in being the best it can be? Can you offer your time and services?** If the answer is yes then we would love to hear from you. For many reasons, the number of committee members has fallen and we need new blood and energy-if you think you can offer your support, please let Mr Eden know!