



Anston Park Junior School
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APJ Newsletter

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2018

ATTENDANCE
NATIONAL AVERAGE 96%

3A	
3F	
3/4F	
4B	
4C	
5CM	
5E	
5M	
6B	
6F	
6S	

Dates for the diary

Y6 Whitby Weeks
15th—19th Oct &
22nd—26th Oct

Cross Country
18th October

Y5 Free Visit
Rackford Meadows
19th Oct am

Half Term
29th Oct—2nd Nov

Y5 Visit
Kelham Island
Tues 6th Nov

Whole School Information

Wow! How is it the end of week 6 already? The time is flying by this half term. One of our school priorities this year is to improve the buzz around reading in school. We have introduced a range of strategies across school which are detailed below.

Mrs Bartholomew

I would just like to let you all know that I have heard from Mrs Bartholomew and she has come through the operation and is currently recuperating at home. She would like me to pass on her thanks for all of the warm wishes that were extended to her in her final week at school and for all the gifts and cards. They meant a lot to her and she will hopefully be back in school soon.

Sporting Achievements

Well done to the Y5/6 football teams for representing us at the Dinnington family festival last week. The boys came second and the girls came _____. The children demonstrated excellent sportsmanship and made the school very proud of them.

Well done also to the Y3/4 girls who are through to the South Yorkshire Football Finals in December. We are so proud of you as we know the competition was very tough. Great attitudes were displayed.

Book Swap Shop.

We want to see children reading. We understand that children like to read different things – some enjoy reading fiction; some enjoy reading poetry; some enjoy reading newspapers, comics or magazines. On our Y6 corridor we have a Book Swap Shop where children can bring books from home and exchange them for another book on the shelf so that they have access to a range of reading materials. All we ask is that for every book taken, children replace it on the shelf with a book that they have already finished with.

Caught Reading.

You may have noticed some creative displays around school made by our very artistic TA Mrs Cliff. We currently have a spider and a Venus Flytrap themed display where we hope to display photographs of children 'caught reading.' If you have any photos of children reading, especially in unusual places – and you don't mind them being on display – could you please let us have a copy to help make our environment reading positive!

Thank you for your continued support.

INSET Days

Mon 3rd September
Fri 21st December
Fri 15th February
Fri 12th April
Mon 22nd July

Shout Outs

Logan Bishop for performing in dance shows all week.

Please let us know if you have something to shout out about.

Shield Point Winners

3A
3F

Teaching and Learning

Homework in school

Just a quick reminder of the homework expectations we have for the children in our school. We have two new programmes we are using in school to help children develop their understanding of vocabulary (Bedrock) and a spelling website (Spelling Shed) that will help children work on their weekly spellings and the spellings for their year group. We expect the children to rehearse their spellings either through the website or through the sheets that staff send home every week, access the Bedrock website once at home, rehearse their timestables through TTRockstars or verbally and to read their reading books at least three times a week and have their reading record signed by an adult. We would really appreciate this as we have noticed that many children don't share a book with an adult anymore and this will help children develop their fluency and reading comprehension.

On top of this core homework, there is also some topic homework that children can access on their class pages on the school website.

Y6 Whitby

The Y6 children and staff are currently looking forward to their residential trip to Whitby next week and the week after. We know the children will do us proud in both their behaviour and levels of independence. Remember there is a Y6 Blog for parents to access so you can keep in touch with your children. Although the children may say they do not want any messages, they love to receive them and see your reactions to the photos.

Reading Passport.

We are very excited to shortly be introducing our brand new Reading Passport to children across school. We have made some changes to the books offered on the passport and hope that the new selection of fiction, non-fiction and poetry books will encourage children to take up our school reading challenge. Prizes for reading our challenge passport books will be on offer and we look forward to seeing the reading buzz around school.

Special Mentions

3A	Millie, Lilly	
3F	Sophie	
3/4F	Billy	
4B	Lexi	
4C	Macey	
5CM	Luke	
5E	Darcie	
5M	Olivia	
6B	Ellie	
6F	Hsrry	
6S	Isabelle	
6LC	Oscar	

Citizen Award

3A	Travis	
3F	Demi	
3/4F	Jacob	
4B	Ava	
4C	Leah	
5CM	Lucas	
5E	Katie	
5M	Imogen	
6B	Evie	
6F	Jacob	
6S	Frankie	
6LC	Evie	