Anston Greenlands Primary School

NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

Dates for your Diary

November	
Wednesday 4th	SEND Drop-ins
Monday 9th	Flu vaccinations (nasal spray) for children
Tuesday 10th	Parents' evening
Wednesday 11th	Parents' evening
Friday 13th	Children in Need *new date - see below*
Thursday 19th	Local Election – school closed *new date - see email and note below*
WB 23rd	Y5/6 Escape Room in the library
December	
Thursday 3rd	Y3/4 visit to Harry Potter Studios
	FS2/Y1/Y2 Panto Visit
Wednesday 9th	Infant Nativity (afternoon)
Thursday 10th	Infant Nativity (afternoon)
Monday 14th	DHS sports event: Y3/4 hockey – boys & girls mixed (4pm – 5.30pm)*
Tuesday 15th	Y5 and Y6 Christmas Party (afternoon)
Wednesday 16th	Junior Coffee Morning/performance (morning)
	Infant Christmas Party (afternoon)
Thursday 17th	Y3 & Y4 Christmas Party (afternoon)
Friday 18th	Last day of school (non-uniform) – 2pm finish – Christmas holiday follows
January 2026	
Monday 4th	INSET day – school closed to children
Tuesday 5th	First day back at school for children
Monday 11th	DHS sports event: Y3/4 & Y5/6 dodgeball – boys & girls mixed (4pm – 5pm)*
February	
Monday 8th	DHS sports event: Y5/6 basketball – boys & girls mixed (4pm – 5pm)*
Friday 12th	Last day of school (non-uniform) – half term holiday follows
Monday 22nd	First day back at school
March	
Wednesday 3rd	Parents' evening
Thursday 4th	Parents' evening
	World Book Day (come to school dressed as a book character)
Monday 8th	DHS sports event: Y3-6 Golf come & try session – parents must attend (4pm – 5pm)*
Thursday 25th	Last day of school (non-uniform) – Good Friday and Easter holiday follows
April	
Monday 12th	First day back at school
	DHS sports event: Y5/6 Tag rugby (4pm – 5.30pm)*

May	
Monday 3rd	Bank holiday – school closed
Monday 17th	DHS sports event: Y3/4/5/6 tennis – boys & girls mixed – parents must attend (4pm – 5pm)*
Thursday 20th	Class photos / Y6 individual photos
Thursday 27th	Last day of school for children (non-uniform)
Friday 28th	INSET day – school closed to children – half term holiday follows
June	
Monday 7th	INSET day – school closed to children
Tuesday 8th	First day back at school
Wednesday 23rd	Sports Day – afternoon (weather dependent)
July	
WB 12th	Uniform Swap Shop (non uniform until end of term)
Tuesday 20th	Last day of school – 2pm finish – summer holiday follows
Wednesday 21st	INSET day – school closed to children
	(*please see separate letters about DHS sports events for further info)

FOOD CHANGES IN SCHOOL – PLEASE READ

This year, schools around the country are making changes to the way we deal with food, as a result of new legislation called "Benedict's Law". This seeks to bring in tighter rules and training around allergies, following the tragic death of a little boy due to a severe allergic reaction in 2021.

This means some changes for us in school. The main one you need to know about is that **we will no longer be able to send home sweets / cakes / buns etc. for children's birthdays**. We know this is something children enjoy doing, but unfortunately we'll have to say no to that from today onwards.

You already know that we are a **nut free school**, and we appreciate your support in not sending nutty snacks etc.

We will also be doing things slightly differently when it comes to Christmas parties and similar events; rather than asking people to contribute food items to be distributed, we will buy snacks through school. This allows us to have more control over allergens etc. Depending on the event, we may ask for a small donation to help with this, but it would never be very much.

If you have any questions about Benedict's Law or the changes we've made in school, please don't hesitate to ask.

Election – unexpected closure – Thursday 19th November

A reminder that **school will now be closed to children on Thursday 19th November**. This is because we have been informed that we will be used as a polling station in borough elections. Unfortunately, this election was not planned before the start of the year, and we were therefore not able to factor it into our planned closures etc. I am very sorry about the inconvenience this might cause.

We have worked with the election team and trust staff, to see whether it might be possible to keep school open on the day. However, with the gates and front door having to be left open to the public, we would not be able to ensure the safety of the children. As such, we have no option but to close to children on this day.

Children in Need – Friday 13th November

Next Friday (13th November) is Children in Need! We're inviting children to come to school in their pyjamas for the day! Please send children with a suggested donation of £1 per family. Thank you.



Around the clubs

What a brilliant half-term it was for cooking club! The children created a whole range of meals and desserts during their sessions, and finished with a special cream tea for parents. Delicious! Last half-term also saw a number of other clubs across school, including multi-sports and our brand new choir!

This half-term is starting with a bang, with a new arts and crafts club and a hockey club starting. Keep your eyes peeled for news of even more opportunities heading your way soon!

Reminder: SEND Drop-ins

If you want advice about a special educational need or disability but don't know where to start, read on! On Wednesday 4th November, Mrs Bratt (our SENDCo and Assistant Head for Inclusion) will be holding the first of this year's SEND Drop-Ins. These sessions are the ideal time to discuss any SEND concerns you may have about your child. You are welcome to simply turn up, but to avoid waiting, we suggest making an appointment with Mrs Bratt via the school office.



First News

If you haven't already done so, remember to make use of our First News subscription! First News is the UK's best-selling newspaper for children, and now, as well as reading the paper copies in school, every child can access the digital version at home! That includes an online version of the paper itself, as well as lots of extra games, puzzles, videos and activities. For example, children can complete "Draw with Rob", learn how to cook flapjacks, do sudokus, play number games and watch mini-documentaries... all on top of reading each week's edition of First News!

Here's how to get access...

1) Search for "First News" in whichever app store you use.
2) Go to the login button in the top right.
3) Enter the code **EYRY0919**.

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**
Website: **www.instagram.com/daisiecakes93**

Business name: **Lil Me Entertainments**
Services: **Children's entertainment and character mascots**
Phone: **01909 768759**
Email: **info@lilmeentertainments.co.uk**
Website: **www.lilmeentertainments.co.uk**

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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