



Anston Greenlands Primary School

NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER



November Wednesday 10 th Monday 15 th Wednesday 17 th Thursday 18 th Thursday 30 th	Y3/4 visit to Murton Park Bikeability Cycle Training starts for Y5 children Parents' Evening – virtual (see below for further info) Parents' Evening – virtual (see below for further info) Y5/6 Mystery Evening (details to follow)
December Wednesday 8 th Thursday 9 th Friday 10 th Monday 13 th Tuesday 14 th Wednesday 15 th Thursday 16 th Friday 17 th	Infant Nativity – afternoon (details to follow) Infant Nativity – afternoon (details to follow) Christmas Dinner day Y5/6 Christmas Party Infant Christmas Party Junior School Coffee Morning for parents (details to follow) Y3/4 Christmas Party Last day – 2pm finish (Christmas holiday follows)
January Tuesday 4 th Wednesday 3 rd	INSET Day – school closed to children Return to school
February Friday 18 th Monday 28 th	Last day (half term holiday follows) Return to school
April Friday 8 th Monday 29 th	Last day (Easter holiday follows) Return to school
May Thursday 5 th Friday 27 th	INSET Day – school closed to children Last day (half term holiday follows)
June Monday 6 th Tuesday 7 th	INSET Day – school closed to children Return to school
July Wednesday 20 th	Last day – 2pm finish (Summer holiday follows)

Welcome back!

A warm welcome back to school after half term. I hope you've all had a restful week and are enjoying autumn. The children certainly looked very cosy in their big coats and hats this morning! We have a few important updates for you this month. As always, please don't hesitate to get in touch if you'd like to speak to us about anything at all in school.



Staffing Update

We're delighted to welcome back Mrs Forbes following her foot injury! However, I'm sorry to let you know that Mrs Bratt has broken her ankle and a number of bones in her foot. She is now resting at home following surgery, but faces a significant recovery period. On a positive note, I am pleased to be able to confirm that staffing will not be interrupted for the children. We are in the extremely fortunate position that Mrs Forbes and Miss Fisher, who normally job-share in Y1, have both agreed to increase their normal working hours to help us out in Mrs Bratt's absence. This means that Miss Fisher will now be teaching full time in Y1 and Mrs Forbes will pick up the reins from Mrs Bratt in Y2. I'm sure you'll all join us in sending our best wishes to Mrs Bratt as she begins her recovery.

Covid Update

Thank you once again for your continued support around Covid. As I mentioned in my letter before half term, cases are currently very high around the school community. You may already be aware that cases in Rotherham are the highest they've been at any point in the pandemic, so the situation in school is being mirrored across the authority. Please continue to be mindful of any children displaying symptoms. We know that there are lots of coughs and colds around, but as a reminder, anyone with symptoms (including a new, continuous cough) **must** book in for a PCR test and receive a negative result before coming into school. Apologies for any inconvenience this causes, and thank you for your support.

Parents' Evening - change! All meetings now online.

As you know, we recently surveyed parents to ask if you'd rather have virtual or in-person meetings. Following that, our plan was to do a mixture of both; however, we've now been advised by Public Health and the Local Authority that we should *not* hold parents' evening in school. This is because of the high level of cases in Rotherham. **As a result, all meetings will now be held online.**

Once again, we will be using **SchoolCloud**, which will allow us to run parents' evening by video link. This can be done using a phone, tablet or computer. There is no special software required; simply visit **anstongreenlands.schoolcloud.co.uk** and fill in your details to book an appointment. This web address will also be sent by text message. Once on the site, you will be walked through the process step-by-step.

Booking will be open from 7.30pm this Wednesday (3rd November) and appointments are available on:

Wednesday 17th October (until 7pm), and
Thursday 18th November (until 5.40pm)

Please note that we are only able to arrange one meeting per child on these dates, and due to the limitations of the software we can only link to one phone/computer. This means that parents will have to be in the same room as each other at the time of the appointment. If this is not possible due to family situation or work commitments etc., please organise an appointment for one parent, then contact your child's class teacher to arrange a separate phone call at another time if you wish.

If you don't have access to a phone or computer, would prefer a telephone appointment or would simply like support making your appointment, please don't hesitate to contact us in school. Thank you!

Pick up & Drop off

A number of parents have shared concerns about cars swinging into the 'hammerhead' during drop-off and pick-up. Please be mindful of this, as there are often children in this area. I have also been asked to point out the risks around children having to walk out into the road to pass groups of adults congregating on the pavement following drop off. We certainly appreciate the fact that space is limited but ask that room be left for children to pass on the pavement. Thank you.

Notifying School of Absence

Please remember to call school before 9am if your child is off ill (including if this is because of Covid / Covid symptoms). Thank you for your help with this.