



Ancaster
Church of England Primary School

Newsletter 13

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Dear Parents, Carers and members of the community, welcome to Newsletter 13. We hope this communication finds you well. We've reached the end of Term 4 in a flurry of activity, with Wow days, Class Trips, Plant sale, Red Nose Day, Church Services and Easter Trails amongst so much more. The children have all worked so hard this term and rightly feel proud of their achievements throughout the curriculum. They are certainly all ready for the Easter Break to re-charge their batteries and prepare themselves for the challenges the Summer Term will bring.

We would like to thank all our families for the continued support we receive and hope you all have a lovely Easter holiday, pray that the weather will be kind to us so that we can enjoy some outdoor activities and spend quality time with family and friends. We look forward to seeing you all on our return to school on Tuesday 18th April. Happy Easter!

Best Wishes, *Mr Sam Eden (Executive Headteacher) Mrs Clare Talbot (Deputy Headteacher)*

Wow Days

Since the last newsletter, Class Jamaica and Class Scotland have enjoyed their Wow days to close their topic learning for Term 4.

Class Jamaica enjoyed a village trail and visit to Ancaster station in preparation for their train journey trip to Sleaford, it's fantastic that they have been able to harness local resources and use transport on our doorstep!



Class Scotland began Easter Enrichment week on Monday with their 'Spring day', showing off brilliant costumes and some of the best spring bonnets we've ever seen.



Easter Services



It was lovely to see so many of you joining us in Church for our Easter Services. The children love to share learning with their families and it is so good for their confidence and self-esteem when they deliver their songs, prayers and poems to an audience, as well as reminding us all of the Christian origins of Easter.



Multi-Cultural Enrichment Week w/c 18th April

To Launch our new topic 'What a Wonderful World', we will be starting the new term with an enrichment week. We have booked a series of 3 externally provided workshop days for every child to be involved in.

Tuesday – African Drumming

Wednesday – Multi-cultural dance

Thursday – The Indian Experience

On Friday 21st April, each class will be having a Class Identity Day, children may come to school dressed in the colours of their class flag. It promises to be a fantastic first week of Term 5 with the children immersing themselves in learning centred in multi-cultural knowledge and understanding of the world. Look out for updates on the next newsletter.



Diary Dates:

Group school photos: **Thurs 4th May * new date***

Start of Term 5: **Tuesday 18th April**

Parent Consultations: **Mon 24th April & Wed 26th April**
3-6pm (please make an appointment in the office if you haven't already done so)

Class Mexico AQT Singing Event **Thurs 25th May**
4.15pm

Half Term begins 3.30pm **Fri 26th May**

Medical & Dental Appointments

As you are aware, the school takes the attendance of our pupils very seriously and we expect children to be in school all day every day, except in exceptional circumstances and when serious illness prevents this.

We understand that emergency medical appointments can be difficult to obtain outside of school hours, however, we do know that routine medical, hospital and dental appointments booked in advance can be arranged outside of the school day and in the school holidays; we know that medical professionals are keen to support families and schools in this.

If your child has to have time off school for medical or dental appointments, **we will need to see the appointment letter or card to authorise this absence and ask that notification is given to the office in advance of you collecting your child**, even when this is an early collection at the end of the school day.

We thank you for supporting the school in this matter as we aim to ensure every child is 'the best they can be!'



Team points Winners

Well done to **St. Winifred** who worked hard as a team to gain the most team points this term and were the Term 4 overall winners! The children in this winning team were able to choose from a range of treats which were: a visit to the play park, a Mindfulness Art Session, a Tea Party and a Playdough Play session. The children had great fun at these treats and we cannot wait to see who wins in Term 5 and 6.



The Big Pedal

The Big Pedal has been fantastic! With an amazing number of wheels in school each day, our Ancaster children have really taken to riding and scooting to school; it has been particularly great to see some adult bicycles too!

The bike fairy has been visiting and rewarding children with bike lights amongst other cycling gadgets. Well done everyone – keep it up!

Thank you to our dedicated **PTFA** who organised our Easter fun today with each child completing the Easter trail with a chocolate prize! Thanks also to all of our families who sent in Easter chocolate to enable this to happen – the children loved every minute of the fun!



Fab Friday

This term, our Fab Friday sessions have involved our teams learning and rehearsing a song to perform to the rest of the school on our final day of term and what a final Fab Friday it was!

The joint enthusiasm, effort and teamwork that was shown was tremendous with children from EYFS to Year 6 in every team performing their hearts out to sing a 'song with a message'. Every team should be extremely proud of their achievements as they showcased all of our school values in their performances of the following songs: 'Spice up your life', 'Rolling in the deep', 'Reach for the stars' and 'Happy'. Team points were awarded to each of the teams and will kick off the accruing points for Term 5. Well done to St. Winifred who were voted the overall winners.

Maths Day



What a Mega Maths day we had on Wednesday 29th March. The children really enjoyed all their fun and engaging activities, helping them to see the everyday application of maths, particularly important in the work place.

Huge thanks goes to Mrs Dutfield for bringing her animals and students to demonstrate the importance of maths, specifically measures in animal care, to Mrs Turner who enlightened the children on the value of maths accuracy in nursing and to Mr Lawson who spoke to our youngest children about the importance of counting and time keeping in military life. Well done everyone! Maths can be found in almost every area of life, perhaps see how you can incorporate maths into daily life over the holidays, we look forward to the children sharing this with us next term!

Farewell Mrs Hewerdine!

It is with great sadness that we bid farewell to Mrs Viv Hewerdine today, who has been a stalwart member of the Ancaster team for 18 years. She leaves us somewhat reluctantly, having secured additional employment in the village with hours that prevent her continuing her Midday Supervisor role in school. The children and staff have loved Mrs Hewerdine working with us and we wish her every success and happiness in her new employment!