

The Gossip

From Annfield Plain Junior School

July 2022

SCHOOL WEBSITE: www.annfieldplain-jun.durham.sch.uk

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In September, pupils will enter as normal through the front gate any time between 8:30 to 8:40am, ready to start the day at 8:45am. The school day starts at 8:45 am and ends at 3pm.

Pupils will leave, just after 3pm, through different exits. Miss Angus (class 3) and Mrs Taylor/Mrs West (class 4) will exit by the front gate – staff will bring the children out to you. All other classes: Mrs Marley (class 4/5), Mrs Buckton (class 5) and Mrs Dorward (class 6) will exit by the back gate, at the side of school.

Wrap around care, breakfast club and after school care, is available at the Infant School. It is booked directly with the Infant School and a member of our staff picks up junior children from there at 8.30a.m. and take over junior children to the wrap around care at the end of the day.

Year 3 September

Welcome to our new parent/carers of Year 3 pupils. **On return, on the first day on Tuesday 6th September, you are asked to take your child into the school yard at 8:45 am. They will be met by their class teacher, Miss Angus, in the school yard. Please enter school through the front gate, down the side alley into the yard.**

After the first day we ask that you encourage your child to enter through the front gate by themselves at the normal start time – between 8:30 to 8:40, to start at 8:45 am. Staff will be at the gate to greet you and your child.

Reading.

House points will be awarded for continuing to read through the holidays on reading plus and with books provided. Staff can see who has read on reading plus and if you can keep a record of other reading too.

School uniform:

Please see the school uniform section on the parents' section of the school website, for expectations of uniform. You can order school uniform items directly online from: totstoteams.com (Tots to Teams); we do not take orders in school. You will have the choice to have the items delivered direct to your door, for a delivery charge, or in bulk to school. Children are able to wear navy jumpers etc., without logos, from local shops such as Asda etc. **Please write your child's name in all of their clothing and belongings.**

Parent Pay: School is cashless. School dinners and educational visits need to be paid for on Parent Pay. Parent Pay information is found in the parents' section of this website. We will be able to help you set up Parent Pay accounts. All parents will need to use parent pay as school trips will be paid for by this (including the Howtown visit in 2023).

School dinners: Once pupils are in Key Stage 2, there is no longer an entitlement to a no-cost school dinner, unless as a family you are entitled to Free School Meals (FSM). If you are unsure whether you will be entitled to FSM, school can undertake a quick check – contact school with

the claimant's date of birth and the claimant's national insurance number, if you would like this check completed. School dinners will cost £2:30 per day from September and must be paid for, in advance, through Parent Pay. Some people may have had a change in circumstances due to lockdown, please let school know if you have, even if you do not want FSM for your child; this allows school to receive additional pupil premium funding.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY DATES 2022-23

2022-23	School closes at end of day on:	Re-opens for pupils:
Summer 2022	Thursday 21 st July, 2022	Tuesday 6 th September, 2022
SLP training day	Thursday 29 th September, 2022	Monday 3 rd October, 2022
Autumn half-term 2022	Friday 21 st October, 2022	Monday 31 st October, 2022
Christmas 2022	Tuesday 20 th December, 2022	Wednesday 4 th January, 2023
Spring half-term 2023	Friday 17 th February, 2023	Tuesday 28 th February, 2023
Easter 2023	Friday 31 st March, 2023	Monday 17 th April, 2023
May day 2023	Friday 28 th April, 2023	Tuesday 2 nd May, 2023
Summer half-term 2023	Thursday 25 th May, 2023	Monday 5 th June, 2023
Summer 2023	Friday 21 st July, 2023	To be confirmed.

REMINDERS

- **Water bottles should be brought to school every day and be clearly marked with the pupil's name.**
- **In line with school policy and to ensure consistency and keep packed lunches in line with food standards for school meals, packed lunches should not contain the following:**
 - Fizzy / sugary drinks in cartons, bottles or cans**
 - Chocolate or Chocolate-coated products / sweets / confectionary**
 - Chocolate spread as a filling for sandwiches.**

If these items are found in a packed lunch, they will be withdrawn and given to the child to take home at the end of the day (Please see packed lunch policy on the school website if you are unsure of what is allowed).

- **P.E. kits should be in school all week.**
- **READING – Please encourage your child to read daily; they'll gain a house point for each day they read to you and have their reading record signed. Record use of online Reading Plus there too.**

Inside your child's planner, there is a list of questions you could use to help your child understand the text they have read. Tables and grammar, punctuation and spelling information are also in the planner to help too.

USING BIKES or SCOOTERS TO TRAVEL TO SCHOOL.

Pupils are allowed to travel to school on their bike or scooter, but it is school policy that a **helmet must be worn** and parents are reminded that the bikes and scooters are left in the yard at owner's risk.

We thank all parents/carers for your continued support this year and hope you all enjoy your summer holiday. We look forward to the return to school in September.