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"Learning and achieving together in a caring community."

Do to others what you would want them to do to you- Matthew 7:12

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Dear Parents and Carers

Firstly, I am literally over the moon to have been appointed as your permanent, full-time Headteacher moving forward. I absolutely love this school and am very much looking forward to our exciting journey together. Thank you for the kind messages I have received since the announcement on Friday, they are very kind and very much appreciated.

You will have received a number of messages recently via Class Dojo about some exciting and also some thought-provoking work we have been doing in school. If you've missed these then I would urge you to scroll back and take a look. For example, we have been blown away by some of the children's responses to Childline's 'Nobody's Normal' video, which you can access here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZJbrtOgLdpk>. Please check out Dojo for more information plus details of resources to enhance a joint effort on anti-bullying and some ways of supporting children's mental health.

Attendance

I am very pleased to inform you that our overall school attendance since the start of the academic year is higher than for the same period last year. Given the effects of the coronavirus, this is no mean feat. Thank you for putting your trust into the school and for working hard to ensure your children are in school as much as possible and so able to benefit from day-to-day high-quality teaching and wider curriculum opportunities.

To build on this success and to make sure that any child whose attendance has fallen below 95% (not including Covid-related absence) is now showing improvement, I have established a new attendance team comprising our School Administrator, Sarah Pritchett, Family Liaison Officer, Jo Jones, and myself. We will meet regularly to review all children whose attendance is below the national expectation of 95% and make contact with their parents and carers. This may be in the form of a letter, phone call, invitation to attend a meeting or a welfare check home visit. We will be sending out our first letters before the end of term. These can be really helpful if a parent or carer hadn't realised that attendance had slipped to that extent as well as helping initiate a dialogue with the school than can lead to us working together to



explore and overcome barriers to better attendance. I look forward to working with families positively in this area.

Mid-Year Report Summary

This year you will receive a mid-year report summary at February half-term to inform you of your child's attainment and progress in the core subjects plus their attendance.

Recent Achievements

- We are really pleased to have raised just over £300 for Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal this year as well as being lucky enough to have Welfare Officer Captain David Towers-Clark from the army camp deliver a powerful Remembrance Day Collective Worship for the whole school.
- It was amazing to see the achievements from Years 1 to 6 in the recent Times Table Rockstars competition and we enjoyed celebrating this in a special whole-school meet-up on Teams last week. I would just like to mention our three whole-school winners here: Erin M came 3rd overall, 2nd place went to Harriet F and our overall winner was Aston L. A huge well done to everyone who took part to improve their times table knowledge!
- We raised £266.03 for BBC Children In Need – that was a lot of 1p and 2p coins!
- Thank you for all of the wonderful entries for our recent photography competition, we really enjoyed looking at them. The winners were voted for by the School Council: Jonty S in KS1, Imogen in LKS2, Aleya in UKS2 and Nic Horne in the adult category. Well done!

Class Dojo Conduct

Class Dojo is proving to be a really important way for staff, children, parents and carers to interact and to share learning, achievements, experiences and information. This will form an important element, along with Purple Mash, of any home learning we provide due to self-isolation or school closure.

Please remember to write to staff as you would do via email or written letter; I know there can be a temptation to be less formal but unfortunately some staff have received some questions or comments that have not been appropriate. Thank you for your understanding.

Covid-19 Email Address

Please remember that we have set up a new email address specifically for communication around Covid-19. Please contact us using covid@annedwardsprimary.co.uk to notify us of anything Covid-related, including:

- Self-isolation
- Negative or positive test results

We will monitor this address during weekends and holidays so that we can contact any parents or carers via ParentMail should we need to inform you in a timely manner of the need to self-isolate or of a class, bubble or school closure.

Conduct Around the School Site

In partnership with South Cerney Pre-School Playground, we must insist that nobody smokes or vapes around our sites while waiting to drop-off or pick up. Please also remember to maintain social distancing with people from other households and either to wear a face covering or to ensure you have one on your person to wear should a staff member need to speak to you. Thank you.

Christmas Cards

Children are still very welcome to bring Christmas cards into school this year. We are going to quarantine them before giving them out three days later. You may send cards in between Tuesday 1st December and Monday 14th December. Unfortunately, we will not be able to accept cards after this date as this would not allow sufficient time for quarantine and delivery before the end of term.

Christmas Lunch

Wednesday 16th December is shaping up to be a truly festive occasion due to it being our annual Christmas Jumper Day (for parting with £1), Christingle Morning and also the school Christmas Lunch. This year you may order a turkey baguette via ParentPay as you would do a normal school lunch for your child or send them in with a packed lunch – there will be a prize for the most festive packed lunch! We will enjoy music and fun during this lunch. Please can we ask that you order your child's school lunch for Wednesday 16th December by Friday 11th December. Finally, you will receive information via Class Dojo about your child's Phase Bubble Christmas Party.

School Website

We would like to ask our community if anybody has any expertise in designing and managing a website? We are looking at various options of improving our school website to make it more streamlined, user friendly for all stakeholders and therefore increase engagement within our school community. If anybody has experience / a good track record of working within this type of project, please can you contact Mr Parker ASAP. We would like the new website to go live in January 2021

Key Dates

Christmas card start date	1 st December
PTA Christmas Raffle drawer	4 th December
Flu Immunisation	8 th & 9 th December
Christmas card end date	14 th December
Christingle Morning	16 th December
Christmas Jumper Day	16 th December
Christmas Lunch	16 th December
End of Term 2	18 th December @ 1.30
INSET Day – school closed	4 th January
Term 3 starts	5 th January to 12 th February
Term 4	22 nd February to 1 st April @1.30
Term 5	19 th April to 28 th May
INSET Day – school closed	19 th April
Term 6	7 th June to 21 st July @ 1.30

Yours Sincerely


Ian Moore
Headteacher