



Anston Greenlands Primary School



NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

Dates for your Diary

November	
Friday 8 th	PTA Drop-in – from 2.45pm (see below)
Tuesday 12 th	Phonics workshop for parents
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
WB 2 nd	Y5/6 Escape Room in school
Thursday 5 th	Infant panto visit
Friday 6 th	Santa Dash *new date*
	Flu immunisations for Y3/4
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
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
February	
WB 3 rd	Bikeability Training for Y6
Friday 14 th	Last day of school – non-uniform – half term holiday follows
Monday 24 th	First day back at school
March	
Thursday 6 th	World Book Day – dress as a book character
WB 10 th	Science Week
Wednesday 19 th	Parents' Evening
Thursday 20 th	Parents' Evening
Friday 28 th	Last day of school – non-uniform – Easter holiday follows
April	
Monday 14 th	First day back at school
Friday 18 th	School closed – bank holiday (Good Friday)
Monday 21 st	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

Conkers!

What an amazing conker tournament we had this year. The competition was fierce in every class, and we even had some real conker explosions! Very well done to everyone who took part, and to our eventual winners!

Open Mic Tuesdays

Starting next week, we will be giving children the opportunity to perform on stage in the hall during lunchtimes. They could sing, dance, play a musical instrument or do any other type of performance they'd like, and they can do this individually or as part of a small group. We'll be speaking to the children about this in assembly on Monday and the open mic sessions will run as long as our list of performers lasts!



Puffins Funding

We are thrilled to let you know that we've received a grant of up to £50,000 to help us refurbish our nurture room, Puffins. We're hoping to start work on the room soon and will keep you updated. A huge thank you to Mrs. Bratt for her hard work in securing this funding.

Outdoor Classroom Day 2024

As you know, we love outdoor learning at Greenlands and we make the most of our grounds at every opportunity. With that in mind, we had to take part in "National Outdoor Classroom Day" on Thursday 7th November! All through school, children took their learning outside. Keep your eyes on the website for some photos from each class.

Spooky Disco

What a brilliant time we had at this year's Spooky Disco! Thank you very much to the PTA and to all the parents, carers and staff who helped out at the event. There were some amazing costumes and the dancing competition was a particular highlight! On that note...

PTA Drop-in - Reminder

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 this afternoon (Friday 8th November) from 2.45pm, in the school staff room.

Phonics Workshop

A reminder for parents and carers in Wrens and Robins that our Phonics Workshop will be taking place next Tuesday (12th November). If you'd like to come and haven't sent in your slip, please do so by Monday. Thank you.

Harvest Festival

Our Infants did such a wonderful job at their harvest festival. Not only did they entertain us all and deliver an important message – they also brought in a huge amount of food for our local foodbank at the Salvation Army. Thank you to all the grown-ups for your kind donations.

Rock Star Day

It was another amazing Rock Star Day at Greenlands! As well as being a good excuse to dress up as rock stars (like we need an excuse...) this was a chance to relaunch TTRockstars and Numbots in school. Rock on!



Santa Dash

Friday 6th December will be our annual Santa Dash! As always, this will be free for all children to take part in. It will take place shortly before the end of the school day; parents and carers are very welcome to come along and join in! We'll confirm the exact start time closer to the day.

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

A reminder 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.

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!

Thank you

Thank you as ever for your continued support. Don't forget that we're always at the end of the phone and our door is always open, if ever there's something you'd like to discuss.