



Antingham & Southrepps  
Primary School



## Newsletter

### Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2023



Our school value for next half-term is:

**Honesty**

*Honesty is speaking the truth. Saying things that aren't true, or that you think might not be true, or that you are making up to hide the truth are all types of lies. Lying is not honest (also called being dishonest) because you are saying something that isn't true. Examples of what speaking the honest truth means:*

- *Honesty means you don't say things about people that aren't true. You are not being honest if you make up rumours about someone or if you share rumours someone else made up.*
- *Being honest means you admit to your actions, even if you'll get in trouble. You are not being honest if you deny you did something wrong when you really did it.*
- *Honesty means you explain how a situation really happened. You are not being honest if you say something happened one way when it really happened another way.*

*Part of honesty is what you say and how you act toward others. But another part of the definition of honesty is whether you treat yourself the same way. Being honest with yourself means you really know why you are acting in a certain way or whether what you tell yourself is true. This part of the definition of honesty includes when you are trying to convince yourself you didn't really do something wrong, or it wasn't that bad, even though you know it was.*

Dear Parents & Carers,

As we bid farewell to the autumn term, we reflect on the wonderful journey we have shared with your children. It has been a season of growth, learning and memorable moments.

- **Academic Achievements:** Our children have shown remarkable progress and their enthusiasm for learning has been truly inspiring. We commend them for their hard work and dedication.
- **Enriching Activities:** From engaging classroom Cornerstones projects to exciting extracurricular activities, our children have explored new interests and developed valuable skills. The diverse range of experiences has contributed to their holistic development.

- **Upcoming Events:** As we look forward to the winter term, please stay tuned for upcoming events, parent-teacher conferences, and exciting school initiatives. Your continued involvement is crucial in creating a supportive learning environment.
- **Appreciation for Parents:** We extend our gratitude to all parents for your active participation and support throughout the autumn term. Your involvement enhances the overall educational experience for our children.

I would like to wish you and your families a joyous holiday season filled with warmth and laughter. May this festive time bring you moments of togetherness and relaxation.

Thank you for entrusting us with the education of your children. We eagerly anticipate the opportunities and achievements the spring term will bring.

Kind regards,  
Mr Elcock

## Our next newsletter will be on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2024

### Lost Property

Over the course of this half term, we have accumulated a large amount of lost property. In order to return these items to their rightful owners, please come and check whether it has been collected. Following this, any remaining items will either be donated or disposed of.



You are welcome to check the items if your child has lost anything.

You can help by ensuring that all of your children's belongings are clearly named.

### Sickness Reminder



Please note that if your child becomes poorly with either sickness (vomiting) or diarrhoea then they should not attend school for 48 hours following their last bout. This is the NHS guidance that we follow, in order to reduce the chances of other children, parents or staff catching any germs and falling ill. Thank you for your support with this.



### Parent Volunteer Readers Needed!

Could you spare half an hour a week? Come and share your love for reading with some of our children. No experience necessary, just enthusiasm!

### Reminder

As we enter winter and experience more unsettled weather, please remember to send your children to school with coats and suitable clothing so they are well prepared for any eventuality. Trips and visits go ahead regardless of weather and we also try to get the children out at playtime if the rain is light as they need the physical release of running around. Thank you.



## Diary Dates – Spring Term 2024

*Please bear in mind that occasionally trips maybe arranged or cancelled last minute. This can happen for any number of reasons and we try, where possible, to give as much notice as we can. We also will often need adult volunteers to support on these trips. Thank you!*

<b>December 2023</b>	
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	END OF AUTUMN TERM
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> December 2023 to 3 <sup>rd</sup> January 2024	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

<b>January 2024</b>	
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> January	Children return to school for the Spring Term 2024
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January	After-School Clubs start for the Spring Term and run until Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March 2024
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January	NO HOT SCHOOL LUNCHESES TODAY – apologies, but only snackpacks will be available
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January	RSHE Parent Information Evening – 3.30pm-4.00pm
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 5 & Year 6 Basketball Skills event – Cromer Academy – 9.30am-12.00pm
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> January to Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> January	Installation date for new play equipment on the school field.
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> January	Year Reception Vision & Hearing Screening and NCMP with School Nursing Team
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> January	Swimming lessons start for Year 3 & Year 4 children – The Reef, Sheringham
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 5 & Year 6 Dodgeball event – Cromer Academy – 9.30am-12.00pm
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> January	‘Slings by the Sea’ with Amie Dixon. 30 minute session on babywearing & sling library service – 10.00am-10.30am – during Parent, Baby & Toddler Group
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> January	Frida Kahlo Class – Open Morning – 9.00am-10.30am
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 4, Year 5 & Year 6 Residential trip to Wales Meeting for Staff and Parents – 9.00am
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> January	Nick Vujicic Class visit to Thetford Forest

<b>February 2024</b>	
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	INTERNET SAFETY DAY
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 1 & Year 2 Tri-Golf event – Cromer Academy – 9.30am-12.00pm
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> February	Stephen Hawking Class visit to The Sainsbury Centre, UEA
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	Stephen Hawking Class Assembly/Showcase – 1.30pm
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February to Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	HALF TERM

<b>March 2024</b>	
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	Frida Kahlo Class visit to The Food Museum, Stowmarket, Suffolk
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	WORLD BOOK DAY
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	Spring Term Reports to Parents
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> March to Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 4, Year 5 & Year 6 Residential visit to Pendarren House, Wales
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents Evening – 3.30pm-5.00pm
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Last swimming lesson for Year 3 & Year 4
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Parents Evening – 3.30pm-6.00pm
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Nick Vujicic Class Open Afternoon – 1.30pm-3.00pm
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	END OF SPRING TERM
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March to Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> April	EASTER HOLIDAYS

<b>April 2024</b>	
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April	Children return to school for the Summer Term 2024

Please note these dates differ slightly to the holiday dates of some neighbouring schools.

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Key: White date - school open to pupils

Yellow dates - pupil holidays

Blue dates - pupil holidays/staff training days

Red dates - bank holidays

Staff training days are: 4th, 5th & 6th September, 20th October, 3rd January,

27th June and 22nd July devolved as twilights.

## After School Clubs – Spring Term 1 & Term 2

Our programme of After School Clubs will start on the following dates. All clubs will start from the week beginning **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024** and run to **Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2024 (the whole of the Spring Term)**.



<b>Monday</b>	Quidditch ( <i>Premier Education</i> ) 3.15pm-4.15pm
<b>Tuesday</b>	Art & Crafts ( <i>Mrs Matthews</i> ) 3.15pm-4.00pm
<b>Wednesday</b>	Chess Club ( <i>Miss Walsgrove</i> ) 3.15pm-4.00pm
<b>Thursday</b>	Homework Club ( <i>Ms Poletto-Perkins</i> ) 3.15pm-4.00pm
<b>Thursday</b>	Creativity Club ( <i>Mrs Matthews</i> ) 3.15pm-4.00pm
<b>Friday</b>	Computing Club ( <i>Miss Fox</i> ) 3.15pm-4.00pm

**Bookings are live on Parentmail ready for you to sign your child up!**

## Late collection from after school clubs



Just a friendly reminder, all parents and carers need to sign their child/ren out when they collect their child/ren so that we can effectively monitor collection times. Parents and carers will be reminded that if they persistently collect their child late they may lose their place at the club by myself.

We thank you in advance for your cooperation and understanding in this matter.

### **Message from Chair of Governors**

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a busy term it has been! Governors have visited the school on many occasions and spent time in lessons and spoken to pupils. Pupils' progress is encouraging and proves that the School very much deserves its Ofsted 'GOOD' judgement. With charity fund raising days, visits to the Bug Parc, Synagogue, Sea Life Aquarium and Christmas performance – to name just a few – the School shows the variety of extracurricular opportunities it offers its pupils. On behalf of the Local Governing Board, I would like to thank you for your continued support of the School and wish you a Merry Christmas and the very best for a happy and healthy 2024.

Sia Vare  
Chair of Governors



**Every Day**

**Counts**



**Missing a day of**

**school a week**

is the same as missing over  
2 years of school.



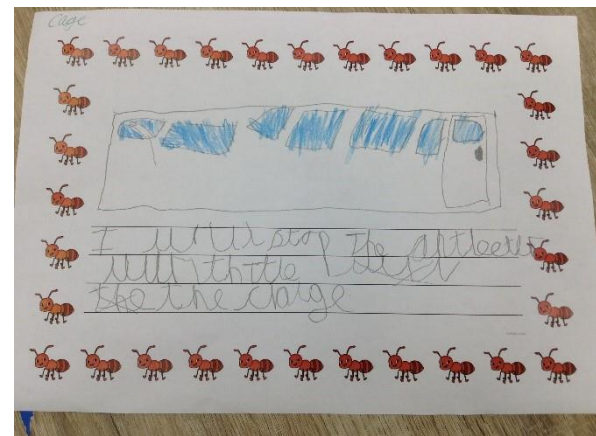
### What have we been learning?

**Frida Kahlo Class** - This term has been full of fun, excitement and thrills. The children have been very excited to learn the songs for our Christmas nativity. The children were so brave during the Christmas nativity and performed their parts wonderfully! They have enjoyed creating Christmas crafts for our tree.

They have all worked hard in their lessons, enjoying the story in English called 'I'm Going to Eat this Ant' by Chris Naylor Ballesteros. We created our own models of how we would stop the anteater from eating the ants and Reception wrote a sentence describing what they would do to stop the anteater.

In maths, we have been focusing on numbers to 5, talking about one more and one less and singing nursery rhymes associated with this. We have also been looking at the 2D shapes (circle, triangles, squares and rectangles). The children are really good at describing these shapes.

We hope everyone has a wonderful Christmas and we look forward to starting afresh in January! Have a lovely break!



**Stephen Hawking Class** - It has been a busy half term in Stephen Hawking Class! After half term, we continued on with our curriculum and have been learning lots of new things. Our main project this term has been 'Let's explore the world'. In this topic, we have learnt about some of the features of the UK and then compared them with Somalia. This has been a great opportunity for the children to learn how to read and use maps, discover other places around the world and their country.

Across the curriculum, we have been widening our knowledge and deepening our understanding of many different topics. In science, we have been looking at habitats and how plants and animals adapt to survive. In RE, we have been learning about the Nativity story and learnt about why this is such an important story in the Bible for Christians. Also, the children created our own Nativity scenes out of cardboard boxes to represent the important people that were a part of the birth of Jesus.



We have had a number of days at school where we have learnt about lots of other important events and topics. During science week, we all had a turn at conducting scientific experiments. We created our own ice-cream, exploding bags and tested out what materials made the best umbrellas to keep Incy Wincy Spider dry.



Finally, we had our first open morning! We were joined by parents and carers and everyone had a go at making their own pizza. We made our dough from scratch, shaped our pizza bases and topped them with all of our favourite ingredients. The pizzas were fantastic and the children were able to test their cooking skills by weighing out ingredients and kneading their dough.



Well done to all of the children for making this a fantastic autumn term! We hope that you all have a lovely Christmas break and come back ready and refreshed for the spring term!



**Nick Vujicic Class** – The children have had a very busy term in Nick Vujicic's class. The children have enjoyed our English lessons which have focussed on our core text 'The Lost Happy Endings' by Carol Ann Duffy. The children have worked hard with their punctuation skills and have done a deep dive into the language related to fairy tales, using expanded noun phrases, similes, metaphors and personification, enriching their writing.

In maths, we have covered more addition and subtraction. Also, we have learnt about length and perimeter, as well as multiplication and division. We always use a range of resources in maths to support our concrete and pictorial learning.

In science, we explored the solar system and how our planet moves around the sun. The children developed their understanding of how daytime and night time works, which was closely connected to our geography topic about time zones and how our position in relation to the sun in the solar system.

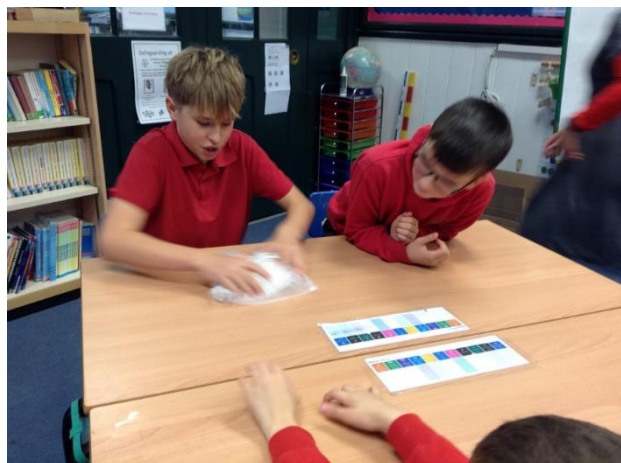
The children have had some amazing experiences in Bushcraft this term, building elaborate dens, throwing axes and archery.

We have spent a lot of time doing Christmas related things. Also, the children have been rehearsing for our amazing nativity.

The children from Year 5 and Year 6 finished have their swimming lessons and have improved their skills and confidence in the water.

We had some memorable trips this term. We went to Norwich to visit the Synagogue and the Catholic Cathedral. The children brought back so much knowledge from the two very different places of worship. During the science week, we did some amazing experiments and had the opportunity to visit the Sea Life Centre in Great Yarmouth.

I hope you will all have a restful and very Merry Christmas. See you next year!



# Christmas At Antingham



We are delighted to extend our heartfelt gratitude to all of you who joined us in making this year's Christmas Fair a resounding success. The festive spirit and sense of community were truly heart-warming and we are thrilled to share some highlights of the event.

We would like to extend a special thank you to the Friends of Antingham (FOA) for their tireless efforts in planning and executing this wonderful event. Their dedication and commitment played a pivotal role in creating a memorable experience for our school community.

The success of the Christmas Fair would not have been possible without the incredible support of our children, parents, teachers, and staff. Your contributions, whether through volunteering, donating, or simply attending, made a significant impact, and we are truly grateful. This year we raised **£588.28** for school funds.

Once again, thank you for making the Christmas Fair a joyful and memorable occasion. Wishing you and your loved ones a warm and wonderful holiday season!

## Christmas Performance

The children were so enthusiastic in their singing and in their Christmas performances. We are so incredibly proud of all the children this week. Well done children and thank you for helping us all get into the festive spirit.

We hope you enjoyed the shows!



**Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year  
From all the staff and governors**

