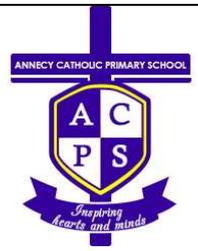


ANNECY NEWS

OCTOBER 2018

“INSPIRING HEARTS AND MINDS
TO GROW”



Dear Parents/Carers

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

- **FRIDAY 9TH NOVEMBER 2018**
- **FRIDAY 23RD NOVEMBER 2018**
- **FRIDAY 30TH NOVEMBER 2018**

We have secured over £14,000 of professional development funding to support the introduction of Read, Write Inc across the school. This will raise attainment and progress and will enable staff to support pupils in their development – two INSET days will be provided to staff on how to deliver this scheme effectively. We are also involved in a project called Inside Out, which will feed into our behaviour policy. It will slot nicely alongside our Thrive approach and will give staff the skills to address the underlying issues that lead to barriers to learning. INSET days (In Service Training Days) are a government requirement for all schools and are used to provide training and development for staff that supports school improvement. Staff attend the days in order to meet the school's development needs; however children are not on school site during INSET days.

I would like to thank you all for your continued support in driving our school forwards.

UNIFORM REMINDER

All pupils should be wearing our winter uniform when they return to school on Monday 29th October.

	Winter Terms 1, 2, 3 &4
Boys	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Grey trousers● White collared shirt● School tie● Navy blue sweatshirt with school logo● Plain black or Grey socks
Girls	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Navy blue (pleated or 'A' line) skirt, pinafore dress or trousers● White collared shirt● School tie● Navy blue sweatshirt with school logo● Plain navy or white socks or tights

YEARS 4/5 & 6

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.

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 Annecy 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 Annecy 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

Phonics Workshop

As part of our introduction to Read, Write Inc. we are holding parent workshops on the 19th November. There will be two sessions:

- 9:00am – 10:00am
- 2:00pm – 3:00pm

These sessions are open to all parents, carers, grandparents etc, who have an interest in supporting the teaching of phonics at home. It will also give you an insight into how we teach phonics here at Annecy.

We would love to see you. Please book a place with Mrs Baillie in the office.

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	98.08%
St Patrick	94.88%
St George	95.48%
St Andrew	95.72%
St David	96.13%
St Teresa	96.25%
Whole School	95.34%

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.



A prize draw will take place during Attendance assemblies. A huge thank you to G3 Architecture for sponsoring these awards. Pupils will receive an entry into the prize draw for every day they attend school. The more days you are in, the more chances you have of winning. We hope that you will continue to support the improvement of the school by ensuring that your children are in school and on time.

Well done to ST MARY class for winning the attendance award for this half-term!

Open Sessions

A lot has changed at Annecy over the past few months and we would like to invite you into the school to have a look at how the environment has changed and to experience learning within the classroom. We have a very dedicated staff that are very proud of the school and we would like to share this with you. As such, we have decided to hold a number of Open Sessions. Parents/Carers are invited to come and join in with the learning within the classroom.

Please make a note of the following dates and times and try to pop along for a visit:

Thursday 1st November – 2:00 – 3:00pm

Thursday 15th November – 9:00 – 10:00am

Thursday 29th November – 2:00 – 3:00pm

Please let the class teacher know which dates you would like to come and visit.

MOBILE PHONES

If it is a necessity that your child brings a mobile phone to school, please ensure that this is handed into the office before school and collected at the end of the school day. Permissions forms must be completed and are available at the office.



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.

Open Days

You might notice a few banners going up around Seaford in the next couple of days. We are holding two open days, the first on the 13th November at 9:00am and the second on the 27th November at 2:00pm. This is an opportunity for both prospective parents and current parents to hear about the school and receive a tour by either Mr Gallagher or one of our wonderful prefects.

We will also be distributing flyers after half-term and would be grateful if you would encourage friends and family who are thinking about school places for September 2019 and beyond to come and visit the school.

I know I'm slightly biased, but I really do think we have a wonderful school with amazing children!

Dinner Money

Reminder – dinners must be pre-paid on Parentpay. Our school has no budget to cover unpaid dinner money. If your Parentpay account has no credit you must send your child to school with a packed lunch.

REMEMBER:

Please contact your child's teacher (email address on our website or use Class Dojo) if you have any concerns. If you would like to talk to me, please come and see me on the gate or talk to Mrs Baillie about booking an appointment – you can also reach me via email or on Class Dojo.

Volunteers

A huge thank you to all of the parents, carers and family members that came to help walk the children up to church for the Harvest Festival. It was lovely to see you all there...my apologies again for arriving late!

We are always keen to have parents, carers and family members help out around the school. I will be sending out a letter after half-term with a slip for those of you interested in giving up some of your time to support the children.

Donations

Nikki O'Brien, one of our wonderful mums, is using eBay to sell unwanted items and then donating all proceeds to the school. If you have any unwanted toys or items, that you feel could be sold on, please drop them in to the office and Mrs Baillie can pass them on to her.

Governor Fund

A huge thank you to those of you that already donate to the Governor Fund. We currently receive about £150 on a monthly basis. If you would be interested in donating to this fund either a one-off payment or monthly payment, please talk to Mrs Baillie in the office.

Why is this important?

We are able to set aside money from the Governor Fund to bid for funding to improve the school. For every pound we have, we can apply for 10 times the amount. Most recently, we were successful with a bid for £50,000 to enhance the computing provision across the school. This was only possible due to the fact that the parents/carers/family members had donated into our Governor Fund.

If you consider that every £1 you donate could result in the school receiving a further £9 in funding, I would urge you to donate as much as you can. As they say, "Every Little Helps!"

BOOK DONATION

All new/nearly new book donations will be gratefully received.

Don't forget we have a holiday next week – we look forward to seeing you all back at school on Monday 29th October. Have a really fantastic break!