# **Anston Greenlands Primary School**



# **FEBRUARY** NEWSLETTER



<b>February</b> Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> Monday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Last day (half term holiday follows) Return to school
<b>March</b> Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> Thursday 31 <sup>st</sup>	Whole School Talent Show (run by Y5/6) – grand final Y3/4 visit to Bradford Science Museum
<b>April</b> Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> Monday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Y3/4 Science Fair (afternoon) – *date change* Y1/2 Carnival – details to follow / Y5/6 theatre visit Last day (Easter holiday follows) Return to school
<b>May</b> Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> Friday 27 <sup>th</sup>	INSET Day – school closed to children Last day (half term holiday follows)
<b>June</b> Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	INSET Day – school closed to children Return to school
<b>July</b> Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Last day – 2pm finish (Summer holiday follows)

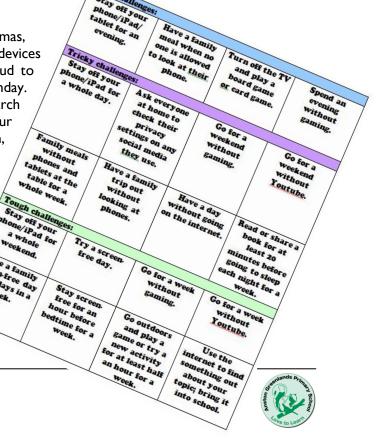
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# **Detox Champions!**

A huge well done to all of our digital detoxers! Over Christmas, Our ICT Cadets challenged everyone to take a break from devices with their Digital Detox Bingo challenge. They were proud to present the winners with their prize in assembly on Monday. Well done to Ollie (Y2), Violet (Y3) and Ava (Y5)! Research shows that a bedtime routine involving at least an hour without a screen can have a huge impact on sleep, attention, behaviour and mental health. Why not give it a try? It can work wonders for adults as well as children

# Mrs Bratt - update

The children in Chaffinches were very excited to see Mrs Bratt when she came into school for a visit today. Although she still has a significant amount of recovery ahead of her following multiple surgeries, she is now able to walk short distances with crutches, and we're hopeful that we'll see her more frequently in some capacity before too long! Keep up the good work Mrs Bratt!





## The Greenlands Elephant

Thank you to everyone who's submitted a design and name suggestion for our upcoming piece of artwork, our Greenlands Elephant. There are already some brilliant designs so we know it's going to look magnificent when we've painted it – we can't wait to get started! You still have one more day to get your entries in...

#### **Online Safety Update**

This month, our online safety spotlight is on YouTube. 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 <u>www.thinkuknow.co.uk</u>. You can also report concerns at <u>https://www.ceop.police.uk/</u>.

#### **Drumming Workshops**

We're used to noisy days in school but this one was definitely up there with the noisiest! The talented percussionists from DCP drums gave us a whole school drumming workshop at the end of January, and wow – we've certainly got some budding future drummers! For more photos of this event and all of the other fun things happening in school, don't forget to keep an eye on www.anstongreenlands.org.



#### 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 <u>www.rotherham.gov.uk/schoolclosures</u>.

#### Adult Literacy

If an adult you know struggles with reading and would like support with this, please encourage them to contact us discreetly, as we are in touch with volunteers who are keen to help. This support would be given in the strictest confidence, so it's a great opportunity for somebody to learn a valuable life skill in a private, pressure free environment.

#### From the West End to Greenlands

If your child is in the juniors and you've been hearing music from "Joseph and his Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat" being sung around the house, that's because we've started learning the songs for our summer production! Keep your eyes and ears peeled for updates; the children already sound amazing in these very early stages, so it looks like we'll be in for a treat come performance time!

#### TT Rockstars

Well done to everybody who took part in our TT Rockstars challenge! The four-day event last week saw us competing with Redscope and Thorpe Hesley Primary Schools and everybody from Y2-Y6 was eligible to take part. Redscope scooped the top spot this time, with the highest average score per pupil, with Greenlands coming in a close second. We were delighted that we had the highest overall score, and that all 5 of our classes came in the top 8 out of 24! A special well done to Chaffinches – you may be young but you're mighty... You finished with a higher overall score than some Y6 classes! Wow!

### **Y5/6** Residential

We are very excited to confirm that we **are** expecting our Y5/6 residential visit to take place in September. We are working on the final details as we speak and will get more information out as soon as possible (hopefully in the next few days).

