



Anston Greenlands Primary School

SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER



September	
Wednesday 9 th	Meet the Teacher sessions (3.30pm and 4pm)
Thursday 10 th	Y4 swimming begins
Tuesday 15 th	Y4/5/6 Choir begins (after school)
Wednesday 16 th	Y5/6 Multi-Sports Club begins (after school)
WB 21 st	Y5/6 Residential visit to Boggle Hole
Monday 28 th	Y6 visit to Dinnington High School
October	
Friday 2 nd	Y6 visit to Crucial Crew
Tuesday 6 th	Y5/6 visit to Sheffield Escape Room
Thursday 8 th	Individual and sibling photos
Monday 12 th	DHS sports event: Y3/4 football – separate teams for boys & girls (4pm – 5.30pm)*
Friday 16 th	TT Rockstars Day – come to school dressed in your most rock'n'roll outfit!
Thursday 22 nd	Y1/2 Harvest Festival
Friday 23 rd	Non-uniform day (Y1/2 – staff will contact you about any clothing for Harvest Festival) INSET day – school closed to children (half term holiday follows)
November	
Monday 2 nd	First day back at school
Monday 9 th	Flu vaccinations (nasal spray) for children
Tuesday 10 th	DHS sports event: Y3/4/5/6 Dance Fun (4pm – 5.30pm)*
Wednesday 11 th	Parents' evening
WB 23 rd	Parents' evening
	Y5/6 Escape Room in the library
December	
Thursday 3 rd	Y3/4 visit to Harry Potter Studios
Wednesday 9 th	FS2/Y1/Y2 Panto Visit (letter to follow)
Thursday 10 th	Infant Nativity (afternoon)
Monday 14 th	Infant Nativity (afternoon)
Tuesday 15 th	DHS sports event: Y3/4 hockey – boys & girls mixed (4pm – 5.30pm)*
Wednesday 16 th	Y5 and Y6 Christmas Party (afternoon)
Thursday 17 th	Junior Coffee Morning/performance (morning)
Friday 18 th	Infant Christmas Party (afternoon)
	Y3 & Y4 Christmas Party (afternoon)
	Last day of school (non-uniform) – 2pm finish – Christmas holiday follows
January 2026	
Monday 4 th	INSET day – school closed to children
Tuesday 5 th	First day back at school for children
Monday 11 th	DHS sports event: Y3/4 & Y5/6 dodgeball – boys & girls mixed (4pm – 5pm)*
February	
Monday 8 th	DHS sports event: Y5/6 basketball – boys & girls mixed (4pm – 5pm)*
Friday 12 th	Last day of school (non-uniform) – half term holiday follows



Monday 22 nd	First day back at school
March	
Wednesday 3 rd	Parents' evening
Thursday 4 th	Parents' evening
	World Book Day (come to school dressed as a book character)
Monday 8 th	DHS sports event: Y3-6 Golf come & try session – parents must attend (4pm – 5pm)*
Thursday 25 th	Last day of school (non-uniform) – Good Friday and Easter holiday follows
April	
Monday 12 th	First day back at school
	DHS sports event: Y5/6 Tag rugby (4pm – 5.30pm)*
May	
Monday 3 rd	Bank holiday – school closed
Monday 17 th	DHS sports event: Y3/4/5/6 tennis – boys & girls mixed – parents must attend (4pm – 5pm)*
Thursday 20 th	Class photos / Y6 individual photos
Thursday 27 th	Last day of school for children (non-uniform)
Friday 28 th	INSET day – school closed to children – half term holiday follows
June	
Monday 7 th	INSET day – school closed to children
Tuesday 8 th	First day back at school
Wednesday 23 rd	Sports Day – afternoon (weather dependent)
July	
WB 12 th	Uniform Swap Shop (non uniform until end of term)
Tuesday 20 th	Last day of school – 2pm finish – summer holiday follows
Wednesday 21 st	INSET day – school closed to children
(*please see separate letters about DHS sports events for further info)	

Welcome Back!

A very warm welcome back to all of our families. We've had a fantastic first few days back at school and I'm very pleased to say that our new Wrens are settling in brilliantly. Our classrooms are already a hive of activity, with a collection of exciting projects underway!

We have a few reminders to start with, including some useful things for our new parents to know. Don't forget to make a note of key dates like INSET days, parents' evenings, Christmas performances and Sports Day from the list above. As any new dates are added through the year, they will be highlighted to make sure you don't miss anything. Please do remember to keep checking the newsletters – they'll be emailed to you and uploaded to the website once a month, and we'll always text to remind you.

This year, in response to parent feedback, we're also letting you know about all the local sporting events & tournaments that are already booked in throughout the year. These are run by Dinnington High School and the Rotherham School Games team, and are for children in the juniors. We'd love as many children as possible to join in with one of these at some point in the year, so please have a chat with your child to see if there's anything that takes their fancy! We'll be sending out some separate information about this, and each event will have its own letter. Please note that these dates sometimes change, and new events are sometimes added at short notice; this is beyond our control, but we will always do our best to let you know as soon as possible.

Non-Uniform Days

A reminder that the last day of each half-term is non-uniform. We ask for a voluntary donation of £1 per family on these days, which goes to school funds to help us buy resources to support learning.



Book Exchange & Library

Looking for your next read? We have a brand new book exchange for adults in the main reception! Please feel free to take a book for free, even if you don't have another one to leave. We'd love to see this being used regularly. There are some great books up for grabs! Let's get reading!

We also have a book exchange for children, between the infant and junior playground. In addition, **our school library will be open after school on Mondays and Fridays again this year** – we encourage families to make use of this opportunity together.

Uniform Swap Shop / Second Hand Uniform

If you need to supplement your child's uniform at any point this year, please consider our second hand uniform shop! This can be found on the school website or in school. We encourage our families to buy second hand where possible, for three reasons:

- 1) **It's better for your wallet** – items range from £1.50 to £3.00
- 2) **It's better for the planet** – the clothing industry is accountable for about 8-10% of global carbon emissions and 20% of the world's waste water. It might not seem like a big thing, but buying second hand uniform would be a change for the better
- 3) **It's better for school** – we don't make any profit at all on new uniform. Although we don't charge much for second hand items, the money we raise will help us buy resources like books; every penny we make will be spent on our children's education.

This year, we will once again be running our Uniform Swap Shop during the last week in July. This is the perfect chance to get uniform for the following year, for free! By popular demand, we are also aiming to bring back our World Book Day costume shop – we will be in touch about this closer to the time.

After School & Lunchtime Clubs

You'll have noticed that we've made a start on this year's clubs, with Choir and Multi-Sports Club both starting next week. We have more clubs planned for the coming term, including Gardening and Lego Club in the infants, and Cooking Club in the juniors. We're also planning lots of other after-school and lunch-time opportunities across the year, including basketball, rock band and crochet club to name a few! Keep a look out for letters about these clubs.

School Shoes

Please remember that 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.

Lockdown Drills

Over the course of this year, the children will be taking part in occasional "lockdown drills", in line with national guidance. These work in a similar way to fire drills, but with a different response from staff and children. I'm sure that, like me, many of you will feel some sadness that such a thing has to be part of primary education, but given events in Sheffield last year, it is only prudent that schools have procedures in place. Please be assured that such drills are completed in a way that does not cause distress to children. Indeed, our younger children complete them as a 'game' so as to avoid any upset.

Breakfast and After School Club Pricing

A reminder that club fees have increased slightly, to £3.25 for Breakfast Club (an increase of 25p) and to £8.70 in After School Club (an increase of 30p). This change is in line with rising costs.

Parking / Drop Off

Please be considerate when parking or driving near school at drop-off and pick up times, as the road can get extremely busy and there is the potential for children to be crossing the road at any point along Edinburgh Drive. We do ask that parents avoid parking in the hammerhead during these times, as this area is particularly busy. Where possible, please also try to avoid blocking the pavement at the top of the ramp, as this sometimes leads to children having to step into the road to pass. Thank you very much for your support with this.

Sports Day

Advance notice for new parents! When Sports Day comes around, we'll ask the children to wear a t-shirt in their team colour. This is of course a long way off, but better to know now than it be a surprise! Please don't worry if you don't have one, however – we'll have bibs available if necessary.

Medicines

If your child is prescribed medicine that is to be taken 4 times a day, we can administer one of these in school. Please speak to the office staff about this. Please note that we are not generally allowed to administer medicine that is to be taken 3 times a day (as this should be done in the morning, after school and before bed). Thank you.

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

If you're new to our school, or have recently started a business, you may be interested in our Green Pages. 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 simple directory (like the Yellow Pages, for those who remember it!) is completely free and provides a network of local tradespeople and small businesses, which we hope will be useful for the school community. If you'd like to be included, please see the details on the next page!

And Finally...

We'll round off this bumper first newsletter with a reminder that our door is always open. If you ever have any questions or problems, please don't hesitate to get in touch. Thank you!

The Green Pages!

The following businesses are run by family members from our school community. Inclusion in this directory does not constitute an endorsement from school.*

Business name: **Anston Pest Control Ltd.**

Services: **Pest control service - domestic & commercial**

Phone: **07969329396**

Email: admin@anstonpestcontrol.co.uk

Website: www.anstonpestcontrol.co.uk

Business name: **Hanzen Security Solutions**

Services: **Installation and Maintenance of Intruder Alarms and CCTV Systems**

Phone: **07514267539**

Email: joe@hanzensecuritysolutions.com

Website: www.hanzensecuritysolutions.com

Business name: **Portal Lifts Ltd.**

Services: **Installation of new / refurbished stair lifts; passenger lift repair etc.**

Phone: **07706555251**

Email: info@portallifts.co.uk

Website: www.portallifts.co.uk

Business name: **Daisie Cakes**

Services: **Treat boxes, cupcakes, traybakes, celebration cakes, cookie pies etc.**

Phone: **07930331465**

Email: daisiecakes93@gmail.com

<https://www.instagram.com/daisiecakes93?igsh=MW05bDVpYXBINGxheQ==>

If you'd like to be included in our directory (for free!) please email school (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 / Checkatrade link or similar, if you have one.

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The inclusion of any individual/ business in this list does not constitute an endorsement or recommendation. No warranty, representation, or guarantee is given as to the quality, suitability, standards, or services of any listed business. We accept no responsibility or liability for any loss, damage, or inconvenience caused as a result of reliance on any information contained in this list or the actions or omissions of any listed business.

