

# Anns Grove Primary School

## Note Home

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2023

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Well it's been another busy week at Anns Grove. We were delighted at the amazing turn out for our PTA meeting on Thursday morning. The PTA has two goals: fundraising and creating a diary of enjoyable events for all our community. Thanks to all who came and shared their ideas. We are always open to new suggestions and events and hope to make this year our best yet.

The team of Y5/6 writers we sent over to the writing event with author Donovan Christopher at Prince Edward Primary did us proud. Their attitude and behaviour were a credit to Anns Grove. Y2 Elephants also had a great time discovering what's on offer at Highfield Library. All our phase teams have sent out details of school trips for the full year now. Payment plans are available for all our trips through the school payment app. Please call in to the office if you have any queries and we will do our best to help.

When we return to school on Monday, Anns Grove will officially be a member of Mercia Learning Trust. This represents an exciting new chapter which we are confident will improve our lovely school even further. The new website will go live over the weekend and looks great. We hope you get the chance to check it out. Other than this change, school life will feel the same for our pupils and families. I've included the Press release which may feature in the local media in the next week or so.

We hope you all have a wonderful weekend with friends and family.

Best wishes,

Ann Farrar  
Headteacher

## Diary Dates

Fri 6<sup>th</sup> Oct – Y2 Zebras visit to Highfield Library

Fri 13<sup>th</sup> Oct – Y1 Meerkats visit to Highfield Library

Mon 16<sup>th</sup> Oct – Flu Nasal Vaccines Rec – Y6

Fri 20<sup>th</sup> Oct – Y1 Giraffes visit to highfield Library

Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct – Fri 27<sup>th</sup> Oct – Half Term holiday

Mon 30<sup>th</sup> Oct – Children return to school

Mon 6<sup>th</sup> Nov – Braiswick Photographers - individual photos

Wed 8<sup>th</sup> Nov – Y3/4 Dragonflies – Trip to Magna

Tues 14<sup>th</sup> Nov – Y3 Butterflies – Trip to Magna

Wed 15<sup>th</sup> Nov – Y4 Bees – Trip to Magna

Mon 27<sup>th</sup> Nov – Y2 Elephants trip to a Victorian Classroom

Thurs 30<sup>th</sup> Nov – School Christmeas Fayre 3.30pm – 5pm

Fri 1<sup>st</sup> Dec – Y2 Zebras trip to a Victorian classroom

Mon 4<sup>th</sup> Dec – Y1 Giraffes trip to a Victorian classroom

Tues 5<sup>th</sup> Dec – Y1 Meerkats class trip to a Victorian classroom

Anns Grove Primary joins Mercia Learning Trust

Mercia Learning Trust is delighted to announce that Anns Grove Primary School will officially become a member of our Trust on 1st October. This significant development marks a milestone for both Anns Grove Primary School and Mercia Learning Trust, highlighting our commitment to providing exceptional education and opportunities for all pupils.

Anns Grove Primary School strongly aligns with Mercia Learning Trust's values and was once again recognised as a 'Good' school by Ofsted in March 2020. Currently accommodating 393 pupils, with a balanced 2-form entry in Early Years and Key Stage 1, and a 1.5-form entry in Key Stage 2, the school has increased its pupil admission number (PAN) into EYFS for the past three years due to community demand and oversubscription. The school takes pride in its excellent staff retention, boasting a dedicated team of 55 members. Notably, Anns Grove Primary School has gained exceptional popularity, being the most over-subscribed primary school in Sheffield for both 2022 and 2023. In 2020, it was recognised as one of 'The Top 250' primary schools in the country by The Sunday Times, and was invited to participate in The Parliamentary Review as a best practice role model in the education sector.

Anns Grove headteacher, Ann Farrar, said: "Joining Mercia Learning Trust marks the beginning of an exciting new phase for our fantastic school. Anns Grove is a highly effective community school, with the needs of its pupils and families at its heart. We are confident that by joining this successful and forward-looking multi-academy trust will only improve our school further. I'd like to thank the governors, staff, families and community for their support in getting us to this point.

Mercia Learning Trust is a highly successful partnership of schools in the south of Sheffield, comprising King Egbert School, Mercia School, Newfield School, Woodlands Primary, Totley Primary, and Nether Edge Primary. Since its establishment in 2012 by King Egbert School, the trust has steadily grown and is committed to providing an exceptional education for all pupils, regardless of their background. The recent 'Outstanding' judgement by Ofsted for Mercia School and strong 'Good' judgements for sponsored schools, Woodlands Primary and Newfield School, reflect the trust's dedication to educational excellence.

Mercia Learning Trust's CEO, Chris French, said: "We eagerly anticipate collaborating with Anns Grove Primary School to build an even brighter future for our pupils and the wider community. Join us in extending a warm welcome to Anns Grove Primary School as they embark on this exciting journey within Mercia Learning Trust."

### Parents evening

18/19th October 3.30 - 6pm

More information on how to sign up for a meeting with your child's class teacher will follow shortly.

### Lunchtime Supervisor Vacancies

If anyone is interested in joining our school as a lunchtime supervisor, please speak to Mrs Roberts for further information.

As part of our RSHE learning this term, we are wanting to support families and elderly people who are less fortunate than us especially those in the Ukraine. Please can you send in small shoe boxes. We need 3 per class. Please can these boxes be given to your child's class teacher. We need them by October 12th.

Thank you for your help.

### Nut Allergies

Please can we remind all parents that we are a nut free school. Can we request that you do not bring nut items into school in childrens snacks and packed lunches. Thank you for your understanding.



### Starting the school day on time:

This week we have had a very high number of late marks for pupils arriving for morning school. A total of 55 children, some more than once.

Arrivals after 8.50am are marked as late. It is important that our pupils are at school in time, ready to settle into their day and start their learning. Please support us by ensuring your children arrive at school in good time.

## AIM Higher Writing Event!

This week, 6 children from Y5/6 had the exciting opportunity to attend a prestigious writing event with the rap poet, Donovan Christopher. The 'Rapperman' shared an interactive and fun workshop, teaching our budding young writers all about the structure of poetry and rap in particular. Donovan encouraged the children to think about their own views and opinions about important social issues, such as respect for themselves and others, tolerance, cultural diversity and bullying.

Jack stated that he loved how the Rapperman taught us how to structure a poem and how the rhyming pattern makes such a difference especially in a rap.

We now have 6 great rappers in school who I am sure would love to share their talents with others.

# TABLE TOP

Saturday 7th October  
10am - 1.30pm

Bric-a-Brac

Jewellery

Toys

Books and CD's

Pre-loved clothing

Refreshments



Heeley Parish Church  
151 Gleadless Road  
S2 3AE

Last few tables available, contact:-  
joanne.christchurchheeley@gmail.com

# SALE

RECYCLE - REUSE - REDIE



UNI-RECYCLE

**School Uniform Sale**

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November

Heeley Parish Church

12pm til 3pm

100% of any profit made goes directly back into the project to help families who need a little extra support. If you or anyone you know are struggling, then please speak to us on the day in complete confidence or contact us either on our Uni-recycle facebook page or at [preloved729@gmail.com](mailto:preloved729@gmail.com)  
[Thankyou for your continued support!](#)

\*2 adults free of Charge per child

**£5\***

Bouncy Castle

Preschool friendly music

# Under 5 Skating Sessions

Ages 2 -5yrs  
(Adult must accompany them on the ice with skates)

**Every Wednesday**  
9:40am - 10:40am

Disco lights for sensory

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King Egbert School

# Year 6 Open Evening

**Thursday 5th October**  
5-7pm

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# #BORNBALLERS

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**Thrills, Skills and Drills**  
12-Week Football Program

Limited spaces are now available to join our 12-week football program at **Olive Grove Sports Club, Heeley Bank Road, Sheffield, S23GL**. You are welcome to use the bar area during the session & afterwards. Full payment is required when booking to secure your child's place. **Every Friday Starting 6<sup>th</sup> October 2023** this is open to both boys and girls.

**We are an established football academy in partnership with Sheffield United F.C, we provide training for all abilities and we strive to help your child reach their full potential.**

**Our role as a partner to Sheffield United F.C is to recommend players that we believe would add great value to their academy. This could be based on your child's current ability or their potential ability.**

All of our coaches have full DBS (CRB) clearance to work with children and relevant coaching certificates including Safeguarding and First Aid.

We observe children's ability to make sure they receive the right training for them at all times. Not only do we develop their football skills, our coaches are also focused on improving/maintaining positive attitude and behavior.

Every session will be fun, inclusive and educational. Please find the session times for each age group below.

	School Years – Year 1 and Year 2	5:00pm – 6:00pm	
	School Years – Year 3 and Year 4	6:15pm – 7:15pm	
	School Years – Year 5 and Year 6	7:30pm – 8:30pm	

The new cost of the course is **£80** total, due to an increase in facility hire price. This includes 12 weekly sessions, a medal and certificate for all children that participate. These will be awarded at the presentation evening, which will take place on the 12<sup>th</sup> session.

If parents are happy with their child's development throughout the course and your child has enjoyed their sessions, more information is available about joining our academy, as we run regular weekly sessions with the opportunity to gain match experience and the possibility of being scouted by clubs such as, Sheffield United, Sheffield Wednesday, Rotherham United, Chesterfield, Leeds United and many other clubs in and around Sheffield.

**Places are limited book ASAP to secure your child's participation.**

Save the date for the start of your child's journey to secondary school!

## Sheffield Springs Academy

Join us on Saturday 30th September 2023 Y6 Open Day

Headteacher and key staff presentations, the opportunity to ask questions, taster activity lessons and tour our facilities. Check our website and Instagram for more information nearer the time.

Online applications for secondary school September 2024 close on 13th October 2023 [www.sheffield.gov.uk/schools-childcare/apply-school-place](http://www.sheffield.gov.uk/schools-childcare/apply-school-place)

[www.sheffieldsprings-academy.org](http://www.sheffieldsprings-academy.org)



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## Open Mornings from 10-11am on



Wednesday 18th Oct '23  
Wednesday 22nd Nov '23  
Wednesday 10th Jan '24  
Wednesday 28th Feb '24  
Or request a suitable time for you



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