



# Anston Greenlands Primary School



## APRIL NEWSLETTER

### Dates for your Diary

<b>April</b> Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup>	First day back at school School closed – bank holiday (Good Friday) School closed – bank holiday (Easter Monday) SEND drop-ins
<b>May</b> Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> WB 12 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>THIS IS NO LONGER AN INSET DAY</b> (see below and previous email) Bank holiday – school closed Y6 SATs SEND drop-ins Last day of school – non-uniform – half term holiday follows
<b>June</b> Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> WB 9 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	First day back at school Phonics Screen (Y1) SEND drop-ins
<b>July</b> Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> WB 14 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Sports day – afternoon <b>INSET day – school closed to children *new date*</b> Swap shop week – non-uniform all week SEND drop-ins <b>Y6 Leavers' Assembly (c.9-10am) *new date*</b> Last day of school for children – 2pm finish INSET day – school closed to children INSET day – school closed to children

### Reading Challenge

We have been set a reading challenge by our trust, that could result in us winning £500 of books for school! Today in assembly, the children watched a video made by the trust's CEO, promising £500 if we can manage **three weeks when everybody reads three times**. To help us achieve this, we need to make sure **everybody** is managing three weekly reads, at home or at school. We know that some families do read but forget to write in the home-school record. Over this half-term, please try to get those occasions recorded – it would be brilliant if we could get every single child reading 3x a week! To help with this even further, we'll be providing opportunities for some of our more reluctant readers to read with a volunteer or an older child (in addition to the reading they already do with staff!) Let's get reading, everyone!



## Our New Library!

We are so excited to finally announce that our new library is OPEN! As you can see, it's looking fantastic. The children have already started using this during school time and we have plans in place to start some after-school sessions soon. Watch this space! A very big thank you to the PTA for their help funding books for the library.

## PTA Thanks

On that note, our PTA deserve another huge thank you! Last term's Mothers' Day gifts were a big success. For a voluntary donation of £1, the children were able to take home a small present to mark the occasion. These had been sourced by the PTA, who kindly ensured that every child took home a present, whether or not they were able to bring in the donation. A member of the PTA told me they hoped to give something back to the school community; I feel pretty certain that you already do lots of that! Thank you to everybody involved in this lovely idea.



## Easter Egg Raffle

A huge thank you to the grandparent who has donated 8 Easter eggs, with the intention of us raffling these off to boost school funds. What a kind idea! For the rest of this week, we will be selling raffle tickets for £1, for anybody who would like to take part. Please send any money for raffle tickets by Thursday, along with a note telling us how many you'd like (so we don't accidentally keep your change!) We'll then draw the raffle during Thursday's assembly and send the eggs home with the winners!

## INSET Change

As you hopefully saw in my recent email, we've made a change to one of our remaining INSET days this year. We were expecting to be used as a polling station on Thursday 1st May; however, we've now been told this will not be the case. As a result, we have made the decision to move the INSET day scheduled for this date. **This will now take place on Friday 4th July.** I hope that this will be slightly easier for most parents, as it means we won't be having two closure days in very close succession (with May Day Bank Holiday being Monday 5th May). It's always difficult to balance this for everybody, and I apologise if this change causes any inconvenience for any families. Hopefully it'll be a helpful one!

Please note that if you've already planned a trip somewhere on the 1st May, we'll of course honour this as an authorised absence – we just ask that you fill in a holiday form to let us know in advance.

## New Fence for Puffins

If you dropped children off on the junior yard this morning, you will have noticed our new fenced area for Puffins. This is an exciting next step for our nurture provision, as it allows us to use the outdoor space far more easily. The next stage will be to complete some groundwork inside the fenced area, making the space even better for our Puffins children.



## INSET Dates for This Year

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

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July  
Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2025  
Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2025

