



Anston Greenlands Primary School

DECEMBER NEWSLETTER



December	
Tuesday 7th	Infant Nativity – 2pm
Wednesday 8th	Infant Nativity – 2pm
Thursday 9th	INSET Day – school closed to children
Friday 10th	Christmas Dinner in school Christmas Jumper Day
Monday 13th	Y3/4 Christmas party (new date) & Y5/6 Christmas Party
Tuesday 14th	Infant Christmas Party
Wednesday 15th	Deadline for returning raffle tickets Junior School Singalong for parents (Y3/4 expected 9am; Y5/6 expected 10.30am – final times TBC)
Friday 17th	Last day – 2pm finish (Christmas holiday follows)
January	
Tuesday 4th	INSET Day – school closed to children
Wednesday 5th	Return to school
February	
Friday 18th	Last day (half term holiday follows)
Monday 28th	Return to school
April	
Friday 8th	Last day (Easter holiday follows)
Monday 25th	Return to school
May	
Thursday 5th	INSET Day – school closed to children
Friday 27th	Last day (half term holiday follows)
June	
Monday 6th	INSET Day – school closed to children
Tuesday 7th	Return to school
July	
Wednesday 20th	Last day – 2pm finish (Summer holiday follows)

Christmas in School

We are still keeping our fingers and toes firmly crossed that we'll be able to hold our infant nativity and junior performance in the hall! The stage is up and ready and the children can't wait to perform for you. We will do our best to record the performances in as high a quality as possible for anybody who is not able to come; please note that these may be edited as we do not have video permission for all children.

If you'd like to send Christmas cards into school this year, please limit this to your class if possible. Thank you.



Rock Star Day

What a blast we had on TT Rock Star Day! All of the children and staff dressed as rockers to celebrate our relaunch of TT Rockstars, and we had so much fun! It turns out maths games and rock'n'roll are the perfect combination. The children wowed us all with their outfits during the rock parade, then impressed us even more with their work on TT Rockstars and Numbots. Well done everyone! A special congratulations to Ash, who won our TT Rockstars challenge. Remember - you can play TT Rockstars and Numbots at home on any device and there's no better way to practice your times tables and number facts.

Here are the highest scoring TT Rockers for each team on the day. Well done!



Christmas Jumper Day

We will once again be taking part in Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Day on Friday 10th December. Children and staff are invited to wear a festive jumper, with a suggested optional donation of £1 per family going to Save the Children. Please don't buy anything specially – anything cosy will do!

Free School Meals – are you eligible?

The last two years have taken a financial toll on many families across the country. If your financial situation has changed recently, your child may be eligible for Free School Meals. For the full list of criteria and to apply, visit <https://www.rotherham.gov.uk/benefits/apply-free-school-meals/1>, or feel free to contact us in school for more information.

Very often, families with children in the infants don't apply for Free School Meals, because all infants are automatically eligible for free dinners. But did you know that accessing Free School Meals also entitles your child to the Pupil Premium? This means that the government gives us money to spend on improving provision for your child. If you'd like to chat about this, please don't hesitate to give us a call in school.

Children in Need

Thank you all for your generous donations for Children in Need. As a school community, we raised £492.85. We think this is our biggest ever total! Thank you very much.

Tours of School for Parents of Robins and Wrens

It plays on my mind constantly that we still haven't been able to welcome our Robins and Wrens parents for a full tour of the school, what with all the changes and restrictions that have been in place over the last two years. Our open door policy is so fundamental to the sense of community we aim to build at Greenlands, so it really has been difficult welcoming two classes without that in place! Just when we were about to send out invitations this term, the guidance changed again; however, with the recent guidance around Christmas performances, I am very hopeful that we will finally have a chance for some school tours after Christmas. I will of course contact you all to arrange this as soon as this becomes possible.

Online Safety Update

This month, our online safety spotlight is on the social pressures linked to appearance (e.g. filters / airbrushing / unrealistic self-image). Click on the link on the Newsletters page of the website to find out more. If you are ever worried about the safety of a child online, you can get advice at www.thinkuknow.co.uk. You can also report concerns at <https://www.ceop.police.uk/>.

Weather Closures

Should school need to close at any point due to snow etc., we will send out a text to keep you updated. Information about school closures can also be found at www.rotherham.gov.uk/schoolclosures.