



# AFNORTH INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

## British Section

1 September 2023

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### DATES TO NOTE

#### September

- 4 PTO Meeting 16:30
- 6 Early finish 14:00
- 12 Class Reps Meeting
- 13-15 Class photographs
- 14 Year 6 Invictus Games
- 18 Staff Day , NO Students
- 22 Terry Fox Run

#### October

- 20 Half Term break begins

Dear Parents,

It was wonderful to see so many of you in school on Wednesday evening for Open House.

It is a great opportunity to hear about the class, ask questions and meet other parents. Thank you for those who updated their contact information we currently have on file.

Parent involvement in school life is central to the success of the children and to the school and we welcome participation on a regular or adhoc basis.

If you would like to volunteer in some capacity please return the Sign Up sheet or email the British Office. Parents who have already indicated they are willing to volunteer will receive an email from the School Business Manager, Jenny Brown regarding next steps.

If you are interested in being a Parent Representative for your child's class please email your child's teacher by Wednesday 6th September. We will then meet with Parent Reps regarding the setting up of a Class WhatsApp group and the guidelines for appropriate etiquette to ensure the continued success of this "Connecting Parents" platform.

In addition, the school Parent Teacher Organisation needs your help. This is an international group of parents and staff who do incredible work behind the scenes. Not only will you be helping the children it is also a great opportunity to meet new friends.

This week we have said goodbye to Mrs Roberts. Thank you for all your work with the children.

*Have a lovely weekend.*



### CLASSES

#### School Year 2023-2024

- Sunbeams Mrs Mclean  
[helen.mclean@afnorth-is.com](mailto:helen.mclean@afnorth-is.com)
- Reception Mrs Worton  
[amanda.worton@afnorth-is.com](mailto:amanda.worton@afnorth-is.com)
- Year 1 Miss Trout  
[vicky.trout@afnorth-is.com](mailto:vicky.trout@afnorth-is.com)
- Year 2 Mrs Eaton Bell  
[penny.eatonbell@afnorth-is.com](mailto:penny.eatonbell@afnorth-is.com)
- Year 3 Miss Forrest  
[sally.forrest@afnorth-is.com](mailto:sally.forrest@afnorth-is.com)
- Year 4-5 Mrs Siedhoff  
[joanne.siedhoff@afnorth-is.com](mailto:joanne.siedhoff@afnorth-is.com)
- Year 6 Miss Robertson  
[pam.robertson@afnorth-is.com](mailto:pam.robertson@afnorth-is.com)



Orla, Primrose, Demir, Leo, William, Mario, Miguel, Veronika,

Maria Gabriella, Iwan, Michal, Poyraz, Maria Sofia, Teddy, Jan, Rory G, Hazel



HELLO

September

JOIN US FOR THE FIRST

# PTO MEETING

OF THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR

MONDAY, 4 SEPTEMBER 2023

16:30

AFNORTH LIBRARY CONFERENCE ROOM



ALL NATIONAL SECTIONS ENCOURAGED



## CHRISTMAS FAYRE

### First planning meeting September 12th at 1900

For many years the Elementary Section have organised a Christmas Fayre, which has grown into a wonderful event enjoyed by the whole community. This year it will be on November 25<sup>th</sup>. For new families, the Fayre is like a Bazaar with many stall holders selling a variety of goods. In addition, there are lots of activities for the children to enjoy, including the hugely popular 'Secret Room' where they can shop for a special gift for Mum and Dad.

We have been able to raise substantial money which helps fund school trips and events such as author visits. We also purchase equipment such as a class set of iPads and are able to support many other activities throughout the school. In addition to raising money for school funds each year we make a donation to a local children's charity.

We will be holding our **first planning meeting on September 12th at 1900** in the British Office. As this is a large community event open to all members of the NATO community, **we really need your support** in order for the Fayre to be able to go ahead.

Please complete and return the slip below to your national office to let us know if you are able to donate your time, enthusiasm and ideas to help with this year's Fayre. We also welcome serving personnel, who have, in previous years, provided such a valuable link with JFC Brunssum.



#### CHRISTMAS FAYRE – 2023

I am willing to be on the Christmas Fayre planning Committee. YES/NO

I am unable to be on the committee but would be happy to help on the day. YES/NO

I would be happy to help with preparations eg selling raffle tickets. YES/NO

Name (please print) .....

Contact Tel No: ..... Email Address.....

## BRITISH SECTION, AFNORTH INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

### JOB VACANCY

## ADMISSIONS & OFFICE ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT

GRADE S4 1-8

**35 hrs per week Mon - Fri term time plus 5 days (0830-1600 however a degree of flexibility is required)**

Applications from **UK Military Dependents/ UKBC Dependents** are invited for the above post from enthusiastic, motivated and flexible individuals who can demonstrate that they meet the essential criteria outlined in the person specification. The post will commence **as soon as possible** Selection for interview will be based upon information provided by the candidates in the form of a completed application form and a detailed supporting letter.

Applications should be sent to Jenny Brown, School Business Manager British Section, AFNORTH International School [jenny.brown@modschoools.org](mailto:jenny.brown@modschoools.org) to arrive no later than 1200 hrs on 12<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Interviews including a practical task will take place at the school on 13<sup>th</sup> September

For further information please contact [jenny.brown@modschoools.org](mailto:jenny.brown@modschoools.org)

### PERSON SPECIFICATION

Essential	Desirable
<b>Education and Training</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Recognised qualification in English</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>ECDL/ITQ or equivalent</li></ul>
<b>Experience</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Experience of application of IT skills in the workplace e.g. Microsoft Office, Google Suite</li><li>Working as a school secretary or similar role</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Integrated School Management Information Systems (<a href="http://Bromcom.com">Bromcom</a>)</li><li>Working within an International/Military context</li></ul>
<b>Knowledge/ Understanding &amp; Skills</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Knowledge and understanding of the role of the school secretary</li><li>Ability to use ICT efficiently and effectively</li><li>Ability to communicate effectively and sensitively in written and spoken form with children, colleagues and parents (including those with English as a second language)</li><li>Understanding and respect for the need for discretion, sensitivity and confidentiality</li><li>Good organisational skills</li><li>Ability to work both independently and as part of an international team</li><li>Ability to work under pressure, use initiative and prioritise tasks</li><li>Ability to respond to the needs of a military community</li><li>Ability to form and maintain appropriate relationships and personal boundaries with children</li><li>Motivation to attend work place courses</li></ul>	
<b>Other</b>	Minimum of 12 months tour remaining

**AFNORTH International School is committed to safeguarding the children in our care. We apply zero tolerance to any form of abuse or harm.**



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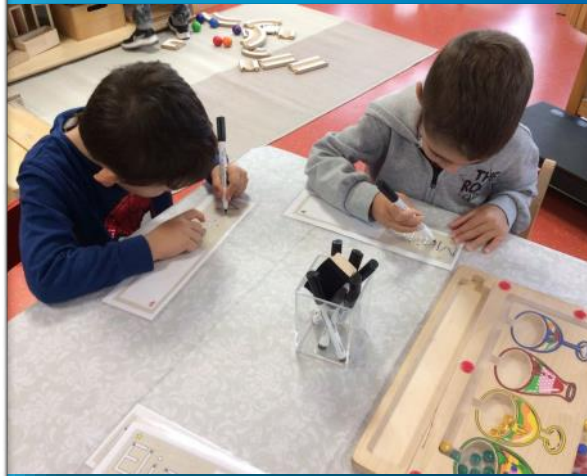
# SCHOOL PICTURE DAY

*is coming...*

13-15 SEPTEMBER, 2023

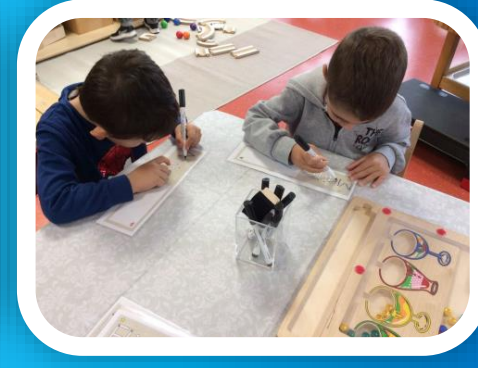
# Sunbeams

Sunbeams have had a wonderful week with all new friends now started and playing alongside one another. We have spent lots of time building up new friendships and beginning to collaborate across the setting. We have not let the language barrier get in our way and have played with all our might! We also began our funky fingers activities this week with the introduction of Story Dough and Squiggle while you wiggle, moving our arms and hands to manipulate ribbons and dough. We found out we are very strong and are great at rolling buttons for our dough Gingerbread man!



# Reception

What kinds of physical skills are we developing in Reception Class? We have been working hard on fine motor skills such as holding a pen and pencil and making a letter shape, writing our names and drawing pictures. This muscle development is not possible without gross motor skills too, such as balancing, pouring, dancing, carrying heavy objects, cycling and even using our new water pump!



# Year 1

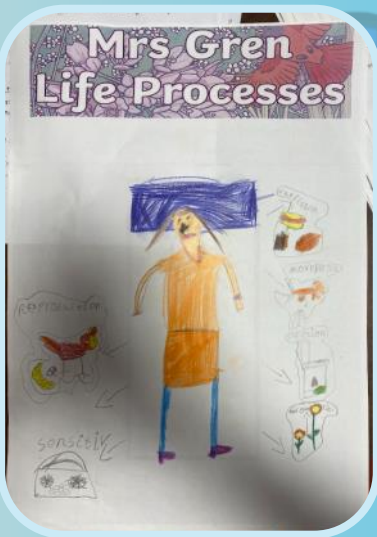
Year 1 have been very busy this week! We have been learning about our senses, so this week we made super spectacles and went on a walk to see what we could see. We have been learning the story "Brown bear, brown bear, what can you see?" We also had our first trip to forest school. We are learning to get dressed by ourselves. It was lots of fun exploring the forest school area. We found lots of acorns and enjoyed jumping off the balancing tree!





# Year 2

This week, Year 2 has been learning all about life processes. We learnt the acronym MRS GREN to help us to remember what each life process is. We have also been learning how to partition and recombine HTU numbers in maths. We have begun writing our own piece of writing on Ham; the Astrochimp.



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Amazing Animals in space  
Ham the Astrochimp!

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Sub Title Have you heard of Ham?

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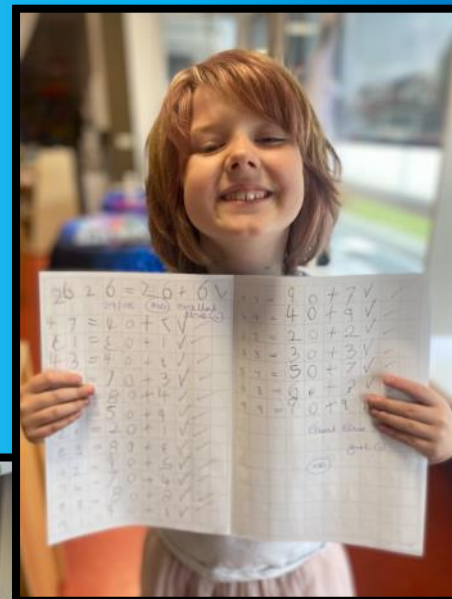
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The scientists picked Félicette because they wanted to see how a living thing could survive in space.

Sub Title Why did the scientists pick Ham?

They picked him because they wanted to see if he could survive in space.

Excellent Master!



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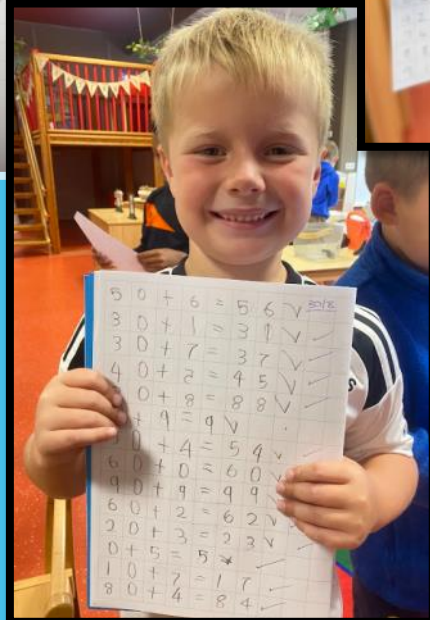
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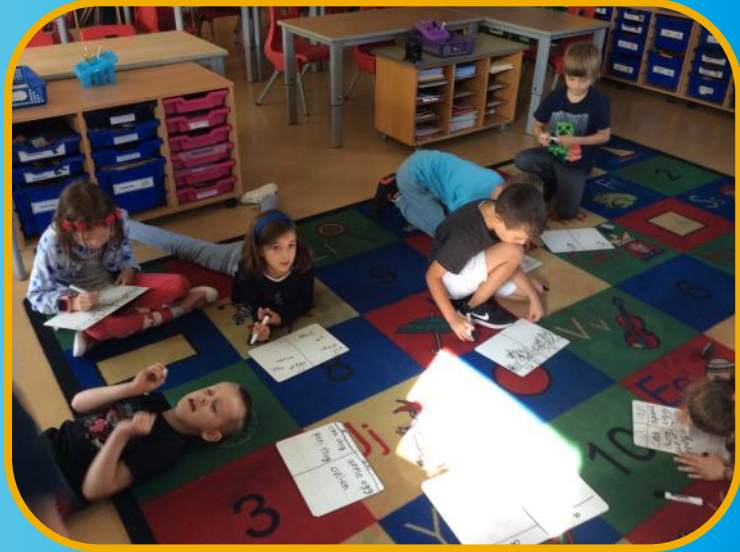
They wanted to see if he could live in space. He is famous because after Ham the first human went to space.

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# Year 3

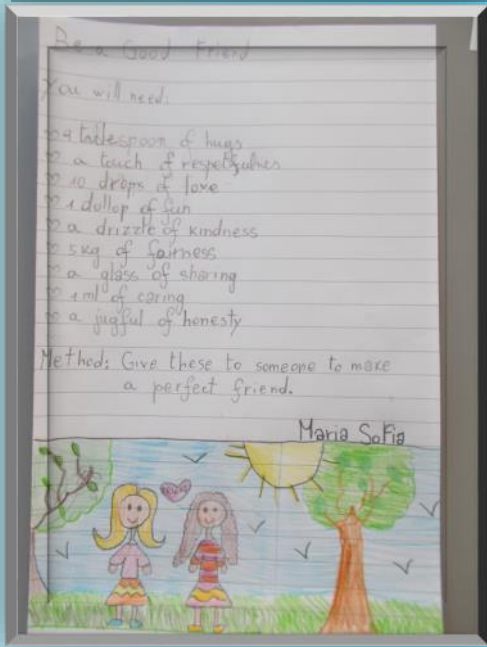
Early this week there was some growling in our class and upon investigation we found a couple of tiger cubs. They are being well looked after. We also discovered a cat. This has been inspiring us to write descriptions of tigers and learn more about them. In science we found out that cats need a lot more protein to eat than humans or dogs and that sometimes animals go to great lengths to obtain the minerals that they need in their diets. We continue to work on our place value and numbers to 1000 in maths.



# Year 4-5

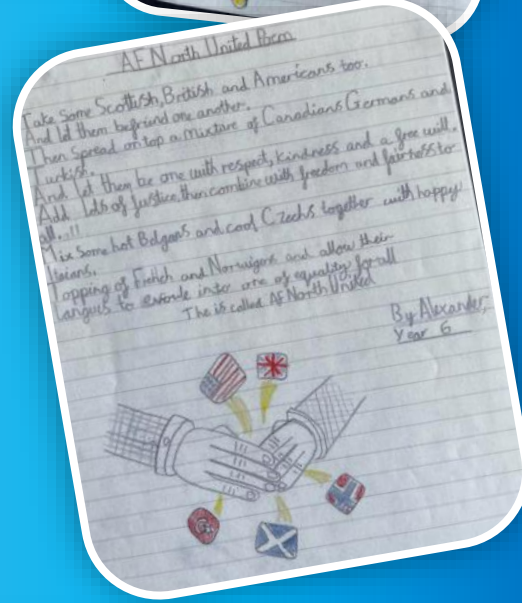
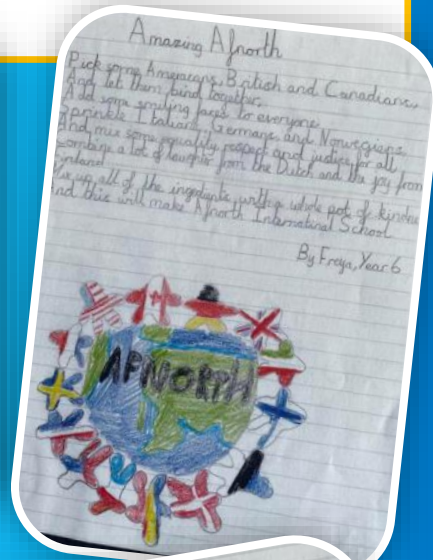
Year 4/5 have had a great week. Everyone has settled in well and are working hard. Our 'Positive Growth Mindset' discussions have got us thinking about our attitudes to learning and we have created a colourful display of quotes as a reminder. We had interesting and thoughtful ideas about the qualities of a good friend and published our wonderful 'Friendship Recipe' poems with lots of important ingredients!

In Maths, we have been exploring place value using partitioning of numbers and number lines and also practising our multiplication facts with Rekenreks. We are enjoying our first class novel - The Iron Man - and are very curious to find out more about that main character!



# Year 6

We have had a wonderful week of further getting to know one another in our international classroom. We love the opportunity to play and learn together and are enjoying building our classroom environment to show our values, friendship and internationalism - with smiles aplenty. Please read some poems we have written which also reflect this.



# Bus Passes

## All children will receive their new bus pass for this school year in September

Dear Parent (s) / Guardian (s) of Elementary enrolled children,

AFNORTH provides a bus service for the children attending our school. The use of this bus service is a privilege and not a right. Most of our children use this bus service and AIS does its utmost to make the service safe, effective, and as punctual as possible. Our policies and procedures regarding this service can be found on the school website (afnorth-is.com). When registering your child at school or on receipt of the student bus pass for your child(ren) you should receive an information package about the busing system. When informing yourself about the conditions of the bus service you can read that our youngest children (Reception and Year 1) have a special bus pass which prevents these children to leave the bus at their bus stop if none of the parents/guardians are present (unless other arrangements have been made and communicated with the respective national office). In case nobody is present to pick up the child(ren), they will be brought back to school. The parents will be contacted, and you are expected to pick up your child.

1. Parents of ES children may request a yellow student card for their child(ren). This means that their children will not be left off the bus unless a parent/guardian is at the bus stop. The parent/guardian will have to be present 10 minutes prior to the scheduled bus arrival time. The bus will depart the bus stop at the indicated/scheduled time. Children carrying a yellow card will be brought back to school. Parents will be contacted (by their national section) to pick up the child(ren) from school.

**2. For children in Years 2-6, to obtain a yellow student card, a parental request needs to be made at the beginning of the school year or upon registering the child(ren) in their national office. This card will be valid for the current school year and cannot be exchanged for a regular student card throughout the course of that year.**

3. Without a parental request for a yellow card all children will automatically receive a regular student card. This implies that the parents have read and accept the school bus policies and procedures.

4. If parents frequently (three or more times) fail to meet their child(ren), carrying a yellow student card, at the bus stop, AIS will inform the parents that the use of the bus service will no longer be possible.

5. Parents always have the option to not use the provided bus service and provide their own transportation.

**Parents who would like to obtain a yellow student card for their child(ren) can contact the bus coordinator's office: [buscoordinator@afnorth-is.com](mailto:buscoordinator@afnorth-is.com)**

# Bucket Fillers



Linked to the book "Have You Filled a Bucket Today?" by Carol McCloud our Bucket Filler Award recognises positive behaviours e.g. kindness, respect, responsibility, resilience as well as hard work and achievement.

Everyone carries an invisible bucket that holds our good thoughts and feelings. When our buckets are full, we feel happy and when our buckets are empty, we feel sad.

Our actions and words can either fill a bucket or dip into it. We fill buckets when we do and say things that are kind, considerate, caring, and respectful. But if we are inconsiderate or disrespectful, we dip into buckets and remove those good feelings.

[Click here for the story.](#)



# LUNCH

Please note the price for lunch is now €3.75



Week 36 04-09 t/m 08-09-2023

MONDAY

Korean Rice, Spring Roll or Omelet	1, 2, 3, 4
Spring Roll or Omelet	1, 2, 3, 4
Korean Rice	
Atjar Salad	3
Hot Sauce	3

TUESDAY

Pasta Penne, Tomato-Zucchini Sauce	3, 4
Bolognaise Sauce	3, 10
Pasta Penne	3
Snack Tomato	

WEDNESDAY

Quiche, Potato & Vegetable Mix	1, 2, 3, 9
Quiche (French Pie with cheese, cream, vegetables)	1, 2, 3, 9
Potato & Vegetable Mix	3, 9
Mustard Sauce with Thyme	3



THURSDAY

Soy Bites, Tomato Rice, Cucumber Salad	3, 4
Meat Balls	2, 3, 4, 10
Tomato Rice with Zucchini & Eggplant	3
Cucumber Salad	
Yoghurt Garlic Sauce	1

FRIDAY

Veggie Burger, Fries, Carrots	1, 2, 3, 4, 8
Fish Filet or Hot Dog Sausage	2, 3, 5, 7
Fries	
Carrots	
Tartar Sauce	1, 2, 3

LISTED PRODUCTS AND DISHES CAN CONTAIN TRACES OF ALLERGENS.

- 1 = milk
- 2 = egg
- 3 = gluten
- 4 = soy
- 5 = pork
- 6 = chicken
- 7 = fish
- 8 = sesame
- 9 = peas
- 10 = beef



All meals are nut free



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

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

# AFNORTH Calendar 2023-2024

## **Autumn Term**

August 21 School Opens

September 6 1400 Dismissal

September 18 STAFF DAY-NO SCHOOL for Children

**October 23 to October 27 SCHOOL CLOSED**

October 30 School Opens

November 1-2 1230 Dismissals (Parent Conferences)

November 29 STAFF DAY NO SCHOOL for Children

**December 22-January 5 SCHOOL CLOSED**

## **Spring Term**

January 8 School Opens

January 24 1400 Dismissal

January 29 STAFF DAY-NO SCHOOL for Children

**February 12-February 16 SCHOOL CLOSED**

February 19 School Opens

**March 25-April 5 SCHOOL CLOSED**

## **Summer Term**

April 8 School Opens

April 17 1400 Dismissal

May 9 STAFF DAY NO SCHOOL for Children

May 20 SCHOOL CLOSED

June 21 LAST DAY 1230 Dismissal



# REMINDERS

## Parent Drop Off and Pick Up Times

### Reception -Year6

School Day 0900-1530

Drop off from 0845.

**Please note there is no supervision prior to this time.**

Pick Up at Main Gate

Reception/Year 1 1525 Year 2-6 1530



## 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.

## 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. permitted. Cans and bottles of carbonated drinks, including energy drinks, are not permitted in school.

## 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

CC: class teacher

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

**These changes should be made before 1000**

## Sunbeams

Session 0900-1200

Drop off from 0855

Pick up at 1200

Location for Drop Off and Pick Up is at the Flagpoles.

During periods of inclement weather please wait inside the main entrance (in the well area under the stairs or when this area is in use please wait outside the British Office). Staff will collect/deliver the children to you. There is no need to sign in

**EDC Pick Up 1500 or 1525**-Children will be brought to the gate.

Times and locations are related to supervision and to avoid congestion outside of Sunbeams.

## 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



## 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.



## PERSONAL ITEMS

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.