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Our values are: **RESPECT, RESILIENCE,**
TEAMWORK, ASPIRATION and KINDNESS



SUMMER TERM 1 NEWSLETTER

Summing up this half term...

It's been a busy half term with Y6 SATs, sporting events and trips out of school. Thanks to all of you who took part in the parent survey; it's been really helpful for me to talk to the rest of the staff about the comments and overall findings of the survey and we were all so very pleased with the results. It showed that you could see we were on a journey of school improvement and recognised the efforts of the school community who are pushing forwards to make changes and develop our curriculum offer for the pupils. It also gave us valuable feedback to work upon and hopefully you will see that our staff are continually embedding and promoting our school values, motto and rules with the children through what they say at home about school. If you'd like to offer any further feedback which you think might be helpful; please email school.

Over the next few weeks as we approach the school holidays there is lots more to come; I've updated the school calendar below and we will keep the Google calendar on our website up to date too so you can add dates directly into your own diaries <https://www.anstonhillcrestprimary.co.uk/calendar>

We have been sharing lots of images on our X (Twitter) feed and also on our website blog so there are plenty of ways to keep up with us online; please like and follow us! Comment too as we are trying to build up a picture of the development of our school and would love for you to help us with this! IF your child has any certificates/ achievements whether sporting or otherwise (out of school) which they would like to share with us; we will be holding a 'Superstar assembly' every half term- our first one will be held on **Wednesday 3rd July** so please encourage your child to bring in their certificate/ tell us about something they have done to be proud of eg. Charitable event and they can share with the whole school. Encouraging the pupils to bring in and celebrate their personal achievements is key and we would like to start encouraging this further in school.

Learning means the world curriculum – Foundation Stage

In FS1 we have loved our topic "Let's Play". We drew our favourite toys, made a list of food to have a teddy bears' picnic and designed our own Mr Potato Heads. We especially enjoyed construction week where we explored Lego to see how many different models with could make. This half term we have also looked at healthy foods, how to make toys move and old and new toys. We have been very busy indeed!



In FS2 our themed unit is 'Let's Play' like in Fs1. We have had so much fun making toys and games to play and share with our friends. The children were so resilient when designing and making puppets to play with. They also enjoyed talking about and sharing some of their own toys from home.



Year 1- Mrs Cawkwell & Mr Smith	Year 2- Mrs Divit
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Year One have had a fantastic half term! They have really stepped up to every challenge we have thrown at them from our local walk, sewing, flower and tree hunts, fractions and our first time in the ICT suite. Our learning journey 'Unity in the Community' has really taught us about our local area and how we can look after the environment and each other.

Year 2 have loved our Land Ahoy! Topic in our Learning Meets the World lessons. Our learning has been themed around dastardly pirates with links to geography and science. We really loved practising our painting skills to produce some fantastic sea themed artwork inspired by Claude Monet's 'Waves Breaking.'

Year 3- Miss Bennett	Year 4- Mr Bishop
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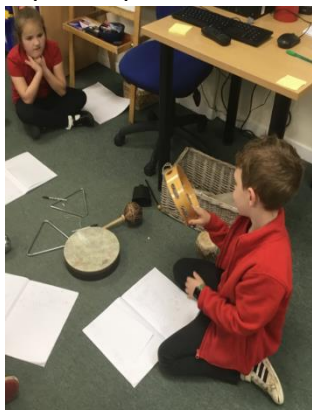
What a great start to the summer term for Y3! The children have loved learning all things Greece in their Athens V Sparta topic and they are super excited about their Greek food tasting day on Friday!

As mathematicians, Y3 have developed their knowledge about fractions (a favourite topic in our class!) and money. Miss Bennett is always so proud of how hard the children work - it is clear to see that they are definitely getting ready for Y4!

Year 4 have thoroughly been enjoying our current Learning Means the World Top, Law and Order. We have been exploring rules, consequences and exploring democracy this half term in different settings. In our art lesson we discussed the 'rule of three' and how to apply it in their own artwork when sketching from a chosen image. Everyone produced a lovely piece of art and took pride in what they had produced.

Class 7- Our Speech and Language resource- Mrs Martin- Chambers	
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The children have loved our latest theme Land Ahoy! We have been on a sound walk for science and have discussed being responsible in PSHE. The children particularly enjoyed learning a pirate themed song and adding music using a range of musical instruments. Another favourite was making boats and testing them, the children decided whether to pull or push their boats to make them move!



Year 5- Miss Curle

This term class 5 have loved learning all about global warming, pollution and the environment. They have shown a great passion for the planet and really been engaged with the ways we can all make a difference. We absolutely loved our trip to Magna and the children did the school and Miss Curle extremely proud! The children have written some incredible pieces of work in their English and Miss Curle is so proud of how hard they have worked. Keep it up year 5!



Year 6- Mr Brookes

This half-term Y6 have entered the 'War of the Worlds', which has looked at wars: past and present. In PSHE, they have considered differing points of view to fighting in a war. They are currently designing posters emphasising the importance of letting children be children (and not soldiers). In textiles, they have made poppies from felt and in music listened to some genres of song that were inspired by war. As well as all this, they have completed their SATs! They worked really well over SATs week and have done themselves proud!

Supporting children and families- Online Safety

We would like to offer parents an online safety workshop on Tuesday 18th June via Zoom for those interested in finding out more ways to keep children safe online. Please see the accompanying leaflet from Anti- Bullying Alliance. We have been delivering further lessons and assemblies to our pupils in addition to the PSHE/ Computing lessons within our curriculum in order to promote staying safe online, if you would like any further information; see our school website- Safeguarding & Online Safety page or speak to a member of staff.

Rewarding success

Celebrating our pupils and their achievements is really important to us here in school and we are constantly thinking of ways in which we can reward and recognise successes. We hope that your children are telling you about what happens in school, if not, here are our rewards!

Daily Dojo points awarded for showing the school values, following school rules and exemplifying our motto.

Headteacher stickers/ certificates- I pop into classes or children are sent especially to showcase their learning

Raffle tickets- one per week across school given for the most Dojos in a week and collected in my office (3 are then drawn at random for a book prize)

Sporting Superstar- is given by Mr Smith for a child demonstrating effort in PE that week in school or an achievement out of school

Lunchtime Lovely and **Wraparound Wonder** - a child is chosen by our lunchtime supervisors, Cook Mrs Bradshaw and kitchen staff or Wraparound staff for trying new foods, tidying their table, being polite and helpful etc..

Values Champion- each week our staff including Mrs Hayes and Mr Hall in our office discuss the class who have 'made a difference' and they then can spin the wheel to win extra break, a movie clip/ cartoon, chance to play on the outdoor gym or creative time! They then get to keep our teddy Vinnie for the week! We even have a **Staff Values Champion!**

Star of the Week- each teacher chooses a child from their class and each term **Pupil of the term.**

Times Tables Rockstars- Mr Bishop keeps an eye on TTR and each week chooses a different category; fastest speed, biggest improvement etc. and Mrs Divit chooses the **Spelling Shed Stars** based on improvements made. Each teacher rewards the efforts in racing across the world with the **Maths passports** and our newest rewards are nominated by the children themselves supported by Miss Curle. Our **Respect Rangers** are children spotted always being respectful and kind in school; it's been lovely to hear their reasons why some children have been chosen. Moving forwards, we want to celebrate successes and achievements outside school and will be hosting a Superstars assembly so children can tell their peers all about their successes if they wish.

INSET dates 2023/24

Our INSET dates;

Monday September 4th (Autumn 1)

Friday December 22nd (Autumn 2)

Monday June 3rd (Summer 1)

Monday 22nd July (Summer 2)

Tuesday 23rd July (Summer 2)

EXCITING NEWS- Our Libraries are OPEN!

We are so excited to announce that after half term we will be opening our new and improved libraries **every Tuesday after school between 3:15 - 3:45.** Children may choose a book to sign out of the library to enjoy at home or you may just want to sit and read together whilst visiting. Please enter school via the Y1 door for both libraries.

The FS/KS1 library is now located on the lower school corridor (go through the archway) and the KS2 'Harry Potter' library is situated in the room next to Y1. We are so lucky as one of our PTA members has offered to volunteer in our library during this time to check in/ out books. If any other parents would like to volunteer in our library on a Tuesday please speak to Mrs Moore or Mrs Divit. We look forward to seeing you there.

Can we remind parents that school starts at 8:45am- we would like children to line up ready for the bell and then walk in with their teachers for a prompt start. As the Summer term progresses there

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are more children arriving later and we need to safeguard the school by closing doors and gates as soon as possible- this is more difficult when children are coming in after the bell at 8:45am. Please help us to keep the school site secure and the children safe by exiting as soon as possible.

KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY	
May 2024	
1.5.24	Year 4 Multiplication check parents meeting in KS2 hall @ 8:45am
13.5.24	Year 6 SATS week
22.5.24	Y2 & 3 SUFC boys football tournament
24.5.24	Year 1 & 2 trip to Eureka
June 2024	
3.6.24	INSET day 3
Wc 3.6.24	Year 4 multiplication check (2 week window for testing)
5.6.24	FS1 & 2 Captivating Creatures visitor
Wc 10.6.24	Year 1 Phonics Screening Check (2 week window for testing)
10.6.24	FS1 Welcome meeting 3:30pm/ Preloved uniform sale - 3:15
11.6.24	FS2 Welcome meeting 3:30pm/ Preloved uniform sale - 3:15
12.6.24	School photos- Class groups and Y6 leaving photo
12.6.24	Year 2 WHS 10 base rounders
17.6.24	Year 3 & 4 trip to Yorkshire Sculpture park
18.6.24	Online Safety workshops in school (Y5&6)/ After school zoom for parents 3:30pm
19.6.24	Year 1 WHS 10 base rounders
24.6.24 (Mon)	FS1 & 2 Sports day @ 9am
26.6.24 (Weds)	KS1 Years 1 & 2 plus Class 7 (Speech & Language resource) Sports Day @ 9am
26.6.24 (Weds)	KS2 Years 3,4,5 & 6 Sports Day @ 1:30pm (children can go home straight afterwards on the day with parents)
	Year 5 & 6 Relationships & Sex education lessons in school
July 2024	
2.7.24	Year 3 & 4 tennis doubles @ WHS
2.7.24	FS1 stay and play 3:30pm
3.7.24	Superstars assembly
5.7.24	Summer Fayre (1:30-3:30pm) Children dismissed to parents from classrooms
8.7.24	Children's University Graduation ceremony (letter from Miss Bennett to follow)
10.7.24	Meet your child's new class teacher/ RoA out to families today
10.7.24	Year 6 Prefect reward day- Gullivers
11.7.24	Year 6 Sports afternoon
11.7.24	Year 6 Leavers concert 5pm (dress rehearsal 10:45am for whole school)
12.7.24	Year 6 final day/ Leaver's assembly @ 10am
Wc 15.7.24	Transition week- all children move to their new classes for the week
15.7.24	Meet the teacher - new to FS2 3:15pm
16.7.24	Stay and play 10 – 11am - New to school - FS2
19.7.24	School closes for the Summer holidays
Letters regarding timings for WHS events, Y6 Leaving week (unless otherwise stated) and Transition TBC asap	

FOR YOUR INFORMATION: INSET dates 2024/ 25

Monday 2nd September (Autumn 1)

School starts in the Autumn term on Tuesday September 3rd

Friday 20th December (Autumn 2)

Monday 6th January (Spring 1)

Monday 2nd June (Summer 1)

Wednesday 23rd July (Summer 2)

School finishes for the Summer on Tuesday 22nd July 2025

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