



Anston Greenlands Primary School

OCTOBER NEWSLETTER



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!

October	
Thursday 3 rd	Y6 visit to Crucial Crew *new date*
Tuesday 8 th	Flu immunisations for children (apart from Y3/4) Y4 visit to Wentworth Woodhouse *new date*
Thursday 10 th	Individual photos
Wednesday 16 th	Y6 visit to Sheffield *new date*
Thursday 17 th	Rock Star Day *new date*
Friday 18 th	Y5 visit to Sheffield *new date*
Wednesday 23 rd	SEND drop-in day with Mrs Bratt PTA Spooky Disco – PTA letter coming soon! *new date*
Thursday 24 th	Infant Harvest Festival – 2pm *new date*
Friday 25 th	Last day of school – non-uniform – half term holiday follows
November	
Monday 4 th	First day back at school
Friday 8 th	PTA Drop-in – from 2.45pm (see below) *new date*
Tuesday 12 th	Phonics workshop for parents (details to follow)
Tuesday 19 th	Parents' Evening
Wednesday 20 th	Parents' Evening
Wednesday 27 th	SEND drop-in day with Mrs Bratt
December	
Monday 2 nd	PTA Christmas Film night – details to follow *new date*
WB 2 nd	Y5/6 Escape Room in school
Thursday 5 th	Infant panto visit
Friday 6 th	Flu immunisations for Y3/4 *new date*
Wednesday 11 th	Infant Nativity (afternoon)
Thursday 12 th	Infant Nativity (afternoon)
Friday 13 th	Christmas Jumper Day (<i>this is a day after the national day, due to our Nativity</i>) Christmas Dinner day *new date*
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) SEND drop-in day with Mrs Bratt (morning only)
Thursday 19 th	Y3/4 Christmas party (non uniform for Y3/4)
Friday 20 th	Last day of school – non-uniform – 2pm finish – Christmas holiday follows
January	
Monday 6 th	First day back at school
WB 27 th	Bikeability Training for Y5 *new date*



February WB 3 rd Friday 14 th Monday 24 th	Bikeability Training for Y6 *new date* 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 Parents' Evening Parents' Evening Last day of school – non-uniform – Easter holiday follows
April Monday 14 th Friday 18 th Monday 21 st	First day back at school School closed – bank holiday (Good Friday) School closed – bank holiday (Easter Monday)
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 22 nd Wednesday 23 rd	Sports day – afternoon – <i>*provisional date*</i> 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

Parking

As you'll be aware, we periodically have to ask people to park with consideration at drop-off and pick-up time. Unfortunately, the parking situation at the moment seems worse than ever! We do appreciate that bad weather might make a walk to school less appealing, but the roads closest to school (including Edinburgh Drive and the hammerhead) have become dangerously clogged with cars recently, and it is a genuine concern that this could lead to an accident. Please consider parking a little further away and walking if at all possible – even if that means a broly is needed! Thank you for your support with this.

Rock Star Day - Thursday 17th October

We now have a date for this year's Rock Star Day – this will take place on Thursday 17th October. Once again, we are inviting all children and adults to dress in their most rock'n'roll outfit, to celebrate the relaunch of TT Rockstars and Numbots. For the older children, there will be TT Rockstars competitions taking place during the surrounding days (before and after half term). There is no charge for this dress-up day.



PTA Spooky Disco - Wednesday 23rd October

Wednesday 23rd October will be our Spooky Disco, organised by the PTA. For the price of £2, children can dress in their spooky costume all day at school, then attend the disco in the evening (infants 3.30pm – 4.30pm, juniors 5pm – 6pm). All proceeds go to the PTA, who raise vital money to support school. **The PTA will be sending a letter about this very soon, with info about payment etc. Keep your eyes peeled!**

PTA Drop-in

We would love to recruit some new members to our brilliant PTA! Joining the PTA is a great way to play a role in school and we'd love to chat to you, with no commitment, about taking part! If you'd like to know more, please pop in to our drop-in session on Friday 8th November from 2.45pm, in the school staff room.

The Great Greenlands Conker Championships 2024

It's that time of the year again...! In a couple of weeks, we'll be running our annual conker championships, so now's the time to look out for the perfect conker! Here's what you need to know:

The dates: Games to be played in the week beginning 14th Oct with the grand finals on Thursday 17th October (assuming we can squeeze all the other games in in time!)

Preparation: Although the children will be playing the games, please see this as a family challenge! We'd like you to choose your conker and prepare it for battle together. You **are** allowed to use a 'traditional' method to give your conker a better chance if you choose to (such as soaking it in vinegar or baking it) but please do **not** use superglue etc.! Please make sure your conker has a **string length of at least 20cm**. Please ensure children are supervised by an adult for all of the preparation, including making the hole. Practice games at home are encouraged! We'd love you to find your own conkers if you can, but just in case, we'll send each child home with one, so that anyone who'd like to can join in. Thank you very much for the conker donations we've had today!

The rules:

- There will be one champion for each class.
- First turn will be decided by a coin toss.
- If a conker is knocked off its string (smashed or whole) the other player wins.
- If the first turn is a winner, that's just how it goes!
- No stamps (it's not street rules – we have to be civilised)
- In the event of a draw after lots and lots of turns, the game may be decided by paper, scissors, stone or a suitable alternative.

Happy hunting!



Save money and provide money to support your child in school!

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!

Lunchtime change

A reminder that lunches have changed order this week. As mentioned in the email, tomorrow (Thursday) will be Quorn slice or pizza. Friday will be roast chicken or cheese plait. Thank you.