



Anderton News

We explore, we create, we innovate!

Winter Vomiting Bug – We have had a lot of children absent from school this last week with various coughs, colds, high temperatures and vomiting and diarrhoea bugs. Please can parents ensure that they adhere to the nationally recognised 48-hour rule and make sure that children do not return to school until **48 hours clear of the last bout** of sickness/ diarrhoea to try and help prevent the spread of germs. Thank you.

Due to the Christmas festivities the next **Celebration Assembly** will take place on Friday 10th Jan. Look out for a text before the holidays and a reminder when school reopens in January if your child has an award.

Book Fair – The ‘Book People’ Fair will be in school on Monday 9th – Wednesday 11th December. The children will have the opportunity to look at the books during school time with their teacher. Parents are welcome to come between 3:30 and 4:30pm to purchase books. The Fair will be held in the dinner centre. A percentage of sales comes back to the school which can then be used to purchase books for our new library. **Reading Books** – There have been some changes to reading books over the last few weeks as we introduce Accelerated Reader. Please bear with us and more information will follow soon. Please see Mr Tilley with any questions.

Friday 6th December
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Christmas Cards – Eco Council have been exploring the implications of sending cards within school. They have calculated that there could potentially be over 5000 cards exchanged. This year the children are more than welcome to send cards as they have done in the past. Next year we may explore other ideas.

Spring 1 Enrichment Clubs – Starting Week beginning 6th January 2020 unless otherwise stated.

Day and Time	Club	Who?	Leader/ Co-ordinator
Monday Lunchtime	Computing	Year 3- 6	Mr O’Donohoe
Monday 3:30 – 4:30pm	Cookery	Year 1 & Year 5	Miss Gallagher
Tuesday 3:30 – 4:30pm (Starting 14th Jan)	Mad Science	Reception – Year 6	Mrs Huszka
Tuesday 8:15am	Phonics Fanatics	Years 1 – 4 (by invitation)	Mr Tilley
Tuesday Lunchtime	Music Club	Year 2 & 3	Mrs Lea
Tuesday & Wednesday lunchtime	Young Voices	Choir from Years 5 & 6	Mrs Rushton
Thursday 3:30 – 4:30	Artists Club	Year 1,2 & 3	Mrs Laithwaite

Attendance – The Attendance Policy and Procedural Framework were discussed and agreed by Governors at their recent meeting. These can be found on the website. Please note the following information.

From November 2019 the Governors took the decision that no leave of absence would be authorised for the purpose of Holidays during term time.

Leave of absence **SHALL NOT** be granted unless:

- a request for leave has been made in advance, by a parent with whom the pupil normally resides, and
- the Headteacher and Governing Body considers that leave of absence should be granted due to the **EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES** relating to the request.

Exceptional circumstances **could** include:

- Family wedding (not abroad and dates which are out of the control of parents)
- Graduation of immediate family
- Family funeral

Diary Dates

Mon 9 th – Wed 11 th Dec	Book Fair – Please see note overleaf. Parents welcome 3:30- 4:30 pm each day in order to purchase books. Please note the fair will be in the dinner centre.
Tuesday 10 th Dec	Reception Nativity 9:30am & 2pm at school – change to original date due to school closure on the 12 th
Wednesday 11 th December	Key Stage 1 Nativity 2pm and 6:30pm at School – please ensure children are dropped off at school by 5:45pm for wardrobe purposes. Tickets have gone out this week. Each child has been allocated 2 tickets for the afternoon performance and 2 for the evening. This is due to seating capacity within the hall. Children in KS 2 and Reception will be watching the play during school time.
Thursday 12 th December	School Closed due to use as a Polling Station for General Election
Friday 13 th December	Christmas Jumper Day (non-uniform) & Big Sing from 9am (Day 1) – all of the children will be taking part in the big sing and parent/ carers are welcome to join us (please choose one date to watch). The curriculum celebration boards for each year group will be available to view by parents following the Big Sing on both the 13th and 20th December. Please come and have a look at the exciting things the children have been doing.
Thursday 17 th December	PTFA Christmas surprises (for sale in school) Further information to follow.
Wednesday 18 th December	Christmas Lunch Day & Party Day for all classes. (children can wear own clothes/party clothes).
Friday 20 th December	Christmas Jumper Day (non-uniform) and Big Sing from 9am (Day 2) - all of the children will be taking part in the big sing and parent/ carers are welcome to join us (please choose one date to watch). The curriculum celebration boards for each year group will be available to view by parents following the Big Sing on both the 13th and 20th December. Please come and have a look at the exciting things the children have been doing. Closure after school for Christmas break.
Monday 6 th January	School reopens for the Spring Term

Curriculum news -What wonderful things have we been learning about this week?

Reception: We have created our own story about Pip the penguin. We have drawn story boards and told our story with actions.

Year 1: The highlight of our week has to be Victorian Day! The children learned so much about what it was like to attend a Victorian school – check out the photos on Facebook.

Year 2: We have watched film clips of Neil Armstrong landing on the moon and then wrote diaries about his experience. We have also enjoyed practising our play.

Year 3: We had a great visit to Chorley Market and Inspire Youth Zone. The children asked the stall holders and market representatives lots of questions about what has changed time. We were even given some free samples from the butchers and Greggs.

Year 4: We have been working very hard during assessment week and have enjoyed discussing ideas for our penguin story. We also made Christingles as part of our Christianity research.

Year 5: We have enjoyed showing off during assessment week as well as coming up with designs for Anderton's dream library.

Year 6: We have started to create our Christmas decorations by making patterns and cutting our fabric.

For further information about what each class is doing don't forget to check the class pages on the website.

Class Dojo –Over the next week you will receive an invitation to connect to your child's class Dojo. This will enable you to see team points they have earned as well as accessing whole class messages from teachers. The invitation includes step by step instructions on how to connect. Use of this communication tool will be up and running in the new year. Any problems please see Mr O'Donohoe in Year 5.