



Anston Greenlands Primary School

JANUARY NEWSLETTER



Dates for your Diary

January Monday 9 th Monday 16 th	Author visit – Peter J Murray (juniors) – returning on Tuesday for book signing Work begins on new trim trail
February Wednesday 1 st Friday 10 th Tuesday 28 th	Y1/2 visit to Kelham Island Museum and Paradise Golf Last day – half term follows – return to school Monday 20 th February Parents' Evening (also March 1 st)
March Wednesday 1 st Thursday 2 nd Friday 3 rd 13 th – 17 th Friday 31 st	Parents' Evening Y3/4 visit to Harry Potter Studios World Book Day – dress as a book character *note - we've moved this back a day so we can all do it together! Science Week Last day – Easter holiday follows – return to school Monday 17 th April
May Monday 1 st Thursday 4 th Monday 8 th 9 th – 12 th Thursday 18 th 22 nd – 26 th Friday 26 th	May Day – school closed to children INSET day (elections) – school closed to children Bank Holiday (coronation) Y6 SATs (dates for Y2 SATs to follow) Class photos (and individual Y6 photos) Local history week – details to follow Last day – half term follows – return to school Tuesday 6 th June (after INSET)
June Monday 5 th Wednesday 28 th Thursday 29 th	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)
July Wednesday 5 th Thursday 6 th 17 th – 21 st Friday 21 st	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

Happy New Year!

A warm welcome back to all of our children and families. We hope you all had a lovely Christmas and New Year. All of our classes have already started on some very exciting new projects... keep your eyes on the website at www.anstongreenlands.org for photos and updates!

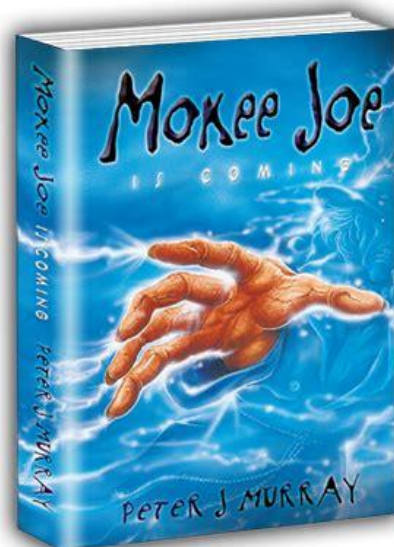


Academy Update

On January 1st, our three primary schools (Greenlands, Thorpe Hesley and Redscope) officially became part of the New Collaborative Learning Trust. You can read more about NCLT at www.nclt.ac.uk. As you'll remember from the letter before Christmas, this won't mean lots of day-to-day changes! We'll continue to work together as a group of three primaries, as well as benefiting from a bigger "back room" staff and the stability of a bigger trust, and we're excited about this new development.

Peter J Murray – KS2 author visit

We are thrilled to announce that children's author Peter J Murray – author of the Mokee Joe books – will be visiting our juniors in school on Monday. Peter was born and raised in Rotherham and has gone on to become an extremely successful author; his visit is bound to be a source of inspiration to our budding writers! Peter will be returning on Tuesday to sign books. For any children wishing to buy one, these will be available on Tuesday for the reduced price of £5 per book (see attached price list).



Santa Dash and Christmas Fair

Thank you so much to our sports leaders (led by Mrs Baird and Mr Tweed) and our PTA for putting on a brilliant Christmas Fair. The Santa Dash was the perfect way to kick things off, and the stalls and games were all busy. There was such a fantastic atmosphere in the hall, and we raised a whopping £420! Thank you everybody, and thank you to our families for coming along and enjoying the festivities!

New Trim Trail

Keep your eyes on the junior playground this month... we'll soon have a brand new trim trail to play on! Even though it's on the junior yard, the new equipment will be available on a rota to all children from Y1 upwards.

Our Grass!

You may have noticed that our grass is looking a little worse for wear. Unfortunately, our lovely grounds have been hit by an infestation of chafer grubs. Some of you may be familiar with these, as there seem to have been lots of cases locally over the last few years. The grubs have the annoying habit of eating the root system of grass, meaning that it's slowly eroded from underneath. I'm afraid to say that we have hundreds of thousands of them underneath our field. They're perfectly harmless (apart from their impact on the grass), but this unfortunately means we can't use the grounds as we normally would at the moment, because the grass comes up very easily and becomes a mudbath. For example, we're trying to avoid using the field for PE. We're working with the local authority's grounds maintenance team, but this may be a problem that takes quite some time to fix. We'll keep you updated!

Breakfast and After School Club pricing

A reminder that the price of Breakfast Club has now risen to £2.75 (an increase of 20p) and After School Club has risen to £8.00 (an increase of 30p). We work very hard to keep prices as low as possible, but unfortunately this increase has been necessary to combat rising costs. If your financial circumstances have recently changed, we may be able to support club places through the Pupil Premium.

INSET Dates for This Year

This year's remaining INSET days are:

Thursday 4th May 2023

Monday 5th June 2023