



Anston Greenlands Primary School

SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER



Welcome Back!

A warm welcome back to school to all of our children and families! I hope you've all had a fantastic summer and are feeling rested and refreshed. The children have settled into their new projects brilliantly and there's a real buzz around school.

For those who are new to Greenlands, welcome to the family! We're delighted to have you as a part of our school community. Please do remember, as always, that we operate a completely open door policy, so we'd love to see you if you have any questions, concerns or comments. You're always very welcome in school, or if that's not convenient we can be contacted over the phone on 01909 550557, or by email on office@greenlandsprimary.org.

Dates for your Diary

Like last year, we're providing as many dates as possible at this stage. Please note that some of these dates are provisional, and that more dates (e.g. visits) will be added as the year goes on – however, we will let you know as and when changes occur. Thank you!

September Thursday 21 st 25 th – 29 th	Forest School begins for FS2 Y5/6 residential visit to PGL Caythorpe Court
October Monday 2 nd Tuesday 10 th Monday 16 th Wednesday 18 th Friday 20 th	Y3/4 visit to Murton Park Individual photos Y5/6 visit to Eden Park Y6 visit to Crucial Crew INSET Day – school closed to children. Holiday begins – return to school Mon 30 th Oct
November Wednesday 1 st Wednesday 15 th Thursday 16 th	Flu vaccinations – information to follow Parents' Evening Parents' Evening
December Monday 4 th Wednesday 6 th Thursday 7 th Friday 8 th Thursday 14 th Friday 22 nd	Y5/6 curriculum event – details to follow Infant Nativity (afternoon) Infant Nativity (afternoon) Christmas Jumper Day (note – this is the day after the national day, due to the Nativity) Infant pantomime visit (oh yes it is!*) (*sorry – couldn't resist) Last day – 2pm finish – return to school Monday 8 th January
February Friday 9 th	Last day – half term follows – return to school Monday 19 th February

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March Thursday 7 th Friday 29 th	World Book Day – dress as a book character Last day – Easter holiday follows – return to school Monday 15 th April
May Thursday 2 nd Monday 6 th 13 th – 16 th Thursday 23 rd Friday 24 th	INSET day (elections) – school closed to children May Day – school closed to children Y6 SATs Class photos (and individual Y6 photos) Last day – half term follows – return to school Tuesday 4 th June (after INSET)
June Monday 3 rd WB 10 th	INSET day – school closed to children Y1 phonics screening check
July (to follow) 15 th – 23 rd Tuesday 23 rd	(dates for Sports Day and Performances to follow) Non-uniform – Uniform Swap Shop to take place from Tuesday onwards Last day – 2pm finish – summer holiday follows

We are an EcoSchool!

We are delighted to let you know that our school has been awarded the the EcoSchool Green Flag Award, with Merit! This is a national accolade that considers a school's commitment to environmental education. As you know, this is something we are extremely passionate about, and we are delighted to have achieved the award. Thanks go to Mrs Roberts and Mrs Bratt for their work on the award process and to all of our staff and children, for making sure that environmental education has a big profile at our school. Well done everybody!

Here are the closing comments from the panel's letter to school:



Your achievements this year have been fantastic; your Eco-Schools work has inspired your pupils and empowered them to carry the eco-message into their homes and communities. We hope that all those involved take great pride in the immense success and positive environmental impacts of your rewilding work. You are a wonderful ambassador for environmentalism, and we are delighted to award you an Eco-Schools Green Flag with Merit – congratulations!

...AND an Outdoor Learning Champion!

In a similar vein, we very pleased to have been recognised for our work in Outdoor Education, with the Silver Council for Learning Outside the Classroom Award! This award celebrates schools who provide high quality outdoor learning opportunities, including Forest School. Thank you very much to Mrs Marriott for her work on this, and to all staff and children for being outdoor learning superstars.

Volunteer Plea!

At Greenlands, we have a rich history of working with parent volunteers to help our children get the best possible start in their education. Although Covid put a stop to that, we have steadily rebuilt a small bank of brilliant volunteers over the last couple of years. We'd now like to add to that group! We'll be able to provide training in school and help choose a role that suits you, so if you're interested, please get in touch! There's no minimum time expectation; we only ask that volunteers commit to the same day or days each week, if possible. School can take care of all DBS checks etc. for volunteers. Thank you!

Uniform Appeal

Please consider donating any clean, good quality uniform that your child has outgrown. This will allow us to offer it to other families second hand. We can sell anything with a school logo. Thank you. On that note...

Swap Shop - Save the Date!

Following the success of our Uniform Swap Shop over the last two years, we will be running it again in July. Once again, the last week of the year will be non-uniform for all children and we will ask for donations of good quality uniform that you won't need the following year. That will then be made available for free in the Swap Shop. We managed to swap hundreds of items again last year, and hopefully we can keep building on that success!

Mr Griffin & Mr Kay

This year, Wingfield Academy have kindly loaned us their specialist music teacher Mr Griffin, who will be delivering whole class music sessions for Y5 and Y6 every Friday afternoon. The children have already started learning to play the glockenspiel – they sounded great today! In addition, our friend Mr Kay from Dinnington High School will continue to offer specialist PE sessions on Friday mornings. At the moment, Y1 and Y2 will be working with Mr Kay.

Dinner Money Pricing

A reminder that the cost of school dinners has gone up by 10p per day this year, following a rise in cost from the School Meals Service. This will bring the cost for a lunch to £2.60 per day.

Contacting After School Club

If you need to get in touch with After School Club between 3pm and 5.45pm, this can be done directly on 07546349064. Please add this to your contacts in case you need it. Thank you!

INSET Dates for This Year

A reminder that this year's remaining INSET days are:

Friday 20th October 2023

Thursday 2nd May 2024

Monday 3rd June 2024