



Dear Parents & Carers

Welcome back! We hope you had a lovely summer break and are ready for the Autumn term. It has been great to see the children back at school, very enthusiastic and keen to work. There is a lovely, positive feeling in the school and the children settled back into learning so quickly. We welcome all of the Year 3 children and all of the other children who joined our school this year in other year groups.

### **Timings of the School Day**

A reminder that the school gates open at 8.35am and children should not be at the gate unsupervised before this time. At 8.45am the bell is rung, children must be in the school grounds so that they can go straight into school for the register. Registers are taken at 8.50am. At 3.05pm school finishes. Children are dismissed from their classes at 3.05pm, which means they should arrive at the gate within the next 5 minutes, depending on how long it takes them to collect their belongings! We are aware that parents with children in the infant school need to get there quickly, so we are ensuring that all lessons finish on time and children can be out in time.

### **Visit the Classroom**

On Monday 10<sup>th</sup> September, we held the Visit the Classroom event. Thank you to all who came along. We are holding another one for 5R so that parents can meet Mrs Rook as well. This will be on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> September from 3.05pm – 3.40pm.

### **School Photographer**

The photographer will be visiting on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> September to take individual and family group school photos. If you have infant/pre-school children and would like them to be included in a picture with your child/children, please come to reception from 8.25am onwards. Please be aware that there may be some waiting around! Please note that the photographer will take the rest of the sibling photos once the school day starts, so there is no need for other families to arrive early – the 8.25 slot is just for those who have infant/pre-schoolers to include in their sibling photo. If any families require an additional set of proofs for a parent not living with the family, please inform the school office – thank you.

### **Parent and Child BINGO**

On Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> September, we are having a BINGO evening. This is a free event and open to all. A letter with more information will come out today.

### **Staffing**

We welcome Mr Aaron Platnauer as our new site manager, Miss Gemma Pierce as the job share in 3M, Mrs Nisha Devani who joins our Nurture group, Miss Louise Lee who is also in 3M and Mrs Julie Startup who is covering Mondays in 5R.

### **Paperwork**

We are aware that there are a lot of forms to fill out at the start of the year. We are making the Anstey room available and providing a drink and a biscuit for anyone who would like to come and fill theirs in in school and get someone to check that it is all complete. This will be available until Friday 14<sup>th</sup> September between 2.30pm and 3.30pm. Members of staff will be there to answer any questions.

### **HLTA Award**

We are pleased to announce that Sam Campbell, who is our HLTA (higher level teaching assistant), has got through to the regional finals for HLTA of the year award. This is for the work she does in outdoor learning and in covering classes.

### **PPA**

This year PPA cover will be arranged in the following way: every class will have CM Sports for one session and either outdoor learning with Mrs Porter or French with Ms Piper for the other session. All classes are taught French every week.

### **Thursdays**

On most Thursdays, I (Mrs Jones) will be out of school. Mrs Morgan (as deputy head) will be in charge on those days.

### **Healthy Eating**

The children are eating their snacks in class before going out to play. We are encouraging all children to bring in a healthy snack (fruit or vegetables are ideal). Children should not have chocolate bars or crisps as a snack.

## Nut Free School

A reminder that we are a nut free school. We have 7 children in the school with severe nut allergies.

## Dates

We have provided you with dates for the coming year. It seems a long way off, but when we do the Christmas production we limit tickets to two per family. This year, the year 6 children will have the speaking parts and years 4 and 5 will be singing.

## Reading Challenge

We are celebrating those children who completed the reading challenge at the library. If your child completed the challenge over the summer, please can he/she bring in the medal, certificate or booklet on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> September. The challenge doesn't finish until 15<sup>th</sup> September, so there is still time to complete it!

## Coats

Please could you ensure that your child has a coat in school every day as children will go out at lunch and break times, unless it is raining exceptionally hard.

## After School Clubs

A list of after school clubs came home with children on Friday. We also issued sign-up letters for all clubs except science club (a letter about this has been made available to interested pupils today). Art, gymnastics, ukulele and story café are all now full but we do still have space in drama club, dance club and running club – please contact the office for a letter if your child is interested in any of these. For CM Sports, please contact them direct at: [www.cm-sports.co.uk](http://www.cm-sports.co.uk). For karate, please go to: [www.samahampshire.com](http://www.samahampshire.com).

## Parking Permits

To avoid congestion outside of the school at the start and end of the day, we have been given permission by Hampshire County Council to issue 'park and stride' permits. This will allow parents to park in the Victoria Road car park (only) between the times of: 8.30am – 9.00am and 2.50pm – 3.20pm, Monday – Friday during term time only, free-of-charge. The permits need to be displayed on the front dashboard and the car registration number written on it. If you would like a permit, please see the school office. Please don't drive down the school road to drop children off or collect them, it really does affect the safety of all of the pedestrians.

## Music Lessons

Musical instrument lessons start this week; Monday - brass, Tuesday – violin and Thursday – woodwind. There are still spaces for brass, violin and woodwind lessons so if you haven't signed up and your child is interested, please ask the office for a letter. Research has stated that children who learn a musical instrument often do better at school. Band lessons on the electric guitar, drums, keyboard or vocals are also available with iRock School during Friday mornings. Contact iRock for further information or to book on: 0800 634 9310 or visit: [www.irockschool.com](http://www.irockschool.com)



## PTA AGM

Anstey has an active parent teacher association, which organises events to raise money for items and experiences the school would not otherwise be able to afford to give the children. The first meeting of the term will be our AGM on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> October at 3.30pm and we will be providing a crèche. Whether you are interested in being on the committee or would just like to offer some ideas and lend a hand occasionally, you are very welcome to attend. Meetings usually last no longer than an hour!

## Senior Pupils

Well done to our new senior pupils. These children have roles around the school such as setting up for assembly and meeting visitors.

6L	Violet	Seth	Jessica
6M	Elliot	Jess	Dawson

## Building Work

In a newsletter last term I explained that we were due to have roof work completed over the summer holiday. Those who drop off and collect will have seen that the scaffolding is still there. The builders will have finished half of the school by the time this newsletter goes out and the scaffolding is due to come down this week. The roof nearest the car park has been delayed, so this scaffolding will remain up until October half term.

## Times Tables

This week children in year 3 will be tested on their 2 times table and children in years 4, 5 and 6 will be tested on their 3 times table, as part of the rock star challenge.

## Sam the Frog

Congratulations to 3S and 6L who achieved 100% attendance last week and will have Sam the Frog this week.



<b>Letter Alert!</b>	
The following letters have been sent out today/recently ...have you received them?	
<b>September</b>	
Wed 5 <sup>th</sup>	Start of year letters pack
Thu 6 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 only – information about applying for a September 2019 secondary school place
Thu 6 <sup>th</sup>	Year 4 only – Roman Sleepover letter
Fri 7 <sup>th</sup>	After school clubs list and club letters
Tue 11 <sup>th</sup>	Parent and Child BINGO letter
Tue 11 <sup>th</sup>	School homework planner letter
Tue 11 <sup>th</sup>	Science Club letter

<b>September</b>	
Fri 14 <sup>th</sup>	Completed start of year forms due back
Fri 14 <sup>th</sup>	5R only – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Visit the Classroom event, to meet Mrs Rook
Mon 17 <sup>th</sup>	School photographer here to take individual and sibling portraits
Tue 18 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 swimming lessons begin
Wed 19 <sup>th</sup>	Parent and Child BINGO evening 6.00 – 7.00pm
Mon 24 <sup>th</sup>	Mini Topic Show 2.00 – 3.00pm
Thu 27 <sup>th</sup>	Year 4 Roman Day – costumes needed
Fri 28 <sup>th</sup>	Year 4 Roman Sleepover – year 4 children may wear home clothes to school

With all best wishes to you and your family,

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Jenny Jones  
Headteacher