



Anstey First School

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Picnic for Tierney 3rd May 3pm

This is a fundraising event for a close friend of Miss Williams who has bone cancer. She needs to raise £200,000 for specialist treatment in Germany.

There will be food boxes to buy, music and a raffle.

"Thank you all for supporting my dear friend" Shannon



The staff would like to say a special thank you to Chrissy for her help in tidying up after the mother's day tea!

*Stars of the Week
Matilda Jenkins
Poppy-Mae
Zee-Pigg
Sam Tansley*



The kids all enjoyed the Easter egg hunt organised by the PTA on the 4th April





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Messages from the Classrooms

Fledglings have been planting sunflowers and making up rhymes. They have had a picnic in the park and collected flowers and they've had lots of birthday cake! They have also been continuing their work on planets and have learnt a planet song for assembly

Little Owls spent lots of time last week preparing for the mother's day tea – they made lemonade and sandwiches and made mother's day cards. This week has all been about the dragons!



Wise Owls have been undertaking an incredible construction project this week – pictures will follow! Their dragon is constructed from thick, corrugated cardboard which they cut into sections using craft knives, they have then covered the 'skeleton' in papier mâché – it looks amazing! They also did lots of work on the Mother's Day tea – baking, crafting and origami

P.E. The kids have all been doing Orienteering and Basketball in PE in recent weeks

Don't forget St George's Day is on the first day back!

DRAGON WEEK

This week has been full of myth, legend and lots of glue! The children have all been making dragon sculptures ready for their St George's Day parade – they look pretty incredible and they aren't even finished! They've been learning dragon related songs and writing poetry and during parents eve they all watched 'The Sword in the Stone'

Here is a taster of the poetry from the Little Owls Classroom:

'Dragons coming, dragons coming!
See him fly, see him fly!
Wagging his tail everywhere
Sharp prodding horns poking holes in the air'

Owlets iced biscuits and made cards for mother's day and have been hatching Ice Dragon eggs this week!

As the weather warms up don't forget named water bottles, sun hats and sun cream!



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A Note from Mrs Myers

Easter Break is now here and our fingers are crossed for some sunshine. We have had a very short but jammed packed Spring Term with World Book Day, Red Nose Day, Science Week(s), Mother's Day Tea and all the other learning we stuffed in as well- I reckon everyone is ready for a rest now!

I wanted to update everyone on our teacher who will be covering as Mr Corden steps back to only teaching on a Friday. We welcome Mr Richard McKelvey who brings a wealth of experience and very "Anstey"- interestingly very similar to Mr Corden- almost eerily! We call them identical cousins 😊

Mr McKelvey will join us on the first day back in the summer term teaching Monday through Thursday and Mr Corden will remain teaching on the Friday. I'm sure you will all join me in making Mr McKelvey feel very welcome.

We had a very good turn out for parents evening and hope that everyone found it beneficial. If there are any lingering concerns or issues please do not hesitate to contact me via email or just pop in on a Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday and will do my best to make time for a chat. Hornead School have now put out their advert on their third round of interviews for their search in finding their new Head teacher. I will of course keep you updated on their progress. I have enjoyed working with the Hornead staff and we have made some great links between both staff and sharing good practice. We wish them all the luck to find their new head teacher in this next round.

I would like to make a plea to all of our drivers to slow down and drive respectfully. I have had an abundance of complaints by parents and other residents of the village of people linked to our school driving too fast as well as dangerously through the village- especially around the bend and over the small bridge at the entrance of the car park. We have had several parents complain that they have nearly been run over which is not acceptable in any way. I would hope that everyone would use common sense and drive appropriately and according to the law especially when human lives are at stake. We are currently consulting officials to see if there is anything we can do to highlight awareness of this ongoing issue.

On a brighter note- thank you to all who continue to share your support and love for Anstey School and who show appreciation for all that staff do to make it a special place to learn and work. I hope everyone has a restful or exciting break whichever you choose (I know which one I'm going with!). We look forward to seeing all of you princes, knights, dragons, maidens and princesses back for Tuesday the 23 of April for our St George and the Dragon day.

Mrs Myers



Dates and Events to Note

- **23rd April** – Return to School and St George's Day Celebration. Kids are invited to dress as maidens, knights, princesses and dragons! The children will be marching from the school to St George's churchyard to parade their classroom dragons, sing songs and recite poetry
- **25th April** – Swimming starts for years 1-4. This will continue every Thursday throughout the term at 1.30-2pm. Don't forget to let Mrs Vinton know whether your child can swim 10 metres!
- **1st May** – Wilfred Dimsdale will be giving the children a talk about Australia
- **3rd May** – 9.30-11am Y2-4 Cross Country at St Thomas of Canterbury, Puckeridge
- **24th May** – Outdoor Classrooms Day (parents will be invited to take part)
- **17th July** – Sports Day and Picnic
- **18th July** – School Trip
- **19th July** – End of Term. Assembly 1.15pm; School closes 2pm

Don't forget to check the Gateway for permission requests!