



Anston Greenlands Primary School

SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER



Welcome Back!

On behalf of everyone at Greenlands, I'd like to wish a warm welcome to all of our children and families – hopefully you've all enjoyed an exciting summer! It has been lovely to see all the children again and to hear about what they've been getting up to. Of course, a new school year means a new class of children for our school, so a special mention must go to our Wrens and all the new families who've joined us. Welcome to Greenlands!

As the new school year starts, please do remember that our door is always open – if there's anything at all you'd like to discuss, 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	
Monday 2 nd	INSET day – school closed to children
Tuesday 3 rd	INSET day – school closed to children
Wednesday 4 th	First day back for children
Wednesday 11 th	Meet the Teacher sessions (Y1-Y6) – 3.30pm and 4pm (see below)
WB 23 rd	Y5/6 residential visit to Boggle Hole
Wednesday 25 th (and last Wednesday of each month)	SEND drop-in day with our SENDCo Mrs Bratt (see below)
October	
Tuesday 8 th	Flu immunisations for children – more info to follow
Thursday 10 th	Individual photos
Friday 25 th	Last day of school – non-uniform – half term holiday follows
November	
Monday 4 th	First day back at school
Tuesday 12 th	Phonics workshop for parents (details to follow)
Tuesday 19 th	Parents' Evening
Wednesday 20 th	Parents' Evening
December	
Thursday 5 th	Infant panto visit
Wednesday 11 th	Infant Nativity (afternoon)
Thursday 12 th	Infant Nativity (afternoon)
Friday 13 th	Christmas Jumper Day (<i>this is a day later the national day, due to our Nativity</i>)
Monday 16 th	Y5/6 Christmas party (non uniform for Y5/6)
Wednesday 18 th	Christmas Coffee Morning (juniors) / Infant Christmas Party (non uniform for infants)



Thursday 19 th Friday 20 th	Y3/4 Christmas party (non uniform for Y3/4) Last day of school – non-uniform – 2pm finish – Christmas holiday follows
January Monday 6 th	First day back at school
February Friday 14 th Monday 24 th	Last day of school – non-uniform – half term holiday follows First day back at school
March Thursday 6 th WB 10 th Wednesday 19 th Thursday 20 th Friday 28 th	World Book Day – dress as a book character Science Week Last day of school – non-uniform – Easter holiday follows Parents’ Evening Parents’ Evening
April Monday 14 th	First day back at school
May Thursday 1 st WB 12 th Friday 23 rd	INSET Day – school closed to children – <i>please note, this date has not yet been confirmed; we have based it on the usual local election timetable and will confirm ASAP.</i> Y6 SATs Last day of school – non-uniform – half term holiday follows
June Monday 2 nd	First day back at school
July Wednesday 2 nd WB 14 th Monday 21 st Tuesday 23 rd Wednesday 24 th	Sports day – afternoon – *provisional date* Swap shop week – non-uniform all week Last day of school for children – 2pm finish INSET day – school closed to children INSET day – school closed to children

Meet The Teacher (Y1 - Y6)

As you may remember from our diary dates letter before the holidays, we’re hosting a ‘meet the teacher’ session in Y1-6 next Wednesday, to give you an opportunity to get to know your child’s new class teacher. Staff will introduce you to class routines and answer any questions you may have about this year. During these sessions, children are welcome to stay in school; they can stay in the main hall (supervised) and can be collected immediately afterwards.

Each session will run twice, to cater for families with more than one child in school. if you have three children and would like to meet all three teachers, please contact us so that we can arrange this separately. **To book a place, please fill in the survey link that has been sent by text** (www.tinyurl.com/AG-MTT-24), **or call school on 01909 550557**. Thank you.

SENDCo Drop-in sessions

This year, we’re be introducing a regular drop-in session for any parents who have SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities) concerns about their child. If you’d like to discuss anything at all to do with additional needs, Mrs Bratt will be available on the last Wednesday of each month. These drop-ins will run in addition to our usual SEND reviews. As always, class teachers will be available for any other concerns, and you are always very welcome to email or phone school. You can also usually catch me (Mr Wirth) on the ramp gate in the morning. Mrs Bratt will send more information about SENDCo drop-ins soon.

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. Over the recent post-Covid years, we have steadily rebuilt a small bank of brilliant volunteers, and we'd love 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!

School Games Mark **PLATINUM!**

After 2 years of achieving the Bronze School Games Mark, 2 years of achieving Silver and 4 years of Gold, we are delighted to let you know that we were awarded **PLATINUM** for our work in 2023-24! This award recognises the work we've done to get children involved in sport. Our brilliant Sports Leaders were the extra factor in moving us up to the Platinum Award this year. A huge thank you to everyone involved in achieving this award!



Uniform Appeal

A reminder to 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. We will of course be running our swap shop again at the end of the year, and following positive feedback we plan to run the World Book Day costume swap again too! Thank you.

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!