

A Few Words from Mr Hancox

I want to start by saying how proud I am of how the children are conducting themselves around the school, it is wonderful to see how respectful they are when they walk into assembly and how they listen so attentively. We are looking forward to welcoming you into school to talk to your children's teachers on the 14th and 15th of October. Booking sheets are located in the office and the ten minute slots are allocated on a first come basis.

If you are interested in coming into school to support with trips and with hearing readers in school, please come to the office, where we can start the process of your DBS.

Thank you to everyone who has brought food in for the Harvest Festival, we look forward to welcoming the Year 1/2 parents to the Harvest Assembly on the 10th October at 8.55am.

It is lovely to see parents enjoying lunchtimes with their children, when booking a parent' lunch, you will be automatically put down for a fish and chip dinner, unless you inform the office of another choice.

Please remember that school will be closed for INSET training on Monday 7th October.

What is happening in the next two weeks

Please bring in food for the Harvest Festival

Mon 7th Oct– INSET DAY – School Closed

Tues 8th Oct– KS1 Sports Club – Multi skills

Progressive Sports / Rock Steady music

PTA meeting – 9am

Wed 9th Oct– Gymnastics/Dance club (KS1/2)

Rock it Music/ Woodwind tuition

Thurs 10th Oct– Year 1/2 Harvest Festival

(Year 1/2 Parents welcome - 8.55am – 9.10am)

Fri 11th Oct– Achievement Assembly 8.55am

Year 1/2 Forest Friday

Year 3/4 Parent Lunch (12.15pm)

Mon 14th Oct– NO CLUBS

Parents' Evening

Rec – 4pm – 6pm

Y1/2 – 3.30pm – 6pm

Y3/4 - 3.30pm – 6.30pm

Y5/6 – 4pm – 6pm

Tues 15th Oct– NO CLUBS

Parents' Evening

Rec – 3.30pm – 5.30pm

Y1/2 – 3.30pm – 6pm

Y3/4 - 3.30pm – 6.30pm

Y5/6 – 3.30pm – 5.30pm

Progressive Sports / Rock Steady music

Wed 16th Oct – Gymnastics/dance club (KS1/2)

Rock it Music/ Woodwind tuition

Thurs 17th Oct –

Fri 18th Oct – Achievement Assembly 8.55am

Year 3/4 Forest Friday

Year 1/2 Parent Lunch (12.15pm)

Attendance

Attendance at school is extremely important and being absent from school on a regular basis will affect your child's ability to learn. The learning which takes place in primary school ensures that your child develops all the essential skills to be as successful as possible when they move to secondary school. Children learn very quickly in these early years, and it is wonderful observing how much they learn each and every week when they are at school.

Attendance expectations have changed this academic year, please refer to the attendance policy on the school website for full details.

If you need to request absence from school, a 'leave of absence' form must be completed in advance and handed into the office. Holiday leave is not authorised but it is important the school knows where your child/ren are during term time. We have a statutory duty to report any unknown absences.

Thank you for your support.

Reception Forest Friday



Reception children have had a fantastic day doing outdoor learning activities.

Arbor

Thank you to the families who have already registered with Arbor, our new communications system. Over the year more information will be transferred to Arbor making it easier for families to access information from one place. We will now be sending home positive affirmations through Arbor such as Privileges and Achievement Certificates.

Privilege Winners

We are so proud of our Privilege Winners this year. It is wonderful to see children in pyjamas, with their favourite toy. Mr Hancox particularly likes playing Uno and drinking hot chocolate.



House Points



The Crocodiles

Value: Trust
En Français: "crocodile"



The Scorpions

Value: Responsibility
En Français: "scorpio"



The Sharks

Value: Respect
En Français: "requin"



The Lions

Value: Perseverance
En Français: "lion"

Weekly Total

124

154

77

119

Total so far

400

461

345

374



Well done Scorpions!



Attendance

Overall School Attendance – 92.8%

Week beginning 23rd Sep

Reception– 83.4%

Year 1/ 2 - 95.3%

Year 3/4 – 91.6%

Year 5/ 6 – 98.2%

Week beginning 30th Sep

Reception– 80.9%

Year 1/2 - 95.9%

Year 3/4 – 94.5%

Year 5/6 – 96.5%

Well done to Year 5/6!

Autumn Timetable	
7 th October	INSET day (School is closed)
10 th October	Harvest Festival Year 1/2 Assembly (Year 1/2 Parents – 8.55am – 9.10am)
11 th October	Year 1/2 Forest Friday - Year 3/4 Parent Lunch
14 th /15 th October	Parents' Evenings
18 th October	Year 3/4 Forest Friday – Year 1/2 Parent Lunch
22 nd October	Halloween Disco (£2.50) – (R, Y1, Y2) – 3.25pm – 4.10pm (Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6) – 4.20pm – 5.05pm
24 th October	Halloween Menu Day
25 th October	Year 5/6 Forest Friday - Reception Parent lunch
25 th October	Break up for Half Term

More details to follow through Arbor

Value Champions

Well done to our Value Champion winners, who have shown very high expectations throughout the last two weeks!

27th September

Reception – Sophie L

Year 1/2 – Jenson B

Year 3/4 – Lola T

Year 5/6 – Tori S



4th October

Reception – Lyle D-N

Year 1/2 – Harper C

Year 3/4 – Joy C

Year 5/6 – Mya S

Home Learning

Across the school we have a 'light touch' approach to home learning. We understand that both parents and children often lead busy lives away from the classroom. As such, we think that our expectations are appropriate and manageable.

All children are provided with a reading book - we expect them to read and be listened to at least three times per week.

All children are provided with a Times Tables Rockstars and Numbots log in - we expect them to practice the basic mathematical skills of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division by playing the games on both of these apps at least twice a week.

These simple skills make a huge difference to so many aspects of life and the school curriculum. Please help your children by supporting and encouraging their engagement in home learning.

SEND updates



It has been a great pleasure meeting many of you and the

children in the school. I am sorry I have not been able to be in touch with you all every week when I am in but I have been busy this half term going into the classes and supporting with the provision and support, as well as meeting some of you and liaising with other professionals.

If you want to speak to me please email at SEND@Ankermoor.org or speak to the office and I can arrange to meet or for me to contact you.

Shirley-Anne Magill (SENDCO)

Ankermoor Parent SEND Inclusion Coffee Meeting

Schools Mental Health Team

Wednesday 6th November 2.15 pm

Please join us at the next parent SEND Inclusion Coffee meeting at 2.15 on Wednesday 6th November. The theme of this meeting will be supporting children with positive mental health. Poppy from the Schools Mental Health Team will be leading part of the meeting and sharing about the service as well as ways in which we can support children who have anxiety. This meeting is open to any parents/ carers of children at Ankermoor Primary Academy or the OPOJ nursery.

Boot Donation Service

Tamworth Borough Council have recently opened a new 3G All Weather facility at Anker Valley Sports Complex.

This will be used for a variety of activities including football, netball, multi-sports, hockey etc.

Due to the surface of the new facility, specific footwear has to be worn.

We appreciate that the cost of this footwear may become a barrier for some families and, with this in mind, we have set up a Boot Donation Service. This will allow any children/teens wanting to use the facility to be able to borrow a pair of boots, taking the pressure off families who are struggling financially and preventing children/teens from missing out.

If you have any pre-loved boots that are no longer needed, with studs similar to those in the image below, please consider donating them. All sizes are welcomed!

Boots can be dropped to Anker Valley Sports Complex on Monday and Tuesday evenings between 5pm and 9pm, or alternatively please contact Sports-Pitches@tamworth.gov.uk

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