



Aston Fence J&I School

Newsletter

March 2023



Welcome to our final newsletter of the spring term. It has been another jam-packed term and as always, the children have made us proud every single day. They continue to produce work of the highest quality and have been great ambassadors for our school on the many visits and sporting events they have taken part in.

As we break up for the Easter holidays, on behalf of all the staff, I would like to wish you all a very happy and relaxing two weeks with your family. We will see you all again on Monday 17th April for the beginning of the summer term!

Hellos & Goodbyes



As the term draws to a close, it is time to say a fond farewell to Mrs Craven who has taught at our school for 29 years. I am sure you will join me in wishing Mrs Craven a very happy retirement. She has lots of new adventures planned but we are not saying goodbye forever as she will still support school on a voluntary basis in the future.

Mrs Jaouane will also be leaving us at the end of the week as she begins her maternity leave. Her baby is due at the beginning of May and we will update you with baby news once the new arrival is here.

Joining us during next half term is Mrs Hanson, who will be our new FS2 teacher and Miss Richardson who will be our new SENDCo Support Teacher. We are very much looking forward to welcoming them to our school and them becoming a part of our team.

100 Skips a Day

The children and staff have been really dedicated in completing their 100 skips a day throughout February. They would like to thank everyone who has kindly sponsored and supported them in raising £238 - this is a fantastic amount which will all go directly to the Teenage Cancer Trust. Thank you for your support.



Red Nose Day

It was so wonderful to see children and staff wearing their favourite colour in support of this year's Comic Relief fundraising appeal. Your donations helped us to raise £208 for this extremely worthwhile cause.

New Dinner Menu & Price Increase



A new dinner menu will be served after the Easter holidays, commencing with week 1 on the 17th April 2023. Children will be given a paper copy and the new menu will also be available to view from the home page of our website. Unfortunately, due to the significant rise in costs, the price of school dinners will rise by 10p to £2.30, which is £11.50 weekly.

After-School Clubs

Please note that after-school clubs will cost £2.50 per session after the Easter holidays. Information on next half term's clubs will be sent out this week.

Free School Meals - Reminder

You can claim free school meals for a child who lives with you and who you are responsible for. Your claim will be automatically processed if you receive Housing Benefit or Council Tax Reduction and get any of the qualifying benefits.

Eligibility

Your child is eligible for Free School Meals if you get one or more of the following benefits:

- Income Support
- Income-based Job Seeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The Guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit. Provided you are not also entitled to Working Tax Credit, and have an annual gross income, of no more than £16,190 (as of 2014 financial year) as assessed by His Majesty's Revenue and Customs
- Working Tax Credit run-on. Paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

Apply Online

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Rotherham Schools at www.rotherham.gov.uk

Healthy Snacks



At a previous School Council Meeting, the children discussed that an increasing number of our KS2 children are bringing what is considered an unhealthy snack to school to eat at break. Children suggested the following snacks as healthy options: fruit, sugar free snacks, yoghurt drinks, cereal bars, fruit bars, milk, vegetables, brunch bar, baked crisps or yoghurt coated raisins. On their behalf, we would like to remind everyone that whilst school has not stipulated the type of snack to be brought into school, we would encourage parents/carers to consider a healthy option. Thank you for your co-operation and support with this matter.

Easter Raffle Reminder

Easter Raffle – Thank you to everyone who has supported our endeavours to raise funds for a large-scale timeline for our playground. The raffle will be drawn on Thursday 30th March. Tickets are still available at £1 a strip. If you would like to purchase some, please send the money into the school office in a sealed envelope with your child's name and class on.



Boccia Festival

A group of our year 6 pupils recently represented school at the Rotherham Boccia Festival, organised by School Games. They thoroughly enjoyed the experience and were commended for the supportive attitudes and sense of team spirit.

Inter-house Football

Congratulations to Ventus who won our recent inter-house football competition.



Boys & Girls Football Festivals

Mr Finn took some of our Y5/6 boys to the Bramley Sunnyside Football Festival, winning 2 and drawing 2 without conceding a goal. Unfortunately, this was not enough to make it through the group stage but Mr Finn said that the whole team was able to walk away with their heads held high after a fantastic performance. Miss Rigby also accompanied some of our girls to the Rotherham School Games Football Festival, who won 2 out of their 5 games. Unfortunately, they didn't make it through to the final rounds but made school proud with their teamwork and initiative.



Dates for Your Diary

MARCH

Fri 31 School closes for Easter

APRIL

Mon 17 School open

MAY

Mon 1

KS1 Assessments during the month

Tue 2

School closed – Bank Holiday

Mon 8

Y3 visit Crich Tramway Museum – details to follow

Tue 9-Fri 12

School closed – Bank Holiday in lieu of King Charles' Coronation

Mon 22

Y6 SATs

Tue 16

FS2 visit White Post Farm

Tue 23

Y5 visit Eyam

Thu 25

Class Photographs

Fri 26

FS2 Family Learning Event – details to follow

Mon 29

Adults Only Learning Event - details to follow

School closed – half term

JUNE

Mon 5

School closed - Inset Day

Tues 6

School open

Wed 7

Y1 visit Clumber Park – details to follow

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Y2 Family Learning Event – details to follow

Mon 12

Y6 visit – Fruit Picking and Clumber Park – details to follow

Fri 16

Sports Day a.m.

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Y3 Family Learning Event – details to follow

Fri 30

School closed - Inset Day

JULY

Fri 14

Macmillan Coffee Morning - details to follow

Thu 20

Leavers' Assembly a.m. – details to follow

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Leavers' Disco (all classes) 5-6.30pm

Mon 24

School closed – summer holidays