



Newsletter 16/11/2023

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Dear Anthony Roper Community,

It's been a great week at school and we've had the following successes:

- We've hosted more school tours for prospective families looking to start school in September 2024! It's been really lovely to welcome people to see how our children learn. We have a few more tours coming up – if you know anyone looking to start school, please direct them to the Admissions page of our website, where they can book online.
- We're in the middle of observing lessons to see how our children are progressing! On this occasion, we are observing Maths lessons and we have been so impressed by the children's ability to support each other: my thanks go to all of our pupils and staff for being so welcoming and showing our value of Perseverance with some of the tricky Maths concepts they encounter.
- We've had our termly visit from our School Improvement Advisor! Every school has an advisor and their role is to regularly visit and support school development. On this visit, he was impressed by the school's developing curriculum and the calm atmosphere in the lessons he visited! Well done everyone!
- Teachers that work with our Year 1 children (Miss Lake and Miss Doe) were invited to a writing moderation event with local schools, to show off our children's achievements and work

collaboratively to discover next steps with other local teachers. Thank you to Year 1 for representing our school.

MDS Advert

We are looking to expand our Midday Supervisor Team! As part of developing activities for pupils during their lunch break, we are looking for proactive and passionate people to help care for our children at lunchtimes. [You can find the advert and application by clicking here.](#)

Looking ahead, we are raising money for Children In Need tomorrow (Friday 16th November) – pupils can come to school in their pyjamas and there is also a cake sale that has been arranged by some of our children!

Keep safe,

Mr Adam Nicholls

Safeguarding

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This week's resource is Play Like Share: <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/playlikeshare/>

Three animated episodes for 8-10 year olds to help them learn how to spot manipulative behaviour online and to stay safe from other risks online.

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 - 90.0%

Mae Class - 89.6%

Knight Class - 88.7%

Armstrong Class - 95.0%

Rose Class - 94.6%

Tull Class - 98.2%

Rashford Class - 92.2%

Othello Class - 97.7%

Einstein Class - 92.8%

Zephaniah Class - 97.1%

Da Vinci Class - 99.5%

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

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)

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 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:

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.

EVH FUNDRAISING TEAM

The Eynsford Village Hall Fundraising Team will be selling raffle tickets outside school at the end of the school day next Monday 20th. Some great prizes and only a few days left. Please give generously and support your community, thank you!

PTA NEWS

Fantastic news that the Autumn disco raised an amazing £862.25 for future PTA-funded school projects! Thank you very much to all the children who came along and had a great time and huge thanks to all the helpers that made it possible.

Anthony Roper Christmas Fair, 2nd December 2023

Just over two weeks to go!

You will hopefully have seen a request for Hamper donations on Class Dojo and Whatsapp class pages. A very popular feature of last year's raffle were the Class Hamper prizes filled with treats and goodies. We are hoping to put together some beautiful hampers this year with the donations received. If you're not sure what your class theme is please contact your class rep or email us directly at anthonyroperpta@gmail.com. Please remember if you haven't already done so to send hamper items in with your children by Monday 20th November.

Class representatives will also have been in touch to request Christmas Fair Volunteers to help man the games and craft stalls at the fair. If you could please let them know as soon as possible if you are able to cover one or more of the slots it would help us coordinate the day. All help gratefully appreciated and a free drink token for use at the fair will be provided for the volunteers. The class with the most helpers will win some money to spend on resources for their class, of their teacher's choosing.

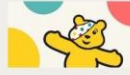
If you haven't already bought your Grotto tickets, please do so as they are selling fast and will be made available to the wider community soon! Tickets can be bought via our website at <https://www.pta-events.com/friendsofanthonyroper/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=71384>

And finally, a reminder to please send back completed raffle tickets. Tickets cost £1 each and more are available from the school office should you wish to purchase extra for family or friends. Payment details, including an online option, are on the letter that was sent out with tickets in book bags last week.



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 - Romir

Mae Class - Lennox

Knight Class - George Ri

Armstrong Class - Scarlett-Marie

Rose Class - Rory

Tull Class - Ethan

Rashford Class - India

Othello Class - Georgiana

Einstein Class - Rose & Lottie

Zephaniah Class - Freya-Rose

Da Vinci Class - Clark

[House Points](#)

Knole - 247

Chartwell - 256

Penshurst - 323

Ightham - 341





