



ANSTON HILLCREST PRIMARY SCHOOL

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ASPIRATION and KINDNESS**



WELCOME BACK NEWSLETTER

Message from Mrs Rayner

Welcome back to all our school community and I hope you all had a wonderful summer. It was lovely to see all the children again after the holidays and hear all about what they'd been up to. As always getting back into the school routine for us all is tricky but thank you very much for supporting us with the new routines in a morning and for the feedback that has been given. Safeguarding our children and starting off our learning as a class are our top priorities and an 'exact' start time helps all our children to start their learning at the same time.

I've been in and out of classes since coming back to school and there is lots of exciting learning happening all over. From WW2 in Year 5 to the structure of the eye in Science in Year 6. In FS they are reading all about 'Zog and the flying doctors' and in Key Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2) the Great fire of London. Busy everywhere! Mr Smith is now teaching classes from Y2 to Y6 PE for a whole afternoon, therefore accessing a longer more exciting (and possibly tiring) PE lesson. Please ensure your child's PE kit is in school everyday just in case they get outside on an alternative day.

A huge well done to all our school councillors from Year 1 to Year 6. They will be meeting shortly to talk about ways to help improve our school over the year ahead.

Looking forwards to organising the rest of the school year I'll be in touch shortly with further dates for you. Thanks for all you do to support us here in school. Please catch me if you'd like anymore information about anything happening in school. Happy to help.

Mrs Kate Rayner

Home/ School Learning logs

Learning logs will be sent home as we are currently in the process of finalising these before sending out to you all. We hope you find these helpful and appreciate the additional information to support your child at home.

In FS, Key Stage 1 and Years 3 and 4 we would like parents/ families to comment on and log the reading at home please but in Years 5 and 6 it would also be great to see the children taking ownership and logging themselves as well as families.

Schools in the news- RAAC

As you are aware Reinforced Autoclave Aerated Concrete (RAAC) is all over the news at the minute with many schools not reopening after the Summer break. We just wanted to inform you that although school whilst built in the specific era, is not known to contain the product. A number of structural surveys were instructed by our Academy Trust in 2020/21 and our submission to the DfE states that there is no known RAAC in situ.

After school sports clubs

Mr Smith will be starting his new clubs next week and letters are going out this week;
Monday – Year 6 Football club

Water bottles

Can we please remind you all that all children need a water bottle. Please

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Tuesday – Years 3-6 Basketball Wednesday – Year 3 and 4 Multi skills sports Thursday – Years 3-6 Hockey	support us by only sending water and not juice/ pop.
We are also lucky enough to have Mr Whaley - JMAT PE specialist-who will be supporting us in school, running activities at lunchtimes and a Multi skills sports club on a Wednesday. Same times as usual however there are only 15 places available. All start at 3:15 and finish at 4:15pm. Please make yourself known to Mr Smith or Mr Whaley who will be dismissing.	We are happy for your child to have regular access to water during the day and to refill where needed. Water is available on the tables at lunchtimes for all children regardless of whether they are dinners or packed lunches.

After School Musical Theatre – Frozen Workshops

Miss Hayes will be joining us again this term to deliver musical theatre workshops for Years 3-6 after school on Wednesdays from 15:15 – 16:30. The theme will be the Disney musical ‘Frozen’. The children will be given the chance to perform to their parents on the final week.

INSET dates 2023/24	Assemblies- can you come in?
Our INSET dates; Monday September 4 th (Autumn 1) Friday December 22 nd (Autumn 2) Monday June 3 rd (Summer 1) Monday 22 nd July (Summer 2) Tuesday 23 rd July (Summer 2)	As I said in the Summer newsletter, every week I would like to introduce children to the world outside of school and we will be taking part in a project called ‘Dream big’. I launched ‘Workforce Wednesday’ assembly last week and spoke to the children about the world of work/ jobs and the different kinds of jobs there were around (some not even invented)... is there anyone who would like to come and talk to our children about their jobs as I know they will absolutely love this. Bring pictures/ equipment and ANY job would be great. Having an ‘actual’ mechanic/ builder/ nurse/ IT consultant etc in person is so much more exciting than a teacher telling them about it! Please send an email to our school email address if you are willing to help us OR we would be happy to accept pics or videos if preferable 😊

PLEASE HELP US...

Emailing school

Can I please remind families, if they have anything they wish to raise with a class teacher please email the **school email address**. This is to protect the work life balance of the staff ensuring all email communication is within appropriate working hours and not to personal work emails (unless otherwise arranged).

KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

September 2023

Tuesday 5th September	Autumn term 1 starts for all pupils
Wednesday 6th September 3:15- 4pm	Parent drop in on new classes to meet teacher
Tuesday 19th September	Year 6 Trip to Eyam
Thursday 28th September	The Anti- Bullying company- Kindness and respect workshops in school
October 2023	
Monday 2nd October	Hillcrest FC v Anston Park football match
Tuesday 10th October 3pm	Drop in to meet our new SENDCo Mrs Cookson (all parents welcome) Venue: Dining room
Monday 16th- Friday 20th October	Year 6 residential
Monday 23rd- Friday 27th October	Half term

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