



Anston Greenlands Primary School

MARCH NEWSLETTER



March Friday 31 st	Last day – Easter holiday follows – return to school Monday 17 th April
April Tuesday 18 th	FS2 visit to Yorkshire Wildlife Park
May Monday 1 st Thursday 4 th Monday 8 th 9 th – 12 th WB 15 th Thursday 18 th 22 nd – 26 th Friday 26 th	May Day – school closed to children INSET day (elections) – school closed to children Bank Holiday (coronation) Y6 SATs Y2 SATs Class photos (and individual Y6 photos) Local history week – details to follow Last day – half term follows – return to school Tuesday 6 th June (after INSET)
June Monday 5 th Wednesday 28 th Thursday 29 th	INSET day – school closed to children KS2 performance (evening – weather permitting – see back up date below) Sports Day (morning – weather permitting – see back up date below)
July Wednesday 5 th Thursday 6 th 17 th – 21 st Friday 21 st	KS2 performance – back up date Sports Day – back up date Non-uniform all week – Uniform Swap Shop to take place from Tuesday onwards Last day – 2pm finish – summer holiday follows

Picture This

When we returned to school after half term, all of the children in school were introduced to the artwork of local artist Bob Barker. Bob paints striking black and white images with a single splash of colour, and this became the inspiration for a whole host of artwork across school. Later in the year, we'll be displaying some of this work as part of the Rotherham-wide "Picture This" exhibition. Keep your eyes peeled...

Ofsted

As you know, not only did we have Picture This in the first week back, but we received the phone call from Ofsted! The final report will be released soon, but in the meantime I must say that we were extremely proud of all our children for their amazing behaviour and attitudes during the inspection. It's what we see every day, so it was good to see it when the inspector was in too! As soon as we have the report available, we'll let you know.

Parking

Recently, we've had an increase in people parking in the school "hammerhead" and on the double yellow lines and zig-zags close to school. A number of parents have shared this concern with me and I know that the vast majority of people observe the rules around parking etc. If you need to drive to school, **please** consider parking



a little further away from the gate and walking in – this would help with congestion and provide a much safer environment for our children. At the moment, many children are having to cross the road between parked cars and this presents a really worrying safety issue. Thank you very much for your support with this.

Science Week

A HUGE thank you to the parents, family members and friends who have visited us in school to share their engineering expertise as part of our Science / STEM week. We've been blown away by the quality of our speakers and could not be more grateful. The children have taken part in some fantastic engineering activities and I'm sure we've got some budding scientists and engineers in our ranks!

Is your child eligible for the Pupil Premium?

Did you know 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 on your child. In the past, this grant has funded:

- Free places at breakfast and afterschool club;
- Specially targeted extra-curricular clubs;
- Educational support;
- Reduced price music lessons;
- Reduced price educational visits and residential etc.

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!

Staffing

I'm very pleased to let you know that Mrs Roberts is recovering well at home following her second operation. I'm sure you'll join us in wishing her all the best with her physio! Since the last newsletter, Mrs Bratt has also been called in for a short-notice operation, in the hope of improving her mobility following her foot injury. A big thank you to the supply staff, Mrs Del Barrio and Mrs Edge, who have joined us in the short term to cover these absences, to Mrs Bower who has moved temporarily into Y6 and to both teachers who have continued to help out despite being in recovery. I'm pleased to confirm that we're expecting both members of staff to be back with us after Easter. Thank you as always to parents and carers for your support during these periods. We know that it is never ideal to have members of staff away from school and want to reassure you that maintaining stability for the children has been our focus throughout. We're in the fortunate position of being used to very stable staffing at Greenlands, which means that disruption like this feels quite unusual! However, hopefully everything will be back to normal after Easter. Our thanks for your patience and understanding.

INSET Dates for This Year

This year's remaining INSET days are **Thursday 4th May 2023** and **Monday 5th June 2023**.