



Newsletter 09/11/2023

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It's been another busy week at school! Since last writing, our successes have included:

- Our children enjoyed an Autumn Disco, organised by our fantastic PTA. Thank you SO much to the organisers and volunteers who were able to support the event. We are so grateful for your support of our school.
- We have reached the end of exploring our new class names during our assemblies! With our value of Diversity we have covered a range of figures from both past and present, and considered what lessons we can learn.
- We have held our first Parents' Evenings of the year, with families meeting teachers to discuss the children's achievements so far and their targets moving forwards. We appreciate feedback, so please feel free to let us know the strengths and areas to develop based on your experiences: <https://forms.office.com/e/MsGCbh8QxF>
- A bit like a Fire Drill (when there is a danger inside and we need to gather safely outside), we practised our Lockdown Procedure – this is something we use when there is a danger outside of our school, and we need to remain safe inside! For our children, we used examples such as Canada, where they sometimes find grizzly bears on the playground! A huge congratulations to

our children for practising this so well and keeping each other safe, a fantastic showing of our vision!

Thank you and well done to our School Council, whose first competition of the year closed this week. It was a creative competition with the theme, "Save The Planet". Mrs Hibb and the School Council judged the entries earlier today and we look forward to hearing the results soon! Well done to all entrants: your creativity was exceptional!

A quick couple of reminders: our next 2 classes will be starting their Forest School course (Armstrong) and Swimming lessons (Zephaniah) tomorrow (10th November), and next Friday (17th November), pupils are able to wear pyjamas in support of Children In Need – we will have donation buckets outside as usual. A group of our pupils have been working hard to prepare a bake sale too! More information to follow...

Keep safe,

Mr Adam Nicholls

Safeguarding

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This week's resource is Parents Protect: <https://www.parentsprotect.co.uk/>

Parents Protect is run by child protection charity The Lucy Faithfull Foundation and provides information, advice and support to help protect children from sexual exploitation and abuse.

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 - 97.5%

Mae Class - 100%

Knight Class - 97.1%

Armstrong Class - 93.3%

Rose Class - 98.2%

Tull Class - 93.8%

Rashford Class - 94.8%

Othello Class - 99.5%

Einstein Class - 94.7%

Zephaniah Class - 91.3%

Da Vinci Class - 91.3%

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 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

Tuesday 2nd January 2024

Monday 22nd July 2024

Tuesday 23rd July 2024

Exhibition Afternoons

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

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 2 – Zephaniah (Commencing 10th November)

Term 3 – 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 clear any outstanding payments from last terms clubs as soon as possible.

OPEN DAYS FOR RECEPTION 2024

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

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.

SCOUT HUT PARKING

We have been advised that the car park at the Scout Hut is being used for an event on **Monday 13th November** between **2:00pm and 4:00pm**. Therefore, you may need to find alternative parking on this day.

PTA NEWS

We hope to see you all at the Anthony Roper Christmas Fair on the 2nd December from 12pm-3pm where there will be lots of fun activities, stalls and refreshments to get everyone in the Christmas spirit.

Don't forget these important dates in the lead up to the fair to help make it all possible:

Friday 24th November – **Crazy Hair Day**

Friday 1st December – **Christmas Accessory Day**

Thank you in advance for your contributions.

Further information about the fair, along with raffle tickets will be sent home in book bags this week.

Tickets for the Santa's Grotto taking place at the Christmas Fair will go on sale via the PTA website at 7am on **Monday 13th November** and you are welcome to purchase a ticket for any younger siblings.

If you haven't yet registered on our website, please take a look and do so prior to Monday as tickets are likely to sell out fast.

Tickets will be on sale until **8pm on Monday 27th November**, however if there is still availability we will be opening the bookings up to other families in our local community from **Wednesday 22nd November**, so please book early to avoid disappointment.

(<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofanthonyroper/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=71384>)

Santa and his elves can't wait to meet you!

Please note, children will meet Santa in groups of 12, not individually. You are welcome to take photos of your child with Santa when you meet him. All information about the Grotto experience is on the website. Please read carefully before you purchase.

Thank you.



Upcoming *Events*

November
17th



Children In Need

Children can come to school in their PJ's for a small donation to help raise money for Children In Need

November
24th



Crazy Hair Day

Kids can come to school with hair as crazy as possible, and then they donate a chocolate bar to go towards our Christmas Fair.

December
1st



Christmas Accessory Day

A Christmas jumper, hat, glasses, some tinsel or elf shoes! Get in the Christmas Spirit and bring in a bottle donation for the Christmas Fair!

December
2nd



Christmas Fair

12-3pm and set inside the school, lots of fun and games, crafts, refreshments, shopping, raffle & Santa's Grotto!

December
15th



End of Term

Last day of school for 2023

[FACEBOOK.COM/GROUPS/ANTHONYROPERPTA/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/ANTHONYROPERPTA/)

Awards

Numbots Champions

Bear Class -

Mae Class -

Knight Class - Theodore, Hudson, Jacob

Armstrong Class - Anna, Faith-Evelyn, Fenton

Rose Class - Ayla, Rory, Edison

Tull Class - Harry, Olivia, Rosie

Rashford Class - Rudy, Iylah-Louise, 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, Thomas

Rose Class - William D, Edison, Jake

Tull Class - Owen, Jessica B, Harry

Rashford Class - Arissa, Harrison, Sienna

Othello Class - Poppy, Lucienne, Marguerite

Einstein Class - Levi, Arthur, Tabitha

Zephaniah Class - Kaius, Emily D, Lincoln

Da Vinci Class - Mia, Thomas, Bronte

[Achievement Awards](#)

Bear Class - George

Mae Class - Chloe

Knight Class - Horatio

Armstrong Class - Teddy

Rose Class - Evie

Tull Class - Patience

Rashford Class - Ralphy

Othello Class - Charlie & Noah

Einstein Class - Olivia

Zephaniah Class - Ethan & Jack L

Da Vinci Class - Scarlett

[House Points](#)

Knole - 305

Chartwell - 318

Penshurst - 250

Ightham - 296





