



Anston Greenlands Primary School

OCTOBER NEWSLETTER



October Tuesday 11 th Friday 14 th Thursday 20 th Friday 21 st	Individual photos / Y6 visit to Escape Sheffield & Graves Gallery Rock Star Day! (see below) Flu vaccinations INSET Day – school closed to children. Holiday begins – return to school Mon 31 st Oct
November 21 st – 25 th	Y5/6 Escape Room in the library (details to follow – slots will be available to book!)
December Tuesday 6 th Wednesday 7 th Thursday 8 th Tuesday 13 th Wednesday 14 th Friday 16 th	Infant Nativity (afternoon) Infant Nativity (afternoon) Christmas Jumper Day (note change of date from last newsletter) Infant Christmas Party (afternoon) Junior Coffee Morning / Junior Party (afternoon) / Infant panto visit (provisional date) Last day – 2pm finish – return to school Tuesday 3 rd January
February Friday 10 th Tuesday 28 th	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 31 st	Parents' Evening World Book Day – dress as a book character Last day – Easter holiday follows – return to school Monday 17 th April
May Monday 1 st Thursday 4 th 8 th – 11 th Thursday 18 th Friday 26 th	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) 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



Rock Star Day - this Friday!

This Friday we are inviting all of our children (and staff!) to dress as rock stars! On the day, we'll be relaunching **TT Rockstars** and reminding ourselves how much fun we can have with maths. TT Rockstars is a fantastic website for practising times tables, which are vital for maths fluency. Children can challenge themselves or play against friends, all the while building up their score on the journey to rock stardom. They can even use their winnings to add new outfits and instruments for their rock stars!

Rock star day is for everyone from FS2 upwards. After all, you're never too young to be a rock star! Although TT Rockstars itself is only available for children between Y2 and Y6, we'll also be reintroducing **Numbots** – a brilliant game by the same company that's aimed at younger children. We'll be sending reminders of your child's log in details before the big day. Don't forget - children can still go online before the relaunch event. Every little bit of practice helps...

Friends of Greenlands (PTA)

Over recent years, our wonderful PTA has continued to raise money for school despite dwindling numbers. I would like to thank everyone involved for their hard work and effort. This year, our volunteers have decided to take a step back, and we're looking for some new parents / carers to step in! Would you be interested in helping arrange events for school? This doesn't have to mean a big time commitment – any small part you can play would be appreciated. If you think you may be able to offer some support (or are just interested to learn more) please email us at office@greenlandsprimary.org or call 01909 550557. Thank you!

Boggle Hole

A huge well done to all of our Y5 & 6 children, who made us all very proud during the residential visit to Boggle Hole on the Yorkshire Coast. We had no end of comments from members of the public about the brilliant manners the children displayed; they were a delight to spend the week with. Well done everyone!



Photo Day

Individual photographs will be taken tomorrow. Children should wear school uniform for their photo, even if it's PE day (children doing PE should bring their kit to change into). Please note that even though Snowy Owls are on their visit, they will still have photos taken before setting off.

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!

Sports Reporters

Keep an eye on our website for a new tab. When we take sports teams to events this year, we will also be taking our aspiring journalists to write a column for the website! So far, we've already had a rugby and netball tournament, and you can expect to see the write-ups on screen soon...

Parking

A number of parents have contacted me about concerns around parking. Although we can't police this, we would like to ask that people park carefully around school and avoid parking in the hammerhead or on the corner if possible, as this does make it dangerous for children to cross the road as they approach or leave school. Thank you very much for your support with this.

Contacting After School Club

A reminder that we now have a secondary contact number for getting in touch with After School Club between 3pm and 5.45pm – 07546349064. Please add this to your contacts in case you need it. Thank you!

INSET Dates for This Year

This year's remaining INSET days are:

Friday 21st October 2022

Thursday 4th May 2023

Monday 5th June 2023