



# Anstey First School

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The children took part in a St George's Day Celebration on the first day back in April. They paraded up to the churchyard with their dragons singing dragon songs. They were met by Rev. James Sawyer who gave them a historical lesson inside the church. They were all well behaved and a credit to the school.



The PTA met last week to plan activities for the next few months. We were very pleased to welcome a couple of new faces along as we always desperately need more help!

If you can get involved in any way please do let us know – even if you cannot help at an event perhaps you can help with selling raffle tickets at work? Or perhaps you or your family work somewhere willing to donate a raffle prize or sponsorship?

In the last year the PTA has contributed much financial support for our little school and, in fact, was able to help the school balance this year's budget! What we do goes towards: laptops, pantomime trip, picnic benches, PE bags, Reading Cloud, subsidising swimming lessons, forest school and mud kitchen items, chickens, Halloween Party, Easter Egg Hunt and general classroom resources.....

## PTA Events 2019-2020

**10<sup>th</sup> July - Sports Day Picnic.** Tickets will be on sale for £7 per head after half term

**14<sup>th</sup> July – Anstey Fair.** The school always run the games field and we need at least 4 volunteers an hour – a rota will be posted for people to sign up on the board after half term

**19<sup>th</sup> July 5.30pm** at the Woodman Inn - Leavers Disco

**25<sup>th</sup> October – Halloween Party**

**5<sup>th</sup> December – Winter Wonderland Fair**

**6<sup>th</sup> June 2020 – Fairies and Fantastical Creatures Festival**



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## Messages from the Classrooms

**Little Owls** have had SATS for year 2 (although hopefully they don't know they've done them!) Year one have been making up plays using their bunraku puppets



**Owlets** have been planting seeds – sunflowers, spinach and lettuce. They've also been looking for bugs! They have a new classroom pet – wiggly woo (see picture) – whom they have been watching make tunnels in the earth

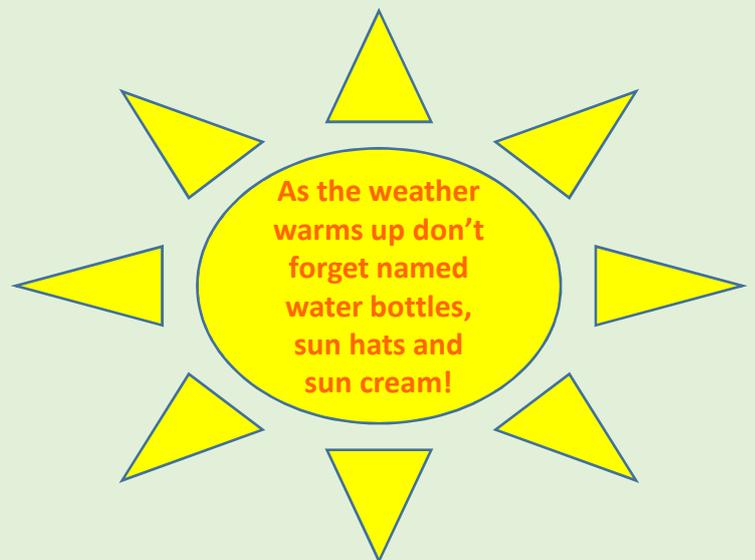
**Fledglings** have been undertaking a topic about Spring including how things grow, new life, growth and baby animals. They have planting seeds – peas, potatoes and sunflowers. They have been measuring their sunflowers regularly. They have also been using a farm shop role play.



**Wise Owls** have also been planting and doing lots of weeding! They have planted potatoes, cress and herbs. They have been doing lots of writing and making model dragons.



P.E. Years 2-4 took part in the cross country interschools race last week and, in Mrs Modeste's words "They were amazing!" The year 2's had to compete at year 3 level but proved themselves more than up to the task. The children supported each other and ensured, between them, that everyone finished the race – Mrs Modeste said that "The level of sportsmanship was truly exceptional"





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## A Note from Mrs Myers

Dear Friends and Families,

Are we ready for the half term break and a bank holiday? Yes we are!!! It's been a great couple of weeks in school. We have been very busy planting, creating, writing, being sporty and just generally being Anstey style amazing. I have been particularly blown away by the writing that has been taking place in Year 3 and 4. Anstey will be holding a Write Inspired Inset for staff and several other area schools will be joining us. This is a very exciting opportunity that Mr McKelvey has been able to arrange for us. If you are interested have a look at the Write Inspired website.

<http://www.writeinspired.co.uk/>      <http://www.writeinspired.co.uk/films/>

We are very proud of our Year 2 pupils who have done their best to complete their SATS this week. We aren't always fond of having to test children but unfortunately it is something we are asked to do by our current government. We try to make it as stress free and natural as possible...if a testing situation can actually be natural? In June our Year 1 pupils will take part in the national phonics screening tests and I am sure they will do their very best.

I have some very welcome news from Hornead. On the third round of interviews they were able to find the right person to lead their school. I have enjoyed supporting our friends and families at Hornead but I will be very pleased to be able to get back to our routine at Anstey for September. The Hornead governors are very keen to keep our school working together on the many projects and activities that we share. There is even a Hornead/Anstey governor's BBQ in the very near future. Our small schools need to stick together and are certainly stronger when we are a community team. Thank you everyone who has been patient and supportive during the interim arrangement.

I would just like to wish everyone a peaceful, restful, fun and sunny half term break.

Mrs Myers



## Dates and Events to Note

- 3<sup>rd</sup> June – Return to school
- 3<sup>rd</sup> June – Rounders Festival
- 28<sup>th</sup> June – Interschool Sports at Roger DeClare school
- 3<sup>rd</sup> July – Nuclear Race at Kelvedon Nuclear Bunker for years 1-4
- Date TBC – Trip to Wimpole for owlets and fledglings
- 10 July – Sports Day and Picnic (Children to go home with parents at the end)
- 17<sup>th</sup> July – School Trip to Bewilderwood! Leaving school at 7.45am – see office newsletter for details
- 19<sup>th</sup> July – End of Term. Assembly 1.15pm; School closes 2pm; Leavers disco at the Woodman Inn 5.30pm



Don't forget to check the Gateway for permission requests!