



# Anston Greenlands Primary School



## JULY NEWSLETTER

### Dates for your Diary

<b>July</b>	
WB 8 <sup>th</sup>	Book fair in school Mon-Thu after school
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Y3/4 Olympics event – afternoon
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Y1/2 Safari Spectacular – afternoon
	Y6 cinema evening
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Y6 Leavers' Assembly (morning)
WB 15 <sup>th</sup>	Transition week for Y6 children attending Dinnington and Wales
15 <sup>th</sup> – 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Non-uniform – Uniform Swap Shop to take place from Tuesday onwards
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Moving-up morning
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup>	FS2 French event – afternoon
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Last day – 2pm finish – summer holiday follows
<b>September</b>	
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	INSET day – school closed to children
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	INSET day – school closed to children
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	First day back for children

### Our 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday

None of us here at school can stop talking about the wonderful 50<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration. Thank you so much to everyone who came down to school to be a part of the day, and a huge thank you to the PTA for running such a fantastic Summer Fair! We're delighted to announce that the event raised over £1000 for school! Money like that can make a real difference and your generosity really is appreciated. The highlight of the day for many was the opportunity to meet former staff and school friends. We certainly enjoyed the chance to meet (and reunite with) some of the staff who worked at school over the last 50 years, and to chat to lots of former pupils. We hope that you all enjoyed the day as much as we did!

Here's a photo we took of all of the staff who attended. That's 5 decades-worth of teachers, teaching assistants, lunch staff and office staff!



## Sports Day

A huge well done to all of our wonderful children for your effort and attitude on Sports Day. What a great morning we had - and the sun even decided to shine! Thank you to all of our staff, volunteers and parents for making the event so special. Congratulations to this year's eventual champions, Green Team!



## Book Fair

The book fair is in school Monday to Thursday this week, straight after school in the main hall. A great chance to pick up a bargain summer read! Every book you buy helps school, as we receive a percentage back in book vouchers for school. Thank you!

## Moving Up Morning

A reminder that Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July will be an opportunity for children to meet their new teacher and visit their new classroom. We're lucky in school that children often already know next year's teacher fairly well, but this is always a great opportunity for us to make sure children are feeling settled and confident ahead of next year. We can now confirm that the teaching staff in next year's classes will remain as they are this year:

FS2 (Wrens)	Mrs Marriott
Y1 (Robins)	Miss Fisher
Y2 (Chaffinches)	Mrs Bratt
Y3 (Merlins)	Mrs Adams
Y4 (Ospreys)	Miss Baldwin
Y5 (Golden Eagles)	Mrs Roberts
Y6 (Snowy Owls)	Mrs Bower

The teachers are all looking forward to getting started with their new class! Early in the new school year, we will be running a "meet the teacher" event, to give you a chance to get to know your child's new teacher. As always, please don't hesitate to get in touch if you'd like to speak to a member of staff about anything.

## Uniform Swap Shop

Next week (and the two final days on the following week) will be our annual non-uniform swap shop! We really encourage all of our families to make use of this. We're big fans of reused uniform at Greenlands! It's better for the planet and better for your wallet. Win-win! Here's how it works...

**Monday 15th** - Please send in any clean, good quality uniform that your children have grown out of or longer need. If possible, please send this in a bag, labelled by size. **From Monday onwards, children do not need to come in uniform.** This includes PE days, when anything sporty (or easy to run around in) is fine to wear.

**Tuesday to Friday** (or as long as stock lasts) - All donated uniform will be available for FREE at the start and end of each day, on the infant yard. If the weather is bad, we will move the tables inside the hall.

## Oliver!

We were bowled over last week by the incredible performance of *Oliver!* put on by our junior children. The actors on stage, the singers, the stagehands, the salespeople and the sound technicians all did an amazing job. It's also worth mentioning that the children had been practising outside in the run up to the event, where they were able to walk behind the stage and enter from two different sides etc., so moving inside on the day was a tough ask. They rose to the challenge brilliantly. Well done everyone!



## Family Rewilding Challenge - time to send your photos!

Have you been taking part in our family rewilding challenge? If you've created a wild patch in your garden, please send a photo (including before / after if possible) to [office@greenlandsprimary.org](mailto:office@greenlandsprimary.org), marked "Rewilding Challenge". We'd love to put together some photos of everyone's efforts! We hope you've enjoyed taking part. Thank you.



### Picture This!

If you're anywhere near the New York Stadium this month (as if anyone needed an excuse!), why not pop in and have a look at the *Picture This!* exhibition? You'll find some of our work displayed in pride of place! This event is a celebration of work from across Rotherham, all inspired by the same series of artists. Our work (largely focused on local artist James Brunt) was a joint project between Greenlands and the other two schools in our trust, and the quality of work is fantastic.

### Greenlands Enters the Future...

Thanks to an incredibly kind donation, we are now the proud owners of a set of VR headsets. These will now be available to our older children in Y5 and 6 (due to age guidance). The educational possibilities with these devices are mind-blowing. They're also very good fun! We're looking forward to travelling all over the world, and beyond. Watch this space!

### Uniform for September

A reminder that children need to come to school in the correct uniform. On PE days, this includes a black hoodie. We offer our logo hoodie, which is very reasonably priced (we don't make any profit on uniform). Alternatively, children may wear a plain black hoodie for PE, but please ensure that they don't wear anything with logos / writing on etc. The holidays are a good time to check that the name in your child's clothing hasn't worn off, too!

### Breakfast and After School Club Reminder

Reminder that club fees will increase slightly in September, to £2.90 for Breakfast Club (an increase of 15p) and to £8.20 in After School Club (an increase of 20p). This change is in line with rising costs.



### Our New Oak Tree

To mark our 50<sup>th</sup> year, Team Green have today planted an oak tree in the school grounds. As you may know, our house teams are named after trees, and although we have ash, beech and rowan, we have never actually had the fourth tree, oak, on site. We thought our 50<sup>th</sup> birthday would be a good chance to remedy this!

### Y6 Transition

A huge good luck to our Y6 children who will be taking part in their transition week at high school next week. We're very proud of the brilliant young people you've become and we know you'll be ace! We look forward to seeing you all again for the last two days.

### Thank You

Finally, a big thank you to all of our families, as always, for your incredible support this year. We are so lucky to have such a supportive bunch of parents and carers, and your influence is clear to see in your children. We all wish you a fantastic summer!