

Spring A Newsletter



'Love one another, as I have loved you.' John 13 v 34

Welcome Back

I would like to wish you all a very Happy New Year and a warm welcome back to school after the Christmas break.

I can't quite believe it has already been a year since I sent my first newsletter out to you all as Acting Headteacher here at Antrobus. I would like to take a moment to reflect and thank all of the school community for supporting me in this new role. The support from pupils, parents, staff and wider community has been mind-blowing and I can't thank you enough for making my first year such a wonderful one.

Antrobus is a special place and I am so proud that the news of our wonderful school is growing with more families signing up and joining us. Thank you all for helping to spread the word that we are here! I am extremely proud to be the head here and I cannot wait to see what this new year has in store for us all at Antrobus.



PTA

Our PTA were really proactive in the Autumn Term and had a number of key fundraising events including movie night, Christmas Fair, wreath making and elf day. The PTA have been able to fund our class Christmas parties, Santa's visit and gift for each child, new WIFI installation points throughout the school and also supporting the BTales pantomime shows.

This year our focus is going to be updating school's technology and the PTA are going to be helping us to replace all of our current iPads with brand new ones. We are looking to get a minimum of 13 new iPads and, as you can imagine, this is a considerable cost. This would not be possible without our wonderful PTA and also our school community supporting their events.

Keep your eyes peeled for the PTA Spring Term events which will be shared soon.



I would also like to take this opportunity to let you know that thanks to a generous donation from one of our families we have been able to order a brand new and much improved school projector screen for our school hall.

We have also applied for a grant to revamp our 'barefoot trail' thanks to one of our school families helping us to approach a company and place a bid for a community grant. We will find out in the new year if we have been successful. If you know of any community grants which could help us to resurface our 'All weather pitch' then please speak to Harriet or Jackie in the office.



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John 13:34

Our Christian Value this half term is
Perseverance.



We will be discussing this in our daily collective worship slot at 9am. We will share examples from the Bible and daily life as a means of teaching our Christian Values, and we will celebrate successes on Fridays where 'Good Samaritan' awards will be presented.

At the end of each half term we award our special Christian Value of the half term trophy.

Last half term it was awarded to Harry based on the value of Trust. All of the staff could mention numerous occasions that Harry demonstrates trust on a daily basis from his work ethic to behaviour and manners. Well done Harry this is very well deserved.

We are now looking to award another member of our school family the Perseverance trophy. On Wednesdays we will have a class-based worship with the focus of No Outsiders. This will then be followed up in our Thursday whole school worships where we unpick key themes from recent news headlines based around diversity, race, equality, gender, disability etc.



Key Diary dates

Please find below some key diary dates for events during the second of the first half of Spring Term. We endeavour to give you as much prior warning as possible but please to be mindful that these may change and more may be added as the weeks go on. We will try to send reminders out but please do save these dates to your diaries.

<u>Date</u>	<u>What's happening</u>
Wednesday 3 rd January	School Opens for Spring A Class 3 swimming lessons on Wednesdays starting today. Afterschool clubs will start week commencing 8th January.
Friday 5 th January	Christingle Worship at St Mark's Church 1:30pm. Children will be allowed to leave school following the service when they have gathered their belongings.
Wednesday 10 th January	KS2 residential drop in Q and A session with Mr Hathaway. 3pm-3:15pm
Thursday 11 th January	Reception- Year 6 School trip to Chester Zoo. Nursery will be remaining at school with Mrs Bedford for the day.
Wednesday 17 th January	Sports hall athletics- Class 3 Please sign up via the spider app and help us enter a team to this indoor event at Leftwich High School.
Friday 19 th January	Class 1 sharing worship. All are invited along at 9am.
Monday 22 nd January	Class 3 trip with the woodland trust to Frodsham to support the planting of trees at the old golf course which is being transformed into a nature reserve. More information to follow.
Friday 2 nd February	NSPCC number day. Children to come to school dressed in maths based clothing – digits, puzzles, times tables, shape etc. £1 donation to NSPCC
Monday 5 th February- Wednesday 7 th February	Class 3 residential to Conwy
Tuesday 13 th February	Class 3 BTales workshop Women in the Bible Please lookout for more information regarding an end of day performance sharing what Class 3 have learnt about which parents will be invited to.
Friday 16 th February	School Closes for Half Term

Gentle reminders

Please ensure that you do not park in the disabled bays unless you have a blue badge. A number of locals have been unable to park and access the disabled spaces. We have two large car parks which you can use so please keep the two bays safe for those in need.

It has come to our attention that a number of reading books are being returned to school in damaged and poor conditions. We have invested a lot of money into our new reading books and want them to remain in use for many years. Books returned in poor condition will incur a cost so that they can be replaced.



SAVE THE DATE

The Village Rose Queen Fete will be **Saturday 6th July**. School children and parents will be joining us for the parade and also there will be an opportunity to take part in the maypole.

This is a huge event and school plays an integral role and we are hoping to run a stall with the support of our PTA and families so please save the date and support us. If you can lend an hour for a stall please let Lorna know.

Attendance Matters

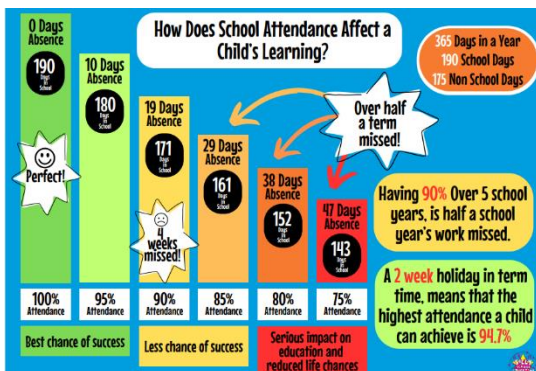
Please note that the school gate opens at 8:45am. This gives a 15minute window until the register is closed and late marks allocated.

From 9:15am the school registers will be marked as an unauthorised absence.

Please endeavour to be on time to school each day. If you need any support, please contact the school office or our family support worker Suzanne King on

sking@antrobus.cheshire.sch.uk

Staff will close the gate promptly as we will be having daily collective worship at 9am in the school hall.



After School Clubs

Our enrichment curriculum for this half term is as follows:

Monday School newspaper club - Mrs Almond

Wednesday
Lunchtime Football

After School Year 6 SATs club- Maths with Mr H

Thursday
Lunchtime Tchoukball

After School Fencing Club

***Please note these clubs will only run if a minimum number is reached to make them viable. If we do not reach that number clubs will unfortunately be cancelled.**

Wrap around care

Please note that you will need to book your children into breakfast club if you will need to drop them off prior to the gate opening at 8:45am. Any children seen to be left will be taken into school and placed in breakfast club and parents will be charged. This is due to safeguarding and ensuring pupils are not at risk.

Parents of Year 6 pupils are able to let school know via letter/email if they give permission for their child to walk or cycle to school alone.

It is wonderful to see our numbers growing for wrap around care and this is why Miss King will have Florrie helping her each day.

Please make sure you contact school if you are needing our wrap around care on our new mobile number which is;

07752503158

If you are running late or the children are playing on the field and staff cant hear the door bell in breakfast or afterschool club then please ring the mobile number above and it will connect you directly to Miss King or Florrie depending on the time.