



# Anston Greenlands Primary School



## JUNE NEWSLETTER

<b>June</b>	
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	First day back at school / Y1&2 visit to The Deep
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Non-uniform for PTA Tombola (see below)</b>
WB 9 <sup>th</sup>	Phonics Screen (Y1)
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup>	PTA Father's Day Gift Shop
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup>	<b>PGL meeting for Y4/5 parents (see below)</b>
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Baton relay (see below)</b>
	PTA Summer Fair after school
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Y3&4 visit to Harry Potter Studios
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Y5&6 visit to Alton Towers / FS2 visit to The Deep
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	SEND drop-ins // Y4 Varsity event (letter to follow) – <b>(Varsity event is a date change)</b>
<b>July</b>	
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Moving up morning (see below)</b>
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Sports day – afternoon
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup>	INSET day – school closed to children
7 <sup>th</sup> – 10 <sup>th</sup>	Book Fair in school (after school in the hall)
WB 14 <sup>th</sup>	Swap shop week – non-uniform all week
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	SEND drop-ins
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Y6 evening visit to the cinema
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Y6 Leavers' Assembly (c.9-10am)
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Last day of school for children – 2pm finish
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	INSET day – school closed to children
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	INSET day – school closed to children

**New dates highlighted**

### PTA Non-Uniform Day

As you will have seen on the recent letter, our PTA have kindly organised a non-uniform day this Friday in support of the Summer Fair. Children are welcome to come in non-uniform in exchange for bringing an item for the raffle. If possible, we'd love them to bring items in these colours, with rainbow hampers being collected together from the donations! We'd welcome anything from wine to washing up liquid, biscuits to bubble bath and everything in between!



### Residential Meeting for Y4/5 Parents

We would like to invite parents of Y4 & Y5 children to come to a meeting about next year's residential visit to PGL Dearne Valley, on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> June at 5pm. During this meeting, we will share information about the residential and answer any questions you may have. Children are welcome to come along too! Please don't worry if you're not able to make this, as we will make sure everybody gets a copy of key information like packing lists.



## The Green Pages – a small business directory for our school community!

We are always looking for ways to support the school community, so we thought we'd try a new idea in our newsletters. Do you have your own small business? Perhaps you're a self-employed builder, electrician, accountant, web designer or plumber? If you work for yourself and offer a service that might be of use to other families at school, we'd love to support you by including your details at the end of the newsletter. This will be a simple directory (like the Yellow Pages, for those who remember it!). It will be completely free and will provide a network of local tradespeople and small businesses, which we hope will be useful for the school community. All we ask is that:

- the business is owned by a parent / carer / grandparent of a child at Greenlands;
- you or a family member aren't employed by the school.

If you'd like to be included in our directory (for free!) please email school ([AGP-office@nclt.ac.uk](mailto:AGP-office@nclt.ac.uk)) with:

- Your business / company name;
- Your child's name (this will **not** be included in the directory – it's just to make sure we only receive entries from people who have children with us!)
- A very brief description of what you do – please note that this is a directory and **not** an advert, so this will simply appear as e.g. *electrician*, or *electrician – rewires, lighting, fuse board installation etc.* and will **not** include any other promotional information.
- Your contact details (phone number or email address – please remember that this will be visible to all parents via the newsletter)
- Your website / Checktrade link or similar, if you have one.

Please note that this will be a very simple directory and will not have space for adverts or any other information. Inclusion in the directory will not indicate any kind of recommendation from school, and parents using it should still refer to any other sources (e.g. Google / Checktrade) if they wish to check reviews / recommendations. It might be a big success or a total flop, but it's worth a try to find out! Watch this space!

## Moving Up Morning

On Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> July, there 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.

## Free School Meals

We have recently signed up to a new programme that should take the hassle out of applying for Free Schools Meals for parents. Rather than families having to jump through hoops to receive this funding, we can now apply automatically on behalf of everyone who's eligible. Please keep a look out for a letter over the coming weeks, that will explain more.

## Reminder – School Shoes

Before we come back to school after the holidays, many parents will be dragging children round shoe shops to replace outgrown school shoes (not a job I relish with my own children!) With this in mind, I'd like to take the opportunity to remind everyone that our uniform is **black shoes or trainers**, and that we do ask for children not to wear brightly coloured trainers. This may seem like an arbitrary request, but in the past we've found that it can lead to unkind comments between children if some come in expensive / name brand trainers and others don't. Easier all round if we keep things simple and stick to plain black! Thank you for your support with this.

## Uniform Swap Shop

A reminder that Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July until the end of the year will once again be non-uniform, so that we can run our uniform swap shop! On Monday 14<sup>th</sup>, please bring in any clean, good quality school clothes that your child has outgrown. We will then have these available from Tuesday onwards, arranged by size, to be rehomed. Over the last two years we've rehomed hundreds of pieces of uniform, which is good for the planet and everyone's wallet!

## Surprise Fun Run

As you will have seen before we broke up, many of our children joined in a surprise fun run to support Phoebe in Y5, who ran 3k every day in May, in support of a Lung Cancer charity. We kept this secret from Phoebe, so it was a big surprise for her when over a hundred children chose to join her on the final Friday's 3k!

Following the children's brilliant team effort, we thought we'd share Phoebe's Just Giving page for anybody who would like to make a donation. (Please note - some of you may already be aware of the Facebook page for this. We aren't able to send that link so Phoebe's family have kindly set up a Just Giving Page as an alternative).

[https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Michelle1748003795238?utm\\_medium=FR&utm\\_source=EM&utm\\_campaign=015](https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Michelle1748003795238?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=EM&utm_campaign=015)

## Our Drummers!

Wow! Our drummers put on an incredible performance just before the holidays. We were so impressed by their ability to keep time and show off their fills! Well done everybody!

## Baton Relay

On the morning of 18<sup>th</sup> June, our school will be taking part in a Rotherham-wide event to celebrate the Children's Capital of Culture, when some of our children carry a baton from Greenlands to Anston Brook. We're one of 86 schools taking part, and although only 4 children can carry the official baton, we're planning a celebration to ensure that all children feel part of this event.



## New Mental Health Service from the NHS

We have today received this information from the NHS about a new service they are providing:

*Text 'EYUP' to 85258 for support*

*This new service offers urgent mental health support by text message to people in South Yorkshire.*

*The service – a partnership between NHS South Yorkshire and innovative digital service Shout, which is powered by the charity Mental Health Innovations – offers free, confidential, 24/7 text support for anyone struggling to cope.*

*Anyone in the area experiencing anxiety, stress, loneliness, depression, self-harm, suicidal thoughts, or other mental health challenges can use the service by texting the word 'EYUP' to 85258 at any time of day or night.*

*The text service is designed to provide anonymous support for people who need urgent mental health assistance. The service ensures patients can access help, day or night, without having to wait to speak to someone face-to-face or on the telephone. As well as providing support to members of the public, it also helps ease pressures on mental health services.*

*From 27 May, to start a conversation:*

- Text the word 'EYUP' to 85258*
- You'll receive four automated messages before being connected to one of Shout's qualified mental health professionals*
- Once connected, the mental health professional will listen empathetically, provide support and signpost to local services where appropriate*

*The Shout service is free, anonymous, and does not appear on phone bills. Users do not need to register, download an app, or use mobile data.*

## 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

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July