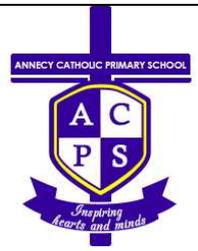


ANECY NEWS

NOVEMBER 2018
"INSPIRING HEARTS AND MINDS
TO GROW"



INSET DAYS REMINDER – SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED ON THE FOLLOWING DATES:

- **FRIDAY 23RD NOVEMBER 2018**
- **FRIDAY 30TH NOVEMBER 2018**

Dear Parents/Carers

We're all really looking forward to the rest of this term as we start our Christmas preparations. Rehearsals will begin soon and we hope that you will be able to join us for the concerts. Our pupils have been producing some fantastic work and working very hard. You're welcome to come along and view their work during our Parent Consultations. If you haven't yet signed up to meet your child's/children's teacher/s please book a slot – sign-up sheets can be found in our main reception area. It's really important that you are able to attend so that we can discuss your child's progress and work together to produce the best outcomes for your children.

We have an Open Day for parents with children due to start school in September 2019 on Tuesday 27th November at 2:00 to 3:00pm. If you have any friends or relatives who are looking for a reception class place next year, please encourage them to come along and have a look. Existing parents are also welcome to join us for a tour of our school and view our new facilities. If you're unable to come along on 27th please contact Mrs Baillie in the office to make an appointment to come in at a different time. We're really proud of our school and pupils and would love to show them off.

CHRISTMAS DATES:

- ❖ **12th December 9:30am KS1 Christmas Show**
- ❖ **13th December 9:30am KS1 Christmas Show**
- ❖ **17th December 2:00pm KS2 Carol Concert in our school**
- ❖ **18th December School Christmas Dinner**
- ❖ **18th December KS1 Christmas Party**
- ❖ **19th December KS2 Christmas Disco**
- ❖ **Last day of the school term is Wednesday 19th December**
- ❖ **Back to school Thursday 3rd January 2019**



Best wishes

Paul Gallagher Acting Head of School

FIRST AID WORKSHOP

For parents and grandparents

Mr and Mrs Edwards have very kindly offered to run First Aid workshops which will take place at Anecy school on the following dates:

- **Wednesday 28th November 2018 3:30 to 5:30pm**
- **Tuesday 4th December 2018 9:00 to 11:00am**

To book your place please email: maritaedwards@btinternet.com

The cost is £5 per person and all funds raised will be donated to Anecy school.

The sessions will cover the following topics:

- ❖ Resuscitation – child and baby
- ❖ Recovery position – child and baby
- ❖ Choking – child and baby
- ❖ Asthma
- ❖ Nosebleeds



MATHS 4 PARENTS

Interested in supporting your child with their school work? We are hosting a free Maths course for parents on the following dates at 1:00 to 3:00pm

1. Thursday 24th January 2019
2. Thursday 31st January 2019
3. Thursday 7th February 2019
4. Thursday 14th February 2019

To book your place on this course please contact the main reception:
01323 894892/email:office@annecy.e-sussex.sch.uk

ATTENDANCE

Our whole school target this year is 97% and we need your help in achieving this. Mrs Hardwicke or I will contact parents if there are concerns about the level of your child's attendance/lateness. These meetings give us the opportunity to offer support and suggestions to help you improve attendance and therefore your child's educational outcomes. At the first meeting, we will set a two-week 100% target and during this time any absences will not be authorised without medical evidence. Targets will be reviewed at the end of this period. "Good" attendance is 96% and above. Our school attendance so far this year is as follows:

Class	Percentage attendance
St Mary	99.1%
St Patrick	95.1%
St George	94.2%
St Andrew	96.3%
St David	94.1%
St Teresa	95.7%
Whole School	95.5%

Attendance which falls below 90% is classed as persistent absence. The school will offer support to all families to ensure good attendance and punctuality. However, on occasion it is necessary for the school to refer some families to the Education Support Behaviour and Attendance Service. Please come and book an appointment if you would like to discuss issues impacting attendance and punctuality.



YEARS 4/5 & 6 - Reminder

Pupils should come to school on Fridays in their PE kits (jogging trousers, trainers & sweatshirts if weather cold). They will be taking part in PE, computing and science lessons on Fridays.

SUNRISE & SUNSET CLUBS

Our Sunrise club starts at 8am daily and costs £3.50. Our Sunset club runs straight after school from 3.10pm and costs £3.50 until 4pm and a further £3.50 until 5pm. Regular bookings should be made in advance using the booking form which is available from the office. If you wish to use Sunset club on an ad hoc basis, it is vital that your child is booked in via the office as soon as you know the dates you require.

All fees must be paid within 2 weeks of receiving an invoice or your child's place will be withdrawn.

Parking

We have received a number of complaints about parking in inappropriate places, across neighbours' drives etc. Please may I ask that you be respectful of our neighbours when you pick up or drop off your children.

I have also noticed cars parking on the zig zag lines outside of the school and either side of the crossing. Parking on the yellow zig zags outside of the school, during the hours noted on the sign, can result in a fixed penalty notice of £70. Parking on white zig zag lines at any time carries a £60 fine and an automatic 3 points on your licence.

Parking on these zig zag lines puts pedestrians at risk. An unobstructed view of the crossing is especially important for children crossing the road outside of school and by the zebra crossing. **Please consider the safety of our children before you park.**

Rumours

On my visits to the local nurseries a number of 'rumours' and 'concerns' about Annecy came up. I would like to take this opportunity to address and dispel the myths!

- Annecy is going to close due to low numbers – the school has been here for 114 years and we will continue to stay open for years to come. We are due to join the Bosco Catholic Educational Trust in the New Year and they would not have taken us on if they felt that the school was in a precarious position. We are not closing down and have had over 20 new pupils join us since September!
- You need to be Catholic to send your child to the school/you need to be Catholic to work at the school – you do not need to be Catholic to attend or work at the school. We serve a diverse community and although our Catholic values underpin all that we do we do not force our beliefs on to anybody.
- Annecy classes will be merging/Reception and Year 1 will be merging – we have no plans to merge any more classes. Year 2/3 have been joined together due to the fact we have nine Year 3 pupils.
- Mr Gallagher is leaving in January 2019 – this is a rumour that seems to pop up every term. I have a contract as Acting Head of School until 31st August 2019 and am hoping that this will be extended. I love working at the school and feel that the staff and pupils have worked extremely hard to improve the quality of education we provide.



Elms For Armistice Project

104 men and boys are listed on Seaford's war memorial as having lost their lives in World War One. Planting a tree is a traditional way to remember a loved one and to commemorate the Armistice Centenary Seaford Tree wardens working in partnership with the community is planting 104 new trees. It is hoped that the trees will be a fitting memorial to Seaford's WW1 war dead.

Memorial elm trees:

Elm trees have been chosen for their iconic beauty. Most of the UK's Elms were lost in the 1970's due to the ravages of Dutch Elm Disease. Elms survived only in a few places, including in East Sussex, where the barrier of the South Downs protected them. East Sussex now has the UK's largest collection of mature elm trees. However, recently, our surviving elms have started succumbing to Dutch Elm Disease. The disease is difficult to

control and sadly, more of our mature elms will be lost.

The new trees, known as 'Disease Resistant Cultivars' are specially bred to be resistant to Dutch Elm Disease. It's hoped that these new trees will ultimately grow on to replace the native Elms Seaford will lose. As well as being a beautiful tree, the Elm supports a wide range of wildlife. It's well suited to the harsh coastal conditions in Seaford.

Seaford's endangered butterfly:

The White-letter hairstreak butterfly relies solely on the Elm to complete its lifecycle. Colonies of this rare butterfly have survived in Seaford but with the loss of the Elms the butterfly will also perish. Seaford Tree Wardens and Butterfly Conservation Sussex Branch have taken on the challenge to protect this butterfly and hope the new Dutch Elm Disease-resistant elm trees will ultimately create a new habitat. On average these elms will need to be 7 years old to flower so it will take time for these trees to support butterfly colonies.



Who are Seaford Tree Wardens?

Seaford Tree Wardens are volunteers. The Wardens work with Seaford Town Council who provides a small grant towards the trees they plant and raise the rest of the money needed through donations from residents. The Tree Wardens work closely with local residents who help plant and care for the trees. As well as organising planting days twice a year, The Tree Wardens hold regular 'Tree TLC' sessions. The planting days and TLC sessions are fun, communal events where everyone is welcome to join in.

How can people help?

The Elms for Armistice project is organised by Seaford Tree Wardens, Sussex Wildlife Trust, Butterfly conservation – Sussex Branch, and the South Downs National Park Authority with support from Seaford Town Council, Lewes District Council and East Sussex County Council.

There are lots of ways to get involved in the Elms for Armistice project, tree planting and wildlife activities in Seaford. You don't need any special skills, nor do you need to be physically strong. Please contact: www.seafordtreewardens.wordpress.com or email seafordtreewardens@outlook.com

To make a donation please visit: www.gofundme.com/elms-for-armistice

Join the search for the White-letter Hairstreak butterfly in Seaford during June/July 2019, email Jamie Burston, White-letter Hairstreak Species Champion, Butterfly Conservation - Sussex Branch at: storm_of_elements@hotmail.com Information about the butterfly here: www.sussex-butterflies.org.uk/species/white-letterhairstreak.php

Sussex Wildlife Trust and the Wild about Seaford Project: <https://sussexwildlifetrust.org.uk/get-involved/community-projects/seaford-community-wildlife-project>.

More about Seaford and World War One:

www.roll-of-honour.com/Sussex/Seaford.html www.seamig.org.uk/war.htm

We will be planting 5/6 trees on the Key Stage 1 field and will need some volunteers to help us with digging and planting. We are hoping to receive the trees by the end of November/beginning of December. If you can help, please let us know.

*******IMPORTANT DATES*******

November

- 20th 3:30 to 6:00pm Parent Consultations
- 22nd 3:30 to 6:00pm Parent Consultations
- 23rd **INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED**
- 24th 10:00am to 2:30pm “Shalom” Autumn Fair at St Thomas More church
- 27th 2:00 to 3:00pm Open Day for New Parents
- 28th 3:30 to 5:30pm First Aid for Parents
- 29th 2:00 to 3:00pm Open Afternoon
- 30th **INSET DAY - SCHOOL CLOSED**

December

- 4th 9:00 to 11:00am First Aid for Parents
- 6th 9:00am Rocksteady Christmas Concert
- 10th School nurse – Reception & Y6
- 12th 9.30am KS1 Christmas show
- 13th 9.30am KS1 Christmas show
- 17th 2:00pm KS2 Carol Concert
- 18th Christmas Dinner
- 18th KS1 Christmas Party
- 19th KS2 Christmas Disco
- 19th Last day of term
- 20th-2nd Jan Holiday – **BACK TO SCHOOL 3RD JANUARY 2019**

PLEASE NOTE THAT THESE DATES AND TIMES MAY BE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

“SHALOM” AUTUMN FAIR
Raising money to help Madagascar schools
Saturday 24th November 2018
10:00am to 2:30pm
At St Thomas More church hall
ADMISSION IS FREE

CRAFTS/BAGS/BOTTLE STALL/JAMS & CAKE STALL/BRIC a BRAC/PLANTS
TOMBOLA/RAFFLE – LUXURY CHRISTMAS HAMPER
SOUP & ROLL AT LUNCHTIME
CREAM TEAS/COFFEE/CAKES ETC

COME ALONG & JOIN IN THE FUN!

