



# Anston Greenlands Primary School

## SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER



### Welcome Back!

A warm welcome back to school to all of our children and families! I hope you've all had a fantastic summer and are feeling rested and refreshed. For those who are new to our school, welcome to the family! We're delighted to have you as a part of our school community. Please do remember, as always, that we operate a completely open door policy in school, so we'd love to see you if you have any questions, concerns or comments. You're always very welcome in school, or if that's not convenient we can be contacted over the phone on 01909 550557, or by email on [office@greenlandsprimary.org](mailto:office@greenlandsprimary.org).

### Dates for your Diary

Following parent feedback, we're returning to our pre-Covid habit of providing as many dates as possible at the start of the year. Please note that some of these dates are provisional, and that more dates (e.g. visits) will be added as the year goes on – however, we will let you know as and when changes occur. Thank you!

<b>September</b> Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> 19 <sup>th</sup> – 23 <sup>rd</sup>	DCP drumming lessons restart Y3/4 visit to Cresswell Craggs Y5/6 residential visit to Bogle Hole Youth Hostel
<b>October</b> Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> Friday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Y6 visit to Crucial Crew Parents' Evening Parents' Evening Y5 visit to Escape Sheffield & Graves Gallery FS2 Autumn Walk (info to follow) Individual photos / Y6 visit to Escape Sheffield & Graves Gallery Flu vaccinations (info to follow) INSET Day – school closed to children. Holiday begins – return to school Mon 31 <sup>st</sup> Oct
<b>November</b> 21 <sup>st</sup> – 25 <sup>th</sup>	Y5/6 Escape Room in the library (details to follow – slots will be available to book!)
<b>December</b> Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> Friday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Infant Nativity (afternoon) Infant Nativity (afternoon) Christmas Jumper Day Infant Christmas Party (afternoon) Junior Coffee Morning / Junior Party (afternoon) / Infant panto visit (provisional date) Last day – 2pm finish – return to school Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January
<b>February</b> Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Last day – half term follows – return to school Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> February Parents' Evening (also March 1 <sup>st</sup> )

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<b>March</b> Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> Friday 31 <sup>st</sup>	Parents' Evening World Book Day – dress as a book character Last day – Easter holiday follows – return to school Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> April
<b>May</b> Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> 8 <sup>th</sup> – 11 <sup>th</sup> Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> Friday 26 <sup>th</sup>	May Day – school closed to children INSET day (elections) – school closed to children Y6 SATs (dates for Y2 SATs to follow) Class photos (and individual Y6 photos) Last day – half term follows – return to school Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> June (after INSET)
<b>June</b> Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup>	INSET day – school closed to children KS2 performance (evening – weather permitting – see back up date below) Sports Day (morning – weather permitting – see back up date below)
<b>July</b> Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> 17 <sup>th</sup> – 21 <sup>st</sup> Friday 21 <sup>st</sup>	KS2 performance – back up date Sports Day – back up date Non-uniform all week – Uniform Swap Shop to take place from Tuesday onwards Last day – 2pm finish – summer holiday follows

### Artsmark Gold!

We are delighted to let you know that our school has been awarded the Artsmark Gold award! This accolade, presented by Arts Council England, considers a school's commitment to all aspects of the Arts, including art, music, dance and drama. We have been told that it is a huge achievement to be awarded Gold at the first attempt – thanks go to Mrs Roberts and Mrs Bratt for their work on the award process and to all of our staff and children, for making sure that the arts thrive at our school. Well done everybody!

Here are some comments from the panel:

*It is very clear the Arts are firmly established at Anston Greenlands. Pupils, staff, parents and the community value and celebrate the Arts. Senior leaders drive and shape policy and enable all staff to take responsibility for the planning and delivery of the Arts. Members from the Senior Leadership Team are represented on the Arts Driver, Music and Art Teams. The strong leadership of the Arts has led to a very cohesive arts strategy and, this is reflected in your curriculum design; the Arts are viewed as a whole and connect learning in an authentic and practical way. For instance, a KS1 Carnival showcased work across art, dance, drama and music. Staff have benefitted from the new arts progression plans which have supported their planning and have had positive impact on pupils' outcomes. Children evaluate their own work using technical vocabulary such as 'blending stumps' in the style of Escher's 'Eye'.*



*The use of eight Art Champions to promote the Arts within school, plan what and how the pupils are going to learn and work with partners schools on academy wide projects is giving this group of children opportunities to develop their leadership skills which is great. It was good to read you have developed pupil voice by involving them in the production of their termly showcases.*

*You should be really proud of all that you have achieved and your commitment to the Arts is to be commended. It is not often you hear the staff have built a stage in the open to enable children to continue to perform to large audiences. As you continue your Artsmark journey, you should explore ways you could develop an advocacy role for the Arts, monitoring the difference this is making to other settings deploying the systems you have devised for monitoring impact at Anston Greenlands Primary. Well done to all of you.*

**Congratulations on your Artsmark Gold Award!**

### **Uniform Appeal**

Please consider donating any clean, good quality uniform that your child has outgrown. This will allow us to offer it to other families second hand. We can sell anything with a school logo. Thank you! On that note...

### **Swap Shop - Save the Date! Save Money! Save the Planet!\***

Following the success of our Uniform Swap Shop at the end of last year, we will be making it a regular event. Each July, the last week of the year will be non-uniform for all children and we will ask for donations of good quality uniform that you won't need the following year. That will then be made available for free in the Swap Shop. We managed to swap hundreds of items last year, so hopefully with advance notice it'll be even more successful!

*(\*that might be a bit of an exaggeration, but every little helps...!)*

### **Dinner Money Pricing**

A reminder that the cost of school dinners has gone up by 10p per day this year, following a rise in cost from the School Meals Service. This will bring the cost for a lunch to £2.40 per day.

### **Contacting After School Club**

We now have a secondary contact number for getting in touch with After School Club between 3pm and 5.45pm – 07546349064. Please add this to your contacts in case you need it. Thank you!

### **INSET Dates for This Year**

A reminder that this year's remaining INSET days are:

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2022

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2023

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2023