



# Anston Greenlands Primary School

## NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER



### Dates for your Diary

<b>November</b> 28 <sup>th</sup> – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec	Y5/6 Escape Room in the library – details to follow (note change of date)
<b>December</b> Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> Friday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Infant Nativity (afternoon) Infant Nativity (afternoon) Christmas Jumper Day / Christmas dinner day Infant Christmas Party (afternoon) Junior Coffee Morning / Junior Party (afternoon) / Infant panto visit Sports Leaders' Christmas Fair and Santa Dash – details to follow (addition) 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> )
<b>March</b> Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> 13 <sup>th</sup> – 17 <sup>th</sup> Friday 31 <sup>st</sup>	Parents' Evening World Book Day – dress as a book character Science Week (addition) 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> 22 <sup>nd</sup> – 26 <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) Local history week – details to follow (addition) 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



## Around the Classes

There's a real buzz around school again this half term and it's lots of fun walking around the classes and seeing what everyone's up to. Our youngest children are certainly showing us how it's done; Wrens had a brilliant Wow Day earlier this week, dressing up as fairytale characters! Robins and Chaffinches have been busy too – they're hard at work cracking the case of a dragon who landed on our playground earlier in the term (luckily caught on CCTV...) Not to be outdone, Merlins and Ospreys have been trying their hand at archaeology; they're now world experts on the Stone Age. All knowledge that'll come in handy for their survival day! Last but certainly not least, Golden Eagles and Snowy Owls are using every scrap of insight from this term's visit to Escape Sheffield, to help them create their own escape room in the library. It promises to be something very special – watch this space!

## Rock Star Champions!

A huge well done to everyone who took part in the week-long TT Rock Stars Competition that we launched on Rock Star Day. We were the winning school, with the highest average score and total of 219,194 correct answers over the week – that's almost 90,000 more than the second place school, despite Greenlands having the smallest number of children. Amazing work everybody – very well done!



## Rotherham School Games Award

For the 4<sup>th</sup> year in a row, we have been awarded the Rotherham School Games Mark Gold Award! Thank you to all the staff and children involved in winning us this award – we really are lucky to have such a committed team.

## Breakfast and After School Club pricing – advance notice

Please note that in January, the price of Breakfast Club will rise to £2.75 (an increase of 20p) and After School Club will rise 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 (see below).

## Earrings

A number of parents have asked us about earrings recently so I thought I'd explain the reasons behind our approach. You may remember from our prospectus that children aren't allowed to wear earrings for PE and that these cannot be covered with tape. To be clear, this isn't something we've decided arbitrarily – as always we follow national guidance wherever it is given. The Association for Physical Education (the national body that guides schools about PE) is clear that children shouldn't wear earrings for PE; they also advise that tape shouldn't be used, as this can fall off. For that reason, we suggest that the best time for children to have their ears pierced is the start of the school holidays, as this allows 6 weeks before children need to start taking them out. Thank you as always for your support with this.

## Is your child eligible for the Pupil Premium?

Did you know that your child may be eligible for the Pupil Premium – a government grant provided to schools to ensure all children make the best start in life? To receive Pupil Premium, your child must be **registered for free school meals**. This is where things get confusing, because all children in Wrens, Robins and Chaffinches already receive free school meals automatically! However, if you fit any one of the criteria below and you apply, our school will receive funding which is designed to have a direct impact your child. In the past, this grant has funded:

- Free places at breakfast and afterschool club;
- Specially targeted extra-curricular clubs;
- Educational support;
- Reduced price music lessons;
- Reduced price educational visits and residential etc.

Your child is eligible if you have been granted:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income related Employment and Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit and you have a gross annual income that does not exceed £16,190. Please note you will not qualify for Free School Meals if you receive Working Tax Credits
- Pension Credits (Guaranteed Credit)
- Asylum Seeker Status

The application process is straightforward and doesn't take very long. The online form can be found by searching for **Rotherham free school meals** on Google. If you'd like any support in applying, or if you have any questions about Free School Meals or the Pupil Premium, please don't hesitate to ask!

### Staffing

I'm very pleased to let you know that Mrs Roberts is recovering well at home following her first operation. I'm sure you'll join us in wishing her all the best with her physio! We're very lucky that Mrs Bower has been able to step into Y6 from this week, and we have been delighted to welcome Miss Shaw into Y5.

### INSET Dates for This Year

This year's remaining INSET days are:

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

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