

# Annesley Primary and Nursery School

## Newsletter

January 2023

### Diary Dates

**2nd February - Water Safety Assembly**

**Week beginning 5th February—Children's Mental Health Week**

**Friday 10th February—Non- uniform day**

**Friday 10th February—Break up for half term**

**Week beginning 13th February—HALF TERM**

**Monday 20th February—INSET day**

**Tuesday 21st February—Children return to school**

**21st February—Rev. Hazel assembly  
Shrove Tuesday**

**22nd February—Y6 Parents' SATs Information Meeting 3:30—4pm**

**1st March—Y4 Parents' Multiplication Tables Check Information Meeting 3:30—4pm**

**2nd March—Y6 visit to All Saints Church**

**3rd March— World Book Day and Golden Book Assembly 2:30pm**

**21st March—Y2 visit to The Deep, Hull**

**31st March—Break up for Easter holidays**

**Weeks beginning 3rd April and 10th April—EASTER HOLIDAYS**

**17th April—Children return to school**

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are now approaching the last two weeks of this half term and it has been a very positive start to 2023 in school. The children returned after the Christmas break ready to learn and eager to improve. We are noticing a clear post Covid shift in determination, resilience and confidence. This bodes really well for the future.

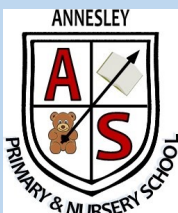
Our recent Ofsted inspection has now been published and is available for you to see on both the school and Ofsted websites. We were graded as a “good” school. The report is very positive and is an accurate reflection of where we currently are. We are already working hard to develop and improve our curriculum and subject leadership so that it is consistently strong in all areas.

This is one of the two areas for improvement Ofsted identified. The second area is attendance. Whole school attendance is currently 92% and the national average is 95%. Our target is 96%.

There is an acknowledged link between attendance, academic achievement and social development. Of course, we understand that children get ill from time to time and that, during the latter part of the autumn term, there were many bugs around, including flu, Covid and Strep infections. In the vast majority of cases, spring and summer terms bring fewer illnesses and children's attendance will naturally increase over the remainder of the year. It is pleasing to note that the spring term attendance so far is 94%. We will continue to work closely and supportively with families where attendance is a concern. We thank you for your support in this.

Best wishes,

Mr Slater



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## Governors

We have a vacancy on our governing body for a parent governor. If you would like to support school and become a valued member of the team, then please contact the school office for an application form.

## Parking

Please remember to park responsibly and considerately when dropping or picking your children up. You must only use the disabled parking area at school drop off and pick up times if you have a disabled (blue) badge. This badge must be clearly displayed. The local PCSO and Ashfield Camera Partnership will continue to provide supervision of the area. Please also avoid parking on the grass area below the disabled car park. Thankyou for your suport.

## Industrial Action/Teacher Strikes

We wrote to you all recently about the predicted impact of the forthcoming strike action in school. As you may know, members of one of the teaching unions, the NEU, intend to take formal industrial action by participating in strike action, the first date of which will be on Wednesday 01 February 2023. The strike action is in relation to a national dispute around teacher and school staff pay.

**With the information we have been given from staff, we are anticipating that we will be fully open to all children.**

However, you do need to be aware that union members do not have to inform us of their intention to strike ahead of the day. Should members decide they want to strike, we will inform you of the impact of this, as soon as we know.

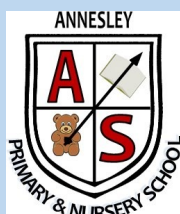
## Mental Health Week

Children's Mental Health Week will take place next week, from the 6th to the 10th February. The theme is called "Let's Connect" and we will be organising lots of activities for the children to take part in during the week. There will be opportunity for you to get involved at home as well. The launch will take place in next Monday's assembly. As part of the week, we will be organising a **non-uniform day for Friday 10th February**. A further email with additional information about this will be sent you all in the next few days.

## Pupil Premium and Free School Meals

We want to make sure as many eligible pupils as possible are claiming their free school meals. Free school meals are available to pupils whose parents are in receipt of one or more of the qualifying benefits below:

Universal Credit, Income Support, Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA), Income-related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA), Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999, The guarantee element of Pension Credit Child Tax Credit (with no Working Tax Credit) with an annual gross income of no ore than £16,190, Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for the four weeks after the person stops qualifying for Working Tax Credit). Free school meals for children in all households with no recourse to public funds (NRPF) has been permanently extended subject to maximum income thresholds. If you are unsure if you are eligible or not for free school meals, please contact school for a confidential and supportive conversation.



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