



# Anston Greenlands Primary School

## JANUARY 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) – details to follow Y3/4 Science Fair (afternoon)
<b>April</b> Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> Monday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Y1/2 Carnival – details to follow Y5/6 theatre visit – details to follow 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)

### Welcome back!

A warm welcome back to all of our children and families, after what I hope has been a very happy Christmas. There are already lots of exciting things happening in school; new projects have begun in every classroom and day one was a hive of activity, with everything from a drumming workshop to a visit from a scientist! You'll be hearing about all sorts of exciting events, including a science fair, a talent show and a carnival... it looks like being a hectic term at Greenlands! Keep your eyes on the website at [www.anstongreenlands.org](http://www.anstongreenlands.org) for updates and photos from your child's project. As always, please don't hesitate to get in touch if you'd like to speak to us about anything at all in school.

### Laptop raffle - thank you

Thank you so much to everyone who took part in our laptop raffle before Christmas. We made a colossal £2411 to spend on books; that's far, far more than we've ever made on a school fundraiser before and there will be a tangible impact on our reading provision in school. Congratulations to the winners (who were notified before the holidays) and thank you all so much for your involvement and generosity.

### Online Safety Update

This month, our online safety spotlight is on cyberbullying. 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](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk). You can also report concerns at <https://www.ceop.police.uk/>.



### **Covid Update - how do the most recent changes affect school?**

As you will have seen in the news, a positive lateral flow test no longer has to be confirmed with a PCR test. However, if your child has symptoms, please be aware that a *negative* lateral flow test is still not sufficient for them to come into school – **if they have symptoms, children still need a PCR test** to confirm that they do not have Covid, before they can return to school. Apologies for any inconvenience this causes, and thank you again for your support!

On a positive note, children who *do* test positive may return to school as early as day 8, if their lateral flow tests on day 6 and day 7 are negative. Congratulations if you've managed to follow all that! This would all have sounded like a foreign language a couple of years ago, I know! If you're in any doubt whatsoever, please don't hesitate to call.

We still update our Covid risk assessment regularly; this can be found on the school website.

### **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.

### **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](http://www.rotherham.gov.uk/schoolclosures).