



ANSTON BROOK NEWS



February 2020

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HEAD TEACHER NEWS

Parents' Evening:

Thank you to everyone who attended the parents' evening this half term. It is important that we meet with you throughout the year so that we can update you with your child's life at school. If you were unable to make the date, please do not hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher, who will be more than happy to meet you at a more convenient time. It was a positive turnout which is testament to our parents and children at Anston Brook.

Safer Internet Day:

This week we have been looking at how we can all stay safe on – line. Digital technologies provide us with a world of possibilities where there are so many opportunities to learn, exchange, participate and create. Yet, the internet also opens up certain risks especially the most vulnerable ones, such as children. Over the last week Miss Baker and our E-Cadets have explored with other children how can all stay safe on-line! If you require further information that you would like to discuss with your child please use the link provided where there are resources <https://www.saferinternetday.org>

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY!

Monday 24 th February	School opens
Tuesday 25 th March	Pancake Day (Whole school)
Thursday 5 th March	World Book Day
Thursday 12 th March	World Maths Day
Monday 23 rd March	Reading & SPAG Workshops Y1&Y2
Tuesday 24 th March	Reading & SPAG Workshops Y3&Y4
Wednesday 25 th March	Reading & SPAG Workshops Y5&Y6
Friday 3 rd April	Easter Service
Friday 3 rd April	School Closes

SCHOOL NEWS

Staffing changes – We would like to inform EYFS parents that as of the 24th Feb 2010 Mrs Stuart will be reducing her working hours. Her new working hours will be, Tuesday, Weds and Thurs mornings and all day Friday. Although this will mean some changes in the EYFS unit we would like to reassure parents that the team has the capacity to support these changes, whilst still maintaining highly effective provision.

Learning Experiences – We were very excited about a writing competition that our children at Anston Brook took part in. Mrs Stephanie Varah, the author of The Woodsman, very kindly visited school and ran a reading and writing workshop. It was an amazing experience for our children and it very much inspired some of our learners to write their own stories. The winners of the completion also found themselves being celebrated in the local newspaper! A huge well done.

Maths Workshops – A big thank you to parents who attended the recent maths workshops held by Mr Ward. We would love to see more parents attending and we have booked Reading & SPAG workshops for next half term.

ATTENDANCE WINNERS

Lions	0%	(0 Late Marks)
Leopards	0%	(0 Late Marks)
Zebbras	0%	(0 Late Marks)
Flamingos	0%	(0 Late Marks)
Cheetahs	0%	(0 Late Marks)
Meerkats	0%	(0 Late Marks)
Penguins	0%	(0 Late Marks)
Rhinos	0%	(0 Late Marks)



OUR LEARNING HEROES THIS WEEK ARE:

Lions	-	Zebbras	-	Meerkats	-	Rhinos	-
Lions	-	Flamingos	-	Meerkats	-	Rhinos	-
Leopards	-	Flamingos	-	Penguins	-		
Leopards	-	Cheetahs	-	Penguins	-		
Zebbras	-	Cheetahs	-				

If you have any safeguarding issues or concerns, please contact the Designated Safeguarding Lead – Miss Armstrong. Alternatively contact the Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads – Mrs Wilkinson or Mrs Smith.

SAFEGUARDING REMINDERS In order to keep our children safe in school every day we would like to remind parents of Anston Brook Primary School the following expectations:

At the beginning of the school day - In Zebra and Flamingo class we are very much trying to instil independence in the children. Can we please ask that ALL parents and carers drop their children off at the external door. Unfortunately, we still have a small number of parents that are entering the building. Thank you for your cooperation and support in helping to keep our children safe in school.

SCHOOL WEBSITE - We are currently working on a new revamped website!! This is great news as our current website is very tricky to navigate. We are hoping to go live with our new website next half term.

TWITTER – We have been using our school twitter account to post what the children have been working on in the class. What we love about it is that, as a parent at our school you can ‘like’ your child’s class posts. Please take a look at what our children have been learning and see some of the wonderful work they have been able to produce! We will also start posting any important notices too, so it is worth having it added to your phone apps! If you would like your child to be able to have their photo shared on Twitter and you have not yet signed a consent form, please come a and speak to Mrs Marshall in the office and she will be happy to provide you with the correct form.

TERM TIME HOLIDAYS - We have had several requests recently for children to take time off during term time. I am unable to authorise any term time holidays. The government changed the law a few years ago and took away Head Teachers' ability to authorise term time holidays. Could we also remind parents to please book dental and doctors' appointments in half term. We have an increasing number of parent requests to pick their children up early to attend appointments.

DANCE WITH MRS WELLS – We have a dance teacher who works with the children every Friday afternoon. The sessions are all around a focused area of the curriculum. They are exciting, energetic and most of all lots of fun! We hope to continue this in the future.

PE WITH MR KAY – Mr Kay has worked in school since September providing quality and varied PE sessions. He has worked tirelessly with every class and year group and the staff and children seem to be thoroughly enjoying it. Mr Kay will work with our EYFS children when we return after half term.

ART AND DESIGN AT ANSTON BROOK – We are excited to share with you that next half term a local photographer will be visiting our children at Anston Brook. He will be in to share his authentic experiences of photography with the children. Our children have been working on their own photography pieces and we hope that you will pop into our school reception to see some of the amazing photo work ALL year groups have worked hard on this half term!

HAPPY HALF TERM EVERYONE

School Attendance



We want all children at our school to get the most out of their education, and attending school regularly is an important part of your child’s education.

Having a good education will help to give your child the best possible start in life. Poor school attendance damages educational achievement and the future progress of young people.

What can parents do to help?

Make sure that your child comes to school regularly and arrives on time.

If your child is ill, contact the school on the first day of your child’s illness. We will be concerned if we do not hear anything.

If your child is ever off school, you must tell us why. You can do this by contacting the school office.

We will not authorise time off school for events such as shopping trips or holidays.

By law, all children of compulsory school age must be provided with a suitable full-time education. As a parent, you are responsible for making sure this happens.

If you need any help or advice about your child’s attendance, please contact our Deputy Head Teacher, Mr Cotton and make an appointment with our school receptionist.