



# British Section

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**11th March 2022**

Dear Parents,

What a beautiful week it has been and to hear the good news today, that Covid restrictions were being relaxed, certainly lifted everyone's spirits even further!

Congratulations to Year 5-6 who delivered their monologues so well to their parents this week. It was just wonderful to welcome parents back in to school and the children's excitement as they awaited your arrival was just palpable. We look forward to welcoming all parents to school before the Easter break and your child's teacher will be touch with your invite next week.

As we strive to do more for our children and families we would appreciate you taking time to complete our parent questionnaire which will be sent home via email next week. This really helps us understand what we are doing well and also how we can further improve. We are also excited about having volunteers back in school and will be sending a form via email to help re-establish our parent volunteers programme.

The Board of Governors has met this week, and after careful consideration of the AIS and local context, all current COVID-19 protocols and restrictions will be relaxed from Monday 14 March except for the following:

- Pre-screen at Home Protocol – Annex A
- Visitors will remain by appointment – Annex H
- Access to self-testing will remain available for all students and staff.
- An emphasis on handwashing and good hygiene practices, social distancing where possible, limiting large public gatherings of groups and quarantine measures will continue to apply.

Mask wearing inside the school building, on school transportation and outside will be optional. If Covid positive cases increase due to this relaxed policy, AIS may return to the previous guidance.

Thank you for your continued patience and support in these challenging and unprecedented times.

AIS Board of Governors

## **DATES TO NOTE**

### **MARCH**

- 7-18 RSPB Bird Collection  
14-18 Science Week  
16 Giving Day  
**1400 Dismissal**  
21-25 Foundation Stage Mother's Day Surprise

### **APRIL**

- 7 Children's Day Drawing Contest Closes  
8 Last Day of Term  
**11-22 Easter Break**  
27 King's Day School Closed

## **AIS Covid 19 Cases**

### **7-11 March (36)**

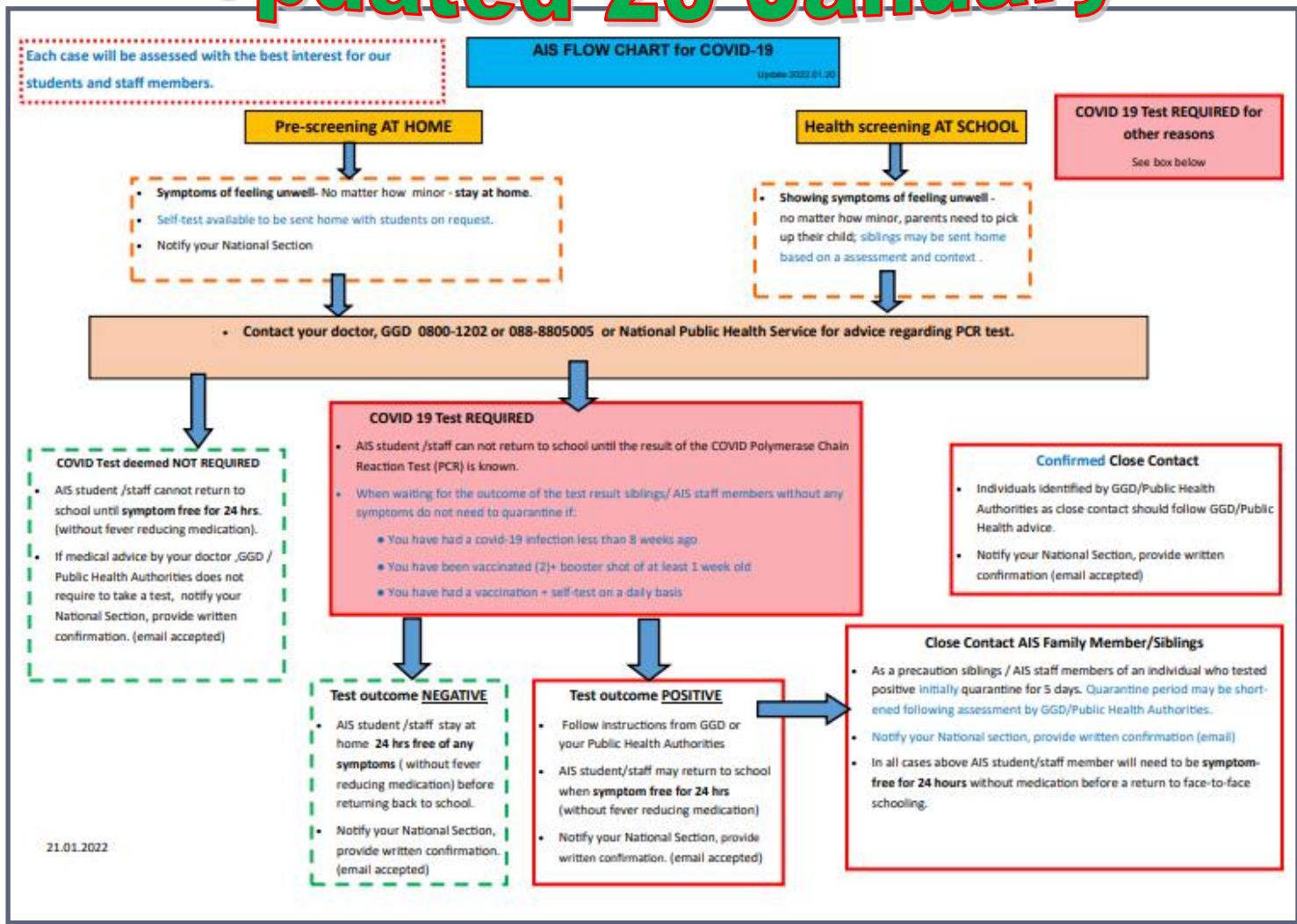
- Elementary Section 18  
Middle High School 12  
Other Personnel 6



**Bucket Fillers**

Teodor, Tabitha, Thomas, Joris, Kiera, Jenson, Madeleine, Martin, Peter, Dalila, Alice, Sienna, Grace, Indi, Kaja, Viki, Luka, Elise, Lottie

# Updated 20 January



## Attendance

Parents are required to notify the school of absences or late arrivals and ensure current contact information is on file at their child's school at all times.

**Planned Absences:** Parents are required to complete a "Request for Leave" form and return this to the British Office for approval by the Headteacher.

**Unplanned Absences:** (e.g. illness) Parents are asked to notify the school before 9:30 on the day of the absence.

**Late Arrivals** should report to the British Office before going to class.

**Early Departure** Parents are required to sign out their child at the British Office if they are being collected need to leave before 15:30

In the event that the child does not have a planned absence from school and is reported by the classroom teacher to be absent, the British Office will contact the parent by 10 AM to report the child's absence. If the school is unable to contact the parent they will begin contacting all the names on the contact list.

By following the above steps we can work together for the safety of your child.

AFNORTH International School

Action for Ukraine

Wednesday 16 March 2022

# "Giving Day"

Staff and Students are invited to wear Yellow and Blue clothing and to  
donate to the "Giving Day' Fund to support Giro 555

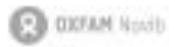
This is the 11 organisations in the Netherlands who have joined together  
to raise money for the victims of the conflict.

The Student Council will co-ordinate the collection of the donations.



**The collaborating aid organizations behind Giro555:**

In the event of exceptional disasters, the 11 collaborating aid organizations join forces under the name Giro555. They are asking the whole of the Netherlands to join in raising money to help victims. Because together we save more lives. [More information](#)



Find out more <https://giro555.nl/>

We are so proud of these thoughtful Year 4 pupils who are looking to make a difference and would like to support them with their "company". After sending Miss Macleod a letter they shared their idea at the KS2 Assembly. Following some tweaks to their plan they have decided on raising funds for the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds.



Dear Miss Macleod,

We have got together as a team to set up a company that will help birds. The company is called Bird Craft.

What is Bird Craft?

Bird Craft is the company that makes birds (doves) that have positive and friendship messages on them.

Who makes the birds?

The people that are in the company make the birds with the messages and quotes written on the bird.

How can others donate to receive a bird?

There will be a box with papers at the British Office, take a piece of paper, put your name, class, pod and how many doves you would like. You can place your donation in the tin by the box. The company will deliver the bird.

OR

Anyone can make their own bird and bring it to school with their donation.

What is the charity we are raising for?

RSPB <https://www.rspb.org.uk/>

Every donation matters!

We have set ourselves a goal of €20 to help birds.

Yours sincerely

Allie, Elvira, Julia, Imogen and Silvia



# Scholastic Book Club



We are investigating Scholastic UK as a means for families to purchase books in English.

If you would be willing to help co-ordinate this please contact the office for more information.

[british.office@afnorth-is.com](mailto:british.office@afnorth-is.com)



## WORLD CHILDREN'S DAY\*

### DRAWING CONTEST

AFNORTH International School is organizing a Drawing Contest as part of the World Children's Day celebrations. All students in the Elementary Section are encouraged to take part in this event.

#### THEME: "I CARE ABOUT MY PLANET"

##### RULES FOR PARTICIPATION

- ✓ Open to all Elementary students
- ✓ Two Categories (Sunbeams-Year 3/Pre-K –Grade 2) and Year 4-6/Grade 3-5)
- ✓ A3 Size Paper should be used
- ✓ One person with one drawing only
- ✓ Drawings should be submitted to the British Office no later than 7 April 2022
- ✓ Name, Nationality, Section and Grade of the participant to be written on the back of the drawing.

##### PRIZES IN BOTH CATEGORIES

1st: NINTENDO Switch Lite

2nd: JBL Wireless Bluetooth Speaker

3rd: JBL Wireless Bluetooth Headphone

\*The Children's Day has been celebrated by The Republic of Turkey since 1920 and was declared as "World Children's Day" by unicef in 1979.

# Sunbeams

In Sunbeams we have been really interested in building and constructing. Our Engineering skills are soaring as we've created pipe pathways to transfer foam pieces from one tray to another, tracks so our cars can run freely and walls to protect our animals in the sand - the cement making was an awesome challenge!

Our children have been collaborating with conversation, tips, debates and celebrations as they negotiated their way through teamwork with a shared goal in mind.



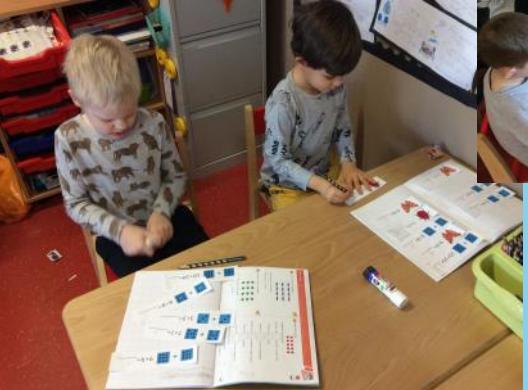
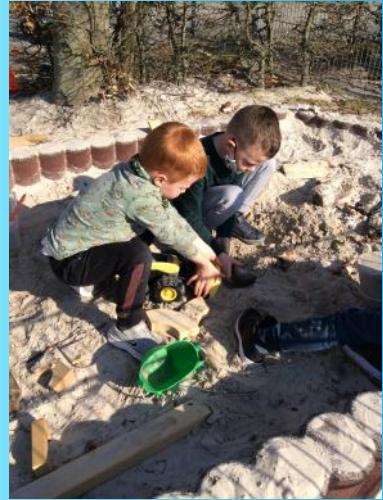
# Reception

Reception Class children have been making the most of the fine weather to learn outdoors. Building walls with cement took problem-solving skills to get the right consistency. Mixing potions and cooking in the mud kitchen helped the children learn about irreversible and reversible changes. Some children wrote signs to help the police and to tell others about the carwash. In Forest School we saw the world from different viewpoints using our viewers and also collected treasure.



# Year 1

Year 1 have been working hard on doubling numbers. We began using our fingers and soon realised we didn't have enough! We doubled numbers on ladybirds, butterflies, dominoes and adding two mum icon which are the same together. We have also made the most of the lovely weather and spent time outside building, riding bikes, dancing role-playing and experimenting. We are very grateful for these sunny days!

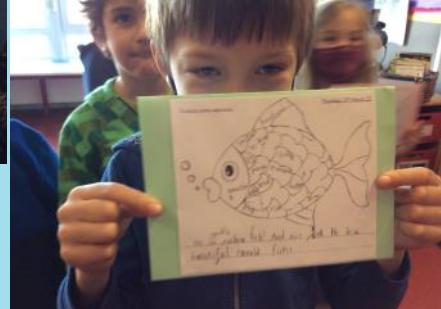
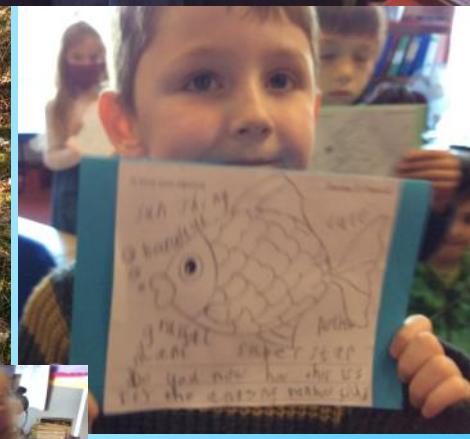
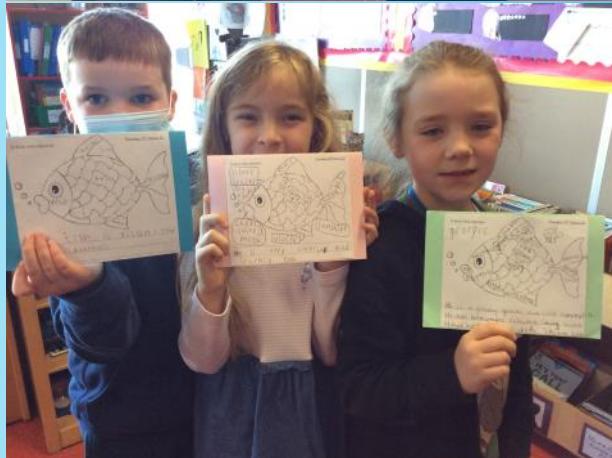


# Year 2

Year 2 have had an interesting week. They have been computer programming with scratch junior. They are going to be using this more this term and it is a wonderful introduction to computer programming.

In Forest School this week, we looked at signs and evidence of animals, including their habitats. This is to get them thinking about looking after their environment.

We have started our new book this term: The Rainbow Fish. The children are using their skills and knowledge to really shine when exploring that beauty, isn't necessarily kindness. Luckily the story has a nice ending!



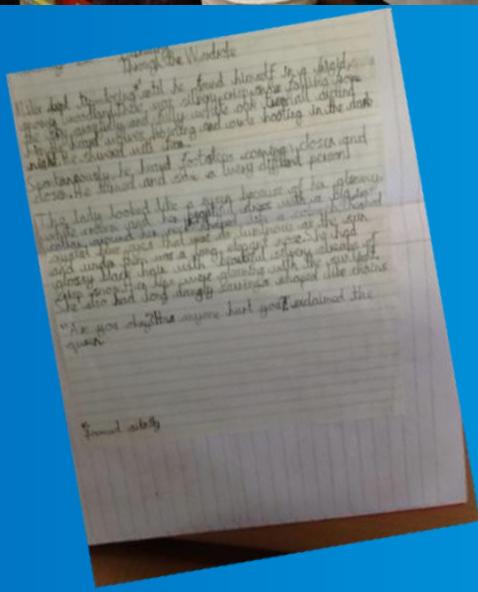
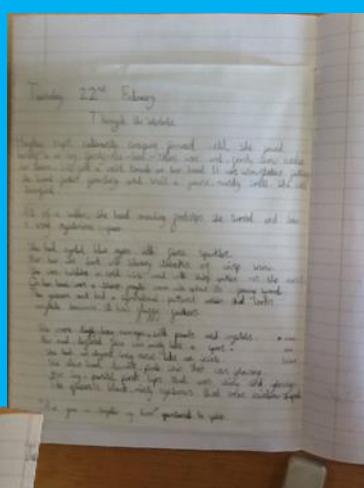
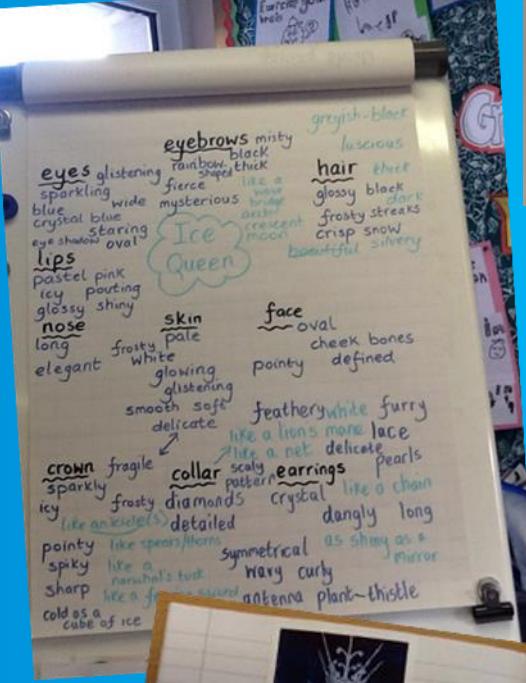
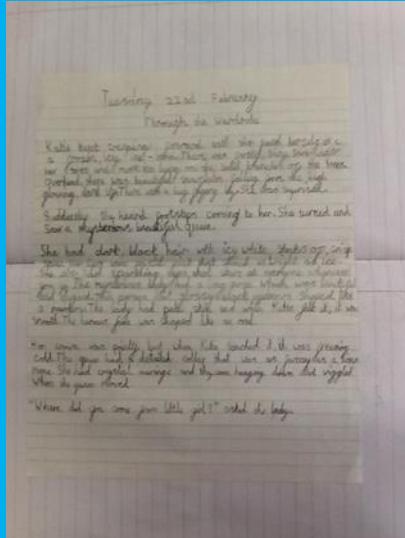
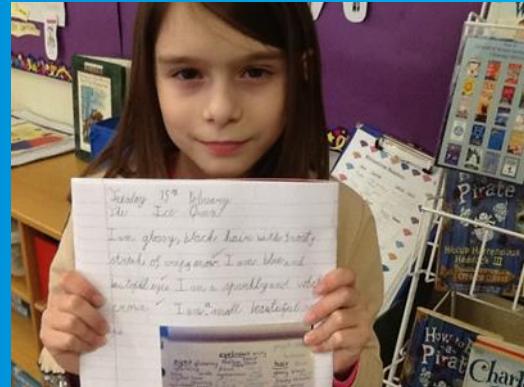
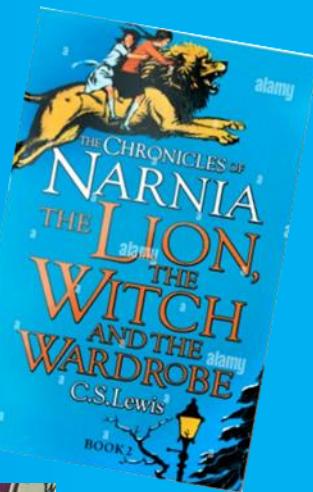
# Year 3

Year 3 were excited to welcome a new friend to our class this week. We have also enjoyed exploring our new writing task - a diary entry. The example that we are reading introduced us to lots of new vocabulary, thinking about when new paragraphs start and the adverbials that we can use. The jungle theme and the word circumference crossed over to our Forest School work where we measured and estimated the age of some of the trees. It was suggested that we could count the rings but we decided that cutting them down to do this wasn't the best idea ;). However there were some pieces of tree trunk outside that we could have a look at.



# Year 4

Year 4 are engrossed in their class novel - The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe. This has inspired the children to write their very own character descriptions of an Ice Queen. Their use of high-level vocabulary is hugely impressive. Enjoy reading their examples and seeing their full-length artistic drawings!



# Year 5/6



It was wonderful to see the historical waxwork performances by Year 5&6. It was clear from the start that the children had put an enormous amount of effort into their roles, not just researching their 'pitches' but also the informative biographical backgrounds that each 'character' had to inform parents about them. The best thing however was the confidence of the pupils as they gave their monologues to the visitors, always speaking clearly and confidently and managing to combine educating us adults as well and entertaining us at the same time. We loved having to press the button to activate the waxwork and hear what they had to say as each one was so different.

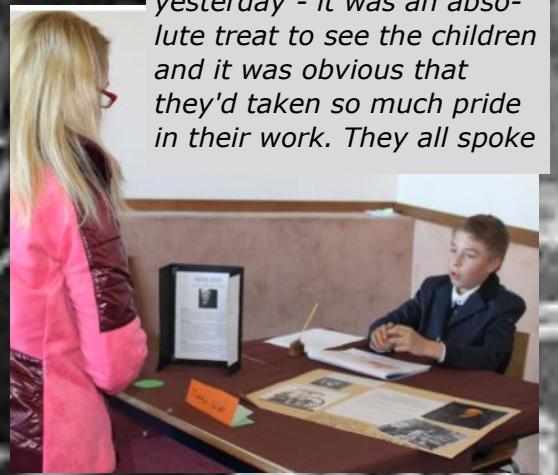
Well done Year 5&6!

Year 5/6 were delighted to be able to invite their parents in for the afternoon to see their presentations about **Famous Victorians**. They were able to share their research skills, biography writing, monologue presentations, costume designs, prop making skills, skills of presentation, and so much more! We had a most fun, informative and inspiring afternoon!

Well done Year 5/6, and thank you mums and dads for coming to visit!



"Thank you so much for yesterday - it was an absolute treat to see the children and it was obvious that they'd taken so much pride in their work. They all spoke



It was nice to see all the children in action, how they cope with the emotions, how hard they were trying to fulfill their part.



# Bucket Fillers



# LUNCH



Week 1 Menu 14-3 tm 18-3-2022

## MONDAY

Veggie balls with rice & curly kale ,snack tomato

(veggie)



Meatballs with tomatosauce

(beef)



Rice with onions & curly kale

Snack tomato

## THURSDAY

Soya bites in zucchini sauce , mash , celeriac

(veggie)



Beef sausage with onion sauce

(beef)



Mashed potato

Celeriac & parsley

## TUESDAY

Quorn (soya) in tomatosauce & pasta with basil

(veggie)



Pasta Pollo (tomatosauce with chicken)

(chicken)



Pasta with basil

Rucola & snack carrots

## FRIDAY

Soyasnack fries, carrots

(veggie)



Fishfilet with sauce

(fish)



Fries

Carrots

## WEDNESDAY

Vegetable stew, couscous ,salad & pita

(veggie)



Beefstew (Tajine)

(beef)



Couscous

Salad

Garlic saus & pita

LISTED PRODUCTS AND DISHES CAN CONTAIN TRACES OF ALLERGENS.



Looking for suggestions for your child's lunchbox...

<https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes>

# **AFNORTH Calendar 2021-2022**

## **Autumn Term**

August 16 School Opens

September 8 STAFF DAY-NO SCHOOL for Children

September 15 1400 Dismissal

October 15 1400 Dismissal

## **October 18 to October 22 SCHOOL CLOSED**

October 25 School Opens

October 27-29 1230 Dismissals (Parent Conferences)

November 3 1400 Dismissal

November 24 STAFF DAY NO SCHOOL for Children

## **December 20-31 SCHOOL CLOSED**

## **Spring Term**

January 3 STAFF DAY NO SCHOOL for Children

January 4 School Open

January 26 1400 Dismissal

## **February 28 –March 4 SCHOOL CLOSED**

March 7 School Opens

March 16 1400 Dismissal

## **April 11-22 SCHOOL CLOSED**

## **Summer Term**

April 25 Back to School

April 27 SCHOOL CLOSED

May 11 1400 Dismissal

May 26 STAFF DAY NO SCHOOL for Children

June 6 SCHOOL CLOSED

June 17 LAST DAY 1230 Dismissal

# REMINDERS



## NO NUTS

We have a number of children with a nut allergy and we therefore ask for no nuts or products containing nuts to be brought into the school. Thank you for your cooperation.



## LABEL LABEL LABEL

Please assist us in preventing items being lost or misplaced by labelling your child's belongings e.g. items of clothing, footwear, bags, packed lunch boxes/containers. Please also impress on your child that they should take responsibility for their own items.



## PE SHOES (Y2-Y6)

Please ensure your child has a separate pair of shoes for PE/Gym lessons with Coach Guest. Shoes should have non-marking soles.



## WATER BOTTLES

Children are encouraged to bring a filled water bottle to school every day and to keep hydrated during lessons. The children have access to chilled water fountains to top up their bottles. Children should take their bottle home each night to be washed. Cans and bottles of carbonated drinks, including energy drinks, are not permitted in school.

## PERSONAL ITEMS

At this time children should NOT be bringing anything to school other than essential items or requested by the teacher to support their learning. Please ensure unnecessary items do not slip into bags e.g. toys, pokemon cards.

## BIRTHDAYS

Under the current restrictions we are unable to hand out cakes or other treats for children's birthdays.



## END OF THE DAY CHANGES

If you are making changes to your child's routine e.g. Parent Pick Up rather than the bus we request that these changes are sent via email to:

TO: [british.office@afnorth-is.com](mailto:british.office@afnorth-is.com)

CC: class teacher

CC: [firstname.lastname@afnorth-is.com](mailto:firstname.lastname@afnorth-is.com) (teacher)