



Newsletter 19/10/2023

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Dear Anthony Roper Community,

These terms seem to roll by faster and faster each year. We've reached the end of Term 1 already, and it's time for our children to have a much-deserved rest. Since last writing, our successes have included:

- Our Harvest Festivals were a huge success, led by St Martins' Reverend Trudi, supported by Rev. Dorothy! Thank you so much to our families for your generous donations, which were taken to a local food bank on Tuesday; a lovely showing of our value of Kindness.
- We held our termly Headteacher's Tea Party, where pupils are invited by staff to share a piece of learning they are proud of, over a few treats for their hard work and dedication to learning.
- Governors had their latest meeting this week! Governors' regular work includes items such as: analysing the school's budget, updating policies (such as the Safeguarding Policy, Finance Policy and the Complaints Policy, amongst many others, which can be found [here](#)) and looking at the progress of the school against its strategic aims. Remember, we have a vacancy for a Partnership Governor! If you know someone who would be able to support the development of our school, please take a Nomination Form from our Office. We can accept nominations until Friday 10th November.
- It's been our first Scrapbook Week of the year, with children using our value of Creativity to create their entry for this term collecting their most memorable learning.

- We have held our first Exhibition Afternoon of the year, with families able to visit their child's class to see the learning they have been engaging in since the year started. As always, please share your feedback with us [here](#).
- Our first Achievement Cup assembly of the year celebrated children who have been noticed by staff for their sustained effort this term, including areas such as Music, Art and PE!

Apologies to those families who were experiencing difficulties using Arbor to book their Parents' Evening appointments earlier this week. We are pleased to have resolved the issue and my thanks go to our amazing Admin Team for working on this.

Please be reminded that tomorrow (Friday 20th October) is an INSET Day, where teachers will be going to the Sevenoaks Partnership Conference, to hear guest speaker – Tom Sherrington – around the topic of Evidence Informed Teaching!

Children return to school on Monday 30th October 2023, ready for Term 2!

Have a safe half term,

Mr Adam Nicholls

Headteacher

Safeguarding

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This week's resource is Parent's Channel TV: <https://www.familylives.org.uk/how-we-can-help/parentchannel-tv>

Parent Channel TV offers hints and tips on parenting via videos on diverse themes such as teenage drinking, toddler tantrums and school refusers.

As a school we believe that safeguarding is not only about protecting children and young people from abuse and neglect but also their families too. It is our intention therefore to support families by signposting them to universal services which may assist families when they are facing difficulties themselves. For reference, our Safeguarding Team is: Mr Adam Nicholls, Mrs Sandra Goodwin, Miss Jo Leadley and Mrs Jemma Sholl.

Attendance

Bear Class - 93.3%

Mae Class - 93.8%

Knight Class - 98.3%

Armstrong Class - 98.3%

Rose Class - 97.0%

Tull Class - 98.2%

Rashford Class - 92.0%

Othello Class - 99.5%

Einstein Class - 97.0%

Zephaniah Class - 97.6%

Da Vinci Class - 99.0%

Attendance matters - we aim for all children to achieve 96% attendance within the school year. For unexpected absences, due to illness for example, please contact the School Office so that we can record your child's absence correctly. All other absences must be requested using the Absence Request Form. A copy of our Attendance Policy can be found on the school website.

Key Dates

Term Dates

Term 1: Monday 4th September – Thursday 19th October

Term 2: Monday 30th October – Friday 15th December

Term 3: Wednesday 3rd January – Friday 9th February

Term 4: Monday 19th February – Thursday 28th March

Term 5: Monday 15th April – Friday 24th May

Term 6: Monday 3rd June – Friday 19th July

Inset Days

Friday 20th October 2023

Tuesday 2nd January 2024

Monday 22nd July 2024

Tuesday 23rd July 2024

Exhibition Afternoons

Thursday 19th October 2023, from 2.30pm

Wednesday 13th December 2023, from 2.30pm

Tuesday 6th February 2024, from 2.30pm

Wednesday 27th March 2024, from 2.30pm

Thursday 23rd May 2024, from 2.30pm

Tuesday 16th July 2024, from 2.30pm

Parents' Evenings

Monday 6th November 2023, 4pm-7pm

Thursday 9th November 2023, 4pm-7pm

Monday 26th February 2024, 4pm-7pm

Thursday 29th February 2024, 4pm-7pm

Notices

Swimming

We are pleased to have secured swimming lessons for all classes in KS2! They will run in the following terms:

Term 1 – Da Vinci

Term 2 – Zephaniah

Term3 – Einstein

Term 4 – Othello

Term 5 – Rashford

Term 6 – Tull

Each class will receive more specific information, such as dates and kit lists, as their turn approaches.

Payment for Clubs

Payment for clubs is now available on Arbor. Can you please ensure payment is made as soon as possible.

Firework Tickets

The annual Eynsford firework display will be held on 28th October. Tickets are now on sale in the school office for £5.00 (£10 on the night).

OPEN DAYS FOR RECEPTION 2024

Please see below the upcoming open events for Reception 2024 admissions. Book your family ticket via school website:

Thursday 2nd November 10:00-11:00am

Monday 13th November 10:00-11:00am

Monday 13th November 1:30-2:30pm

Thursday 16th November 10:00-11:00am

Friday 1st December 10:00-11:00am

CHILDREN IN NEED

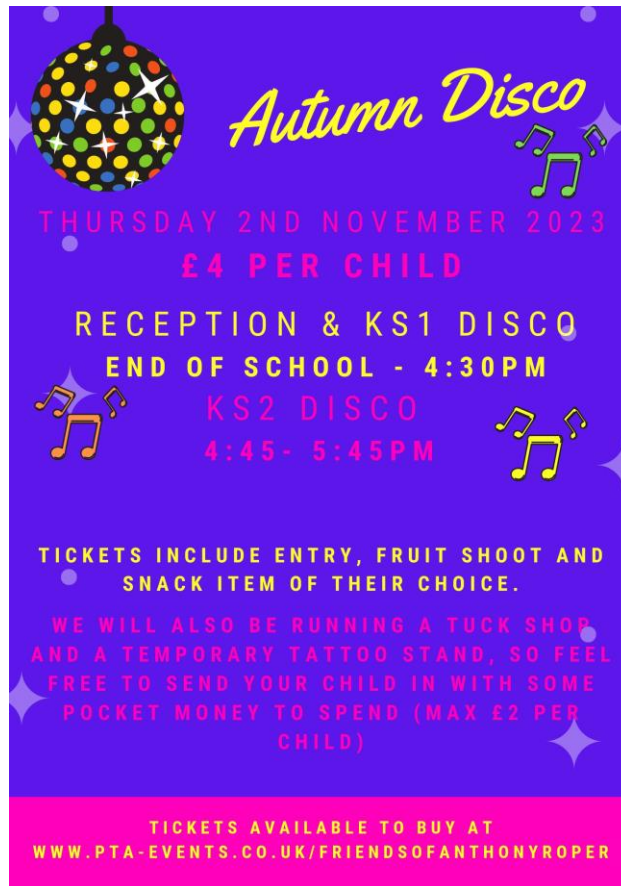
We will be celebrating Children in Need day on Friday 17th November and children will be able to wear their PJ's to school for a small donation.

PTA NEWS

Tickets for the PTA are now on sale on our website: <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofanthonyroper/>

The ticket price includes a drink and snack, and there will also be a tuck shop and tattoos to buy if children would like to bring some pocket money (we recommend no more than £2).

Save the Date for our Christmas Fair! We will be holding our Christmas Fair on Saturday 2nd December. More details to follow!

A vibrant purple poster for an 'Autumn Disco' event. At the top left is a colorful, multi-colored Christmas bauble. The title 'Autumn Disco' is written in a yellow, cursive font. Below the title, the date 'THURSDAY 2ND NOVEMBER 2023' and the price '£4 PER CHILD' are written in pink. The event schedule is listed in yellow: 'RECEPTION & KS1 DISCO' from 'END OF SCHOOL - 4:30PM' to 'KS2 DISCO' from '4:45 - 5:45PM'. There are musical note icons in yellow and green. At the bottom, it states 'TICKETS INCLUDE ENTRY, FRUIT SHOOT AND SNACK ITEM OF THEIR CHOICE.' and 'WE WILL ALSO BE RUNNING A TUCK SHOP AND A TEMPORARY TATTOO STAND, SO FEEL FREE TO SEND YOUR CHILD IN WITH SOME POCKET MONEY TO SPEND (MAX £2 PER CHILD)'. The bottom of the poster has a pink banner with the text 'TICKETS AVAILABLE TO BUY AT WWW.PTA-EVENTS.CO.UK/FRIENDSOFANTHONYROPER' in yellow.

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Awards

Numbots Champions

Bear Class -

Mae Class -

Knight Class - Theodore, Hudson, Jacob

Armstrong Class - Faith-Evelyn, Fenton, Francesca

Rose Class - Ayla, Rory, Edison

Tull Class - Harry, Olivia, Rosie

Rashford Class - Iylah-Louise, Rudy, Ralphy

Othello Class - Robert, Riaan, Emily

Einstein Class - Sienna, Albie, Olivia

Zephaniah Class - Kaius, Max, Emily D

Da Vinci Class - Ilona, Rana, Stanley

Times Tables Rock Stars Champions

Bear Class -

Mae Class -

Knight Class -

Armstrong Class - Faith-Evelyn

Rose Class - William D, Jake, William M

Tull Class - Owen, Jessica B, Harry

Rashford Class - Harrison, Arissa, Sienna

Othello Class - Poppy, Lucienne, Marguerite

Einstein Class - Levi, Arthur, Tabitha

Zephaniah Class - Lincoln, Kaius, Emily D

Da Vinci Class - Mia, Thomas, Bronte

Achievement Awards

Bear Class -

Mae Class -

Knight Class - Leo

Armstrong Class - Alina

Rose Class - Belle

Tull Class - John

Rashford Class - Nathan

Othello Class - Harry

Einstein Class - Nazar

Zephaniah Class - Phoebe

Da Vinci Class - Oscar

Lunchtime Award -

House Points

Knole - 323

Chartwell - 228

Penshurst - 215





