

Autumn Term Newsletter

Head Teacher Message

Wow! What a busy half term we have had!

I would like to say a huge thank you for all the support you continue to give the children and us as a school. Thank you to all of you who have attended events over the past couple of months, contributed towards fund raising and rustled up costumes for all sorts of fun.

The children have worked so hard this entire term ... and it was a long one! They definitely deserve a good rest and some time to relax and reenergise for January.

The whole Anton Junior team wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a happy New Year!

Miss Culver

(Acting Head)

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Some January Reminders ...

- Please name all uniform and PE kit. We have lots of uniform unnamed which will be available to purchase at a second hand sale in the new year. Look out for further details.
- Please only send healthy snacks for break time.
- All hair accessories should be small and in Anton colours.
- All earrings and jewellery should be removed for PE days.
- Any changes to who may be collecting your child at the end of the day, must be reported to the school office.
- Please report your child's absence from school by 10am each day.



In November, we have started an exciting new initiative at Anton Junior School **Cross-Curricular Orienteering!** All the staff were trained and had a go at some of the lessons they may teach.



Cross-Curricular Orienteering will help our school unlock an active learning world where children practise their skills in any subject area whilst being physically active. The days of not using school grounds on a regular basis are over - The installation provides us with the infrastructure to take learning outside on a regular basis without increasing workload. Ultimately, Cross-Curricular Orienteering is loved by teachers and pupils alike because it allows schools to put health and wellbeing at their core, without sacrificing other curriculum areas.

The children have loved exploring the course and have unlocked a new way of learning, as well as embedding previous skills all whilst running outside. This has also encourage fantastic team work and given the children chance to work with others they may not always get chance to. We cannot wait to see what else we can do with the course!





The Reading Cafes

A huge thank you to all of you who joined us for our reading cafes. These were an incredible success this year! Watch this space for our Reading Picnics in the Summer!

Happy Reading!





A message from Year 3

Year 3 have had a very busy term!

We have been tree planting, experimented making our own paint using only materials the Stone Age people would have had and had a visit from a geologist! We have washed 'Woolly Mammoths' and spent a day at Butser Farm (not in the snow) as well as completing the orienteering course and forest school!

A message from Year 4

What a brilliant half-term year 4 have had. The children have loved using a Christmas advert- Sprout Boy- to inspire their own Christmas tale with a vegetable as the protagonist. The children even got to decorate their own vegetable to help with their descriptive writing. In maths, the children have been busy learning about fractions, geometry and times tables. We are pleased to see that more children are regularly using Times Tables Rockstars to practise their times tables and it is clear to see their progress in lessons as a result of this. Please ensure that your child also continues to use Spelling Shed regularly, as this is an invaluable resource that will help with writing progression.

Thank you for your continued support this half-term. We wish you a very merry Christmas and look forward to welcoming the children back in the new year.

Year 4 Team :)

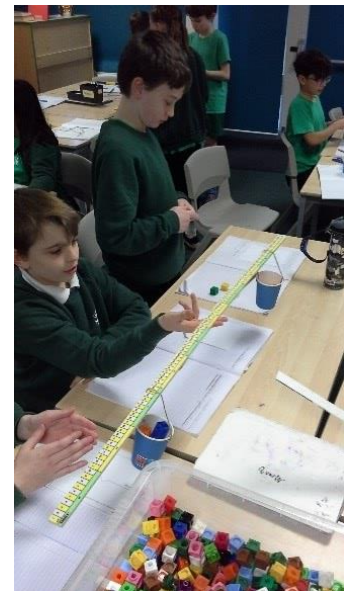
A message from Year 5

What a brilliant term! We are so proud of all of the children and the hard work they have put in at school. In English, we have been busy writing diaries, biographies and festive narratives. The children had a fantastic day during their Indus Valley workshops and it was lovely to see them exploring history in a more 'dramatic' way. In science, the children have been exploring the effects of friction on objects and how it can be utilised in different mechanisms. Christmas jumper/dinner day was a success as always and it is one of Mr Ewens' favourite days of the school year. The children had a great time during the Santa Fun Run and we were able to raise money for a worthy cause. Thank you also, to all you parents and carers, for your continued support.

All the adults in Year 5 wish all of the children and their families a 'Holly, Jolly Christmas' and we look forward to seeing you all again in the New Year. We would also like to say a huge thank you for all your generous gifts.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Year 5 Team



A message from Year 6

Wow! What an amazing half-term year 6 have had - we are so proud of you all. The children have worked their socks off in our English and Guided Reading sessions and seem to have really enjoyed our text driver: Foodland. They produced an amazing narrative based on the story and wrote a fantastic persuasive letter too. We have been so impressed with the improvements in their presentation as well their vocabulary choices. They have also worked incredibly hard in Maths and shown great grit and determination when tackling tricky problems. The children were fantastic at Winton for our DT cooking unit and showed real maturity and independence. It was also lovely to see so many of you for our parent celebration linking to our Evolution topic in Science. It has been fantastic to appoint our pupil leaders and we now have an amazing team of year 6 pupils who have already enjoyed responsibilities linking to their roles. We would like to thank parents and carers for their continued support this half-term. We hope that you all have a fantastic Christmas and we look forward to seeing all of the children in the New Year. The year 6 team



The Great Rudolph Run

A huge thank you to everyone who donated to the Rudolph Run.

The children had a fantastic time, dancing, singing and running for such a fantastic cause.

We raised a grand total of ...

£2180!!!

Absolute incredible! The hospice have now received this and send their thanks and gratitude to all of our Anton Junior families.





Dates for your diary

6th January ~ Back to School

7th January ~ Year 6 Swimming session 1

8th January ~ Year 6 Greek Workshop

14th January ~ Year 6 Swimming session 2

21st January ~ Year 6 Swimming session 3

28th January ~ Year 6 Swimming session 4

3rd February ~ Year 4 Viking Workshop

4th February ~ Year 6 Swimming session 5

11th February ~ Year 6 Swimming session 5

17th February ~ HALF TERM



Some Anton Farewells

Unfortunately this week we have said goodbye to the fantastic Mrs Lawrence. Due to a house move she is taking on some new adventures in Cambridge! We wish her and her family all the luck in the world and hopefully hear from her soon.

We also say goodbye (for now) to Miss Sexton. Miss Sexton, as you know, is currently working through her teacher training. As part of this she has time to experience KS1 in another school. She will be there for 6 weeks and head back to Lions after February half term. During these 6 weeks, the lovely Lion class will be taught by Miss Schofield. Miss Schofield comes from a college lecturer background so will be an absolute asset to the Year 4 Teaching team. Good luck Miss Sexton!