



Ancaster CofE Primary School

Newsletter 9 – 17th January



Dear Parents, whilst we have now been back at school for 2 weeks, this is my first opportunity to wish you all a Happy New Year. I have caught up with many of you in the mornings as school is starting and after school at the end of the day and have been thoroughly entertained hearing all about the lovely festivities from the children. Now we are back, we have wasted no time in getting to grips with the learning for term 3 and the start to the school year has been a very good one. We have begun our latest curriculum topic of 'Journeys' in which each class is focusing on a different journey and the learning that sits alongside it is being made explicit to the children, as well as allowing them to make their own links to inspire and engage. Please see the class pages on the school website for more information from each teacher. We have many exciting activities planned for the coming terms and I look forward to sharing these with you in future newsletters. As always, if you would like to catch me, I am available each morning and by booking an appointment with Mrs Beard.

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-Alice Pellett, Alfie Baker and Jasmine Ghenuiu.

Class 2-Hexagon Club, Kira Roper and Harry Hutsby.

Class 3- Jessica Annan and Callum Arnold.

Class 4-Jamie Seng, Harrison Taylor and Cameron Wills.

Class 5- James Farrant and Mya Baker.

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- Gus Phillis, Ava Roberts, Will Davies, Edwin Maughan, Jamie Robertson and James Farrant

Mega Mathematicians-Shane Hunter, Kira Roper, Eliza Batchelor, Charlie Baker, Jasmine Pellett, Ebony Sumner, Daniel Annan.

Team Points

Team point totals for this week are as follows;

Saturn-205
Minerva-165
Apollo-286
Maia-192

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

New Behaviour Systems

Since September, we have been reviewing our behaviour policy, how we teach the children about making the right choices and the consequences attached to the choices we make. In light of this, we have consulted with the children and created our new set of Golden Rules. These are school wide expectations that ALL children are required to follow on a daily basis. They are as follows;

- 1. Treat everyone with kindness.**
- 2. Stop and listen carefully.**
- 3. Do as you are asked first time.**
- 4. Walk quietly and safely inside school.**
- 5. Take responsibility for everything everywhere.**
- 6. Always be polite.**

The children have responded brilliantly and we are exploring in school the exact nature of each Golden Rule and the situations and scenarios that the children may face in school as well as in everyday life.

As well as this, we have discussed as a staff, and with the children, what happens when children do not follow the Golden Rules and the sanctions in place to ensure children realise that there are consequences attached to the choices they make. From next week, we will be introducing the 'Behaviour Steps'. Each child starts each session on the 'Golden Step' which represents the children following the Golden Rules. If a child chooses not to follow our rules, they will move down a series of 3 steps. Each move will bring with it a bigger consequence. Please see the document attached to the ParentMail in which this newsletter was sent, for a visual representation and more information about the consequences in place. Where children make the right choices, we will ensure they continue to be rewarded with the many systems already in place to recognise good behaviour in school.



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Share and Shine Time!



This term, family assemblies will take place week commencing 10th February and are the children's opportunity to share with you the learning that has taken place in maths, literacy and across the curriculum, we hope to see you there.

The dates for these assemblies are as follows;
Monday 10th Feb at 2pm-Class 2 + 3
Tuesday 11th at 3pm-Class 5
Wednesday 12th at 3pm-Class 4
Thursday 13th at 9am-Class 1

Film Club Cancelled for Term 3



Please be aware that there will be no more Film Club this term as Mrs Duncan has scheduled leadership commitments after school on Mondays. We hope to rearrange this club to begin again next term and will inform you of any changes in future newsletters.

PE Kits

Please be reminded that PE Kits should be in school all week. We have had a large amount of pupils who have not been able to take part in their sessions due to a lack of kit. PE is a crucial part of the curriculum and any learning time missed is extremely difficult to make up. Please help by ensuring PE kit is in school on a Monday and collected on a Friday.

PTFA Update

Our wonderful PTFA have met and discussed their fundraising for the term ahead. This begins with a disco as well as other events nearer Easter time.

To publicise the work of our PTFA and encourage any new members to join us, we will be holding a coffee morning on the 13th February at 9.30am. This will be a brilliant opportunity to become involved in the excellent activities organised and run by dedicated and committed volunteers-If you can help us a little or a lot, we would love to see/hear from you.

Disco-Friday 7th February



The disco will be taking place on the date above. There will be music provided by Mr Eden on his DJ decks as well as sweets, glow sticks and lots of fun! Entry is £1.50 and this includes unlimited drinks. The Key Stage 1 Disco will be 6pm-7pm and the Key Stage 2 Disco will be 7pm-8pm.

Homework Club

We are adding a Homework Club to our range of clubs. This club will be a brilliant opportunity for children to complete pieces of homework under the supervision of an adult in school. Mrs Campbell will be running this club on **Thursdays** after school from **3.30pm-4.30pm**. There are limited spaces for this club, so please let Mrs Campbell know if you are interested in your child joining.

PE and Music Specialists



At Ancaster, we recognise the importance of teachers continuing to develop their practice and enriching the education of children as much as possible. With this in mind, we continue to invite specialist teachers into school to work with adults and pupils. This term is no exception as we have lots of exciting opportunities happening across the school.

PE

Inspire+, the charity we are working with to ensure PE Sport Premium money is spent effectively, have provided Class 3 with a street dance instructor and they are busy learning complex dance routines to some very funky music.

Music

Mrs Talbot has organised the Lincolnshire Music Service to work alongside Classes 2 and 4 to learn the Ukulele (C4) and African Drums (C2). We look forward to seeing these being performed soon.