



Aim High No Limits
Newsletter Summer 13 17th July 2018
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Dear Parents & Carers,

This will be the last newsletter of this academic year. I think it is important to reflect and celebrate what a good year this has been for Anstey Junior School: children have represented the school in a range of sporting events, showing amazing team spirit at all events (our athletics team made it to the Hampshire Games); we have had trips and had visitors in to talk to the children to help them to fully experience the curriculum that they are learning; we had a great sports day and summer fair; the PTA have organised fun events throughout the year that bring the school community together, but also raise much needed funds for the school; we have made a good start to raising money for our new building. We have a great staff team at the school who work incredibly hard to ensure that the school runs really well and who put the children at the centre of their decisions. Most importantly, we have great children who want to learn and have made the adults at the school very proud of them this year. I really do think that the children at Anstey are amazing and people who visit the school agree; they are not afraid of being individuals. We are also grateful for the supportive parents who really help their children to achieve in all aspects of their lives. We all deserve a good rest and a fun summer holiday!

A reminder that we break up at 3.05pm on Friday 20th July. I hope you all have a really enjoyable time with your children.

September – What You Need to Know

School starts for the children on Wednesday 5th September. All children need to be in school by 8.45am that morning. Our new year 3s will be starting and parents will bring them up and gather on the field (hall if it is raining). Children will need to be in school uniform and sensible shoes.

Topic Show

Thank you to all those who came and supported our final topic show of the year. It was a great display of work.

Staffing

Mrs Julie Startup will be doing one day a week in 5R from September until February. After February half term, Miss McGrath will return and cover the one day a week in the class.

Consultation on Proposed Changes to Street Lighting, Supported Passenger Transport Services and the Concessionary Travel Scheme in Hampshire

Hampshire County Council is asking for residents' and stakeholders' views in an eight-week consultation on options for applying budget reductions to subsidies for public transport and street lighting. This consultation also includes a proposal to change the discretionary discount for holders of an Older Person's Bus Pass on some community transport services.

Find out more online at: <https://www.hants.gov.uk/aboutthecouncil/haveyoursay/consultations/publictransportandstreetlighting>

School Summer Fair

Thank you to everyone who helped with this and to all those who came along and supported on the evening. Thank you also for being flexible with the time change. We were incredibly lucky with the weather; places less than a mile away had torrential rain! It was a really lovely event. We made a profit of £1,492.00. There were so many people involved in the event that I cannot possibly thank all of them by name, but I would like to mention Heather Eastman, Teresa Stone, Tracie Brown and Anna Robinson for co-ordinating the event, labelling bottles for the tombola, putting together the hampers, stocking and cooking the food for the BBQ.



Reports

You should have received your child's report on Friday 13th July. In the envelope there was a reply slip, please could you fill this in and return it to the school, with any comments you wish to make. Thank you to the parents who sent them back on Monday, there were some lovely, positive responses. If you want to discuss your child's report, please make an appointment with the class teacher.

Year 6 T-shirts

The year 6 children can bring in a spare t-shirt on the last day of term to get it signed. It must be a spare t-shirt, they will not be allowed to get the one they are wearing signed.

Anstey's Got Talent

We held the finals today and the winner will be announced tomorrow.

School Uniform Orders

If you need to order new school uniform for September, is it advisable to order as soon as possible to avoid disappointment. We have two suppliers: www.tesco.com/ues and www.brigadeuniformdirect.uk.com

Year 6 Leavers' Assembly

This will be on Friday at 9.30am. The year 6 children have prepared an assembly for us to watch. All year 6 parents are invited. We will then formally say goodbye to the year 6 children in assembly and present their leavers' gifts, donated by the PTA.

Reading Challenge

This year's Summer Reading Challenge 2018 is called **Mischief Makers**, inspired by the much-loved iconic children's title Beano, which celebrates its 80th anniversary. Children will explore a map of Beanotown to find the mysterious buried treasure and become ultimate mischief makers! Dennis, Gnasher and friends will help solve clues and collect stickers, having lots of fun and adventures along the way! Read six books and get a medal and certificate PLUS free entry into a lucky draw to win one of two Kindle Fire Kids edition tablets. Here at school, we will be encouraging the children to take up the Challenge and we have already held an assembly to launch it. In September, we will be celebrating all our medal winners with a special assembly and an extra playtime for all the children who successfully complete the task and return to school with their medals. Good luck everyone and get reading! It's FREE to join the library and FREE to take part in the challenge. It is not a competition but a personal challenge.

End of Term Discos – Wednesday 18th July

We have our end of term discos on Wednesday: lower school 5.15pm – 6.30pm and upper school 6.45pm – 8.00pm. Tickets will be on sale every lunchtime in the library until Wednesday and cost £3.50, this includes a snack and drink. You can also buy tickets on the door. Please note that parents may not drive into the car park to drop off or collect. All children must be collected at the end of the discos, they will not be allowed to walk home on their own.



Parent Survey

I have started to analyse the parent survey we did earlier this year. We had 110 responses, thank you to all who completed a survey. The most popular response to nearly every question was strongly agree, showing a high level of satisfaction with the school. Every parent either agreed or strongly agreed that their child was making progress at the school and every parent agreed that the school expects their child to work hard. Only one out of the 110 parents said their child did not enjoy school. 100% stated that teaching is good at this school. The comments have been very useful. The main areas we will focus on as a result of the survey are: all staff having the same ethos/caring attitude; more trips/visitors for the children; homework (some want more, some want less!). Two lovely comments: 'keep doing what you're doing and show Damien Hinds what really effective, creative, imaginative and fun learning can achieve - PLEASE!!' 'A school is only as good as the sum of its parts. Anstey is very rich!' (Thank you for those comments!).

SATs Results

The school received the SATs results for the year 6 children last Tuesday. The children were told their results and parents received a breakdown in the report. We are still analysing the results, but the headlines are:

	Reading	SPAG	Maths	Writing
2018 Anstey test %	68%	73%	75%	79%
2018 Anstey teacher assessment %	83%	75%	88%	79%
2018 national %	75%	78%	76%	78%

Water Safety

Attached to the email is a reminder about water safety. Please do read this.

Sam the Frog

Congratulations to 3B who achieved 99% attendance last week and will have Sam the Frog this week.



Gold Book

Congratulations to the following children who were recognised in the Gold Book during celebration assembly:

3B	4M	5C	6L
Rhiannon	Julia	Mackenzie	William
3S	4W	5W	6M
Alexa	Summer O.	Evie	Libby

July	
Wed 18 th	Helpers' Thank You Tea Party 2.00 - 3.00pm – by invitation
Wed 18 th	CM Sports discos – lower school 5.15 - 6.30pm, upper school 6.45 - 8.00pm
Thu 19 th	100% attendance for the term assembly 9.00am – by invitation
Fri 20 th	Year 6 leavers' assembly 9.30 - 10.30am
Fri 20 th	Children break up for summer holiday at 3.05pm
September	
Wed 5 th	First day of autumn term for children

I wish you all a very lovely summer holiday,

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