



AFNORTH INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

British Section

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8 September 2023



The joy of children proudly sharing their achievements!



DATES TO NOTE

September

- 12 Class Reps Meeting
- 13 Used Book Sale
- 14 Christmas Fayre Meeting
- 14 Class photographs SB to Year 5
- 14 Year 6 Invictus Games
- 15 Year 6 Class Photographs
- 18 Staff Day , NO Students
- 22 Terry Fox Run

October

- 20 Half Term break begins

Dear Parents,

It was wonderful to be back in school this week following my visit to Defence Children Services HQ for a Review of School Effectiveness with our Chief Education Officer and his team. I am immensely proud of our school (the children, staff, parents, SGC and the wider community) and it was a pleasure to deliver a presentation sharing our achievements and next steps. Reflection and self evaluation is such an important process and while we are always focused upon making things even better it is important to pause and recognise the growth that has taken place. Over the days of interviews I received lots of positive feedback about our curriculum offer, pupils outcomes, practices and processes. I expect written feedback in the upcoming weeks.

CLUBS for Year 3-Year 6 see pages 2 and 3 Children should have taken home today letters regarding after school clubs which will be offered this term. The following link to access the sign up form will go live at 0900 Saturday <https://forms.gle/gj6es9sMcMLH2KFP6>

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHER The children will have their photographs taken on Thursday next week with the exception of Year 6 who will have their pictures on Friday.

A very warm welcome to Bade who joined us this week and to Maddie and Dylan who join us on Monday.

Have a lovely weekend.

CLASSES

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



Bucket Fillers



Joshua, Naglis, Isaac, Amelia, James, Tomasz, Alda, Jekope, Demir,
Elsie, Bade, Pari, Sebastien, Julia, Charles

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Year 3-6 / 2nd- 5th Grade

This is the information for the after school activities for students from Year 3-6 Grade 2-5. Clubs will run on Mondays and Tuesdays from 1535-1645.

Monday clubs start on the 25th September until 27th November

Tuesday clubs start on the 19th September until 28th November

We make every effort to offer students a choice but with clubs being very popular this is not always possible. After responses have been collated and bus routes allocated you will receive a letter identifying your child's club allocation. **Please do not select a club unless you really want to attend as this may mean someone else does not get a place.**

An electronic link to the registration form will be sent via national section emails.

This will open at 0900 tomorrow, Saturday 9th September and will close on Monday 11th September at 12:00.

PLEASE FILL IN THE ONLINE REGISTRATION FORM FOR EACH CHILD NO LATER THAN 1200 ON MONDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER.

Transportation

There will be activity buses covering the required routes to take students home. PLEASE NOTE there will be several **HUB BUS STOPS** and these will be determined once final registration is complete. The children will be dropped off at one of the **HUB Bus Stops** and you will be able to collect your child from there. ONLY students who have registered for an after-school club bus will be allowed to ride the bus.

Parent pick up

You may find it more convenient to collect your child at the school after the activity. If so, please collect your child at 1645. Please note there is no supervision available after 1645. **You must inform the British office if your child is unable to attend their club for any reason and also any change in transportation.** british.office@afnorth-is.com 045 527 8241.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS OPTIONS

Please note the eligibility age.

MONDAY CLUBS 1530-1630	ELIGIBLE AGE
Board & Card Games	Year 4/5/6 Grade 3/4/5
Cooking Club (only open to those who did not attend cooking club last year)	Year 5/6 Grade 4/5
Hockey	Year 4/5/6 Grade 3/4/5
Lego Club	Year 3/4/5/6 Grade 2/3/4/5
Outdoor Club (Gardening & Hiking)	Year 4/5/6 Grade 3/4/5
Pilates	Year 3 /4 Grade 2 /3
Sole Mates Running Club – Girls Only PLEASE NOTE THIS CLUB ENDS AT 1700 AND WILL BE PARENT PICK UP ONLY	Year 4/5/6 Grade 3/4/5

TUESDAY CLUBS 1530-1630	ELIGIBLE AGE
Beginner Robotics	Year 5/6 Grade 4/5
Coding	Year 4/5/6 Grade 3/4/5
Choir	Year 3/4/5/6 Grade 2/3/4/5
Cross Stitch	Year 4/5 Grade 3/4
Island Dancing – Girls Only	Year 4/5/6 Grade 3/4/5
Nature Club	Year 3/4 Grade 2/3
Project Research	Year 5/6 Grade 4/5
Sports	Year 3/4 Grade 2/3
Tag Rugby	Year 4/5/6 Grade 3/4/5
Volleyball	Year 5/6 Grade 4/5



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 25th. 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.....

PTO Meeting 4th September

Report from Mr Brown



After my appeal at Open House for parents in the British Section to join me at the Parent Teacher Organisation meeting I was disappointed to be “all by myself” .

The PTO is an international group of parents and staff who do incredible work to benefit all children. If you are able to support the Parent Teacher Organisation the next meeting will be on Monday 9th October at 16:30 in the Library Conference Room.

The committee, parents and teacher representatives met to discuss a number of ways to raise money for children across all sections of the Elementary School.

- There will be used book sales each Wednesday 09:00 – 14:00 for the children to buy books for 50c or 3 for €1.
- The PTO are hoping to have 4 - 5 fundraisers during the year: an Autumn Fun Run for the children, Christmas Crafts, Carnival Bingo and a Reading Celebration: details to follow.
- The PTO are hoping to provide apple slices to the children during the TERRY FOX Run on September 22nd.
- Preorder forms for AFNORTH Spirit Wear and flyers will be handed out this week. This will raise a significant amount of money to support school activities.
- Fund requests were made for the purchase of:
 - Gardening equipment for classes to use in the garden areas.
 - Outdoor play equipment for playtime and lunchtime.
 - Boardgames for each year ground area for rainy days.
 - Pumpkins for the Year 6 Pumpkin Drop activity working in collaboration with children in the US/Cdn and German Section

PLEASE CONTACT ME FOR FURTHER INFORMATION...or to make my day and say you will join me next time.



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 to arrive no later than 1200 hrs on 12th September 2023

Interviews including a practical task will take place at the school on 13th September

For further information please contact jenny.brown@modschoools.org

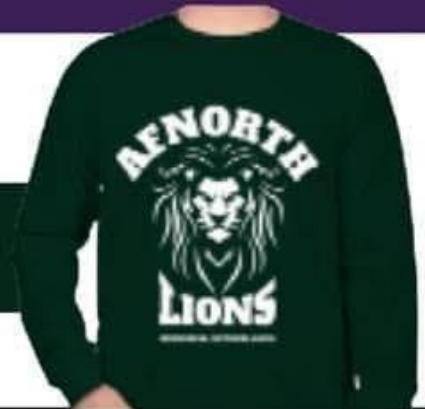
PERSON SPECIFICATION

Essential	Desirable
Education and Training <ul style="list-style-type: none">Recognised qualification in English	<ul style="list-style-type: none">ECDL/ITQ or equivalent
Experience <ul style="list-style-type: none">Experience of application of IT skills in the workplace e.g. Microsoft Office, Google SuiteWorking as a school secretary or similar role	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Integrated School Management Information Systems (Bromcom)Working within an International/Military context
Knowledge/ Understanding & Skills <ul style="list-style-type: none">Knowledge and understanding of the role of the school secretaryAbility to use ICT efficiently and effectivelyAbility to communicate effectively and sensitively in written and spoken form with children, colleagues and parents (including those with English as a second language)Understanding and respect for the need for discretion, sensitivity and confidentialityGood organisational skillsAbility to work both independently and as part of an international teamAbility to work under pressure, use initiative and prioritise tasksAbility to respond to the needs of a military communityAbility to form and maintain appropriate relationships and personal boundaries with childrenMotivation to attend work place courses	
Other	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.



Short Sleeve Youth 12.00 Adult S-XL 15.00 2X 17.50



Long Sleeve Shirts Youth 15.00 Adult S-XL 18.00 2X 20.50



Sweatshirts Youth 20.00 Adult: S-XL 23.00 2X 25.50



Hoodies Youth 28.00 Adult S-XL 35.00 2X 37.50



Hat or Beanie 22.00



AFNorth Spirit Wear Order

All prices are In Dollars or Euros

Please order your desired Items by scanning the below QR code and filling out the Google form

Questions? Contact: Afnorthspiritwear@gmail.com

Submit this flyer with payment by 15 September

Student Name: _____

Section: _____ Grade: _____

Teacher: _____

Parent Name: _____

Parent Phone: _____

Parent Email: _____



Host Nation news

September 2023

Year 5 and Year 6
***4th and 5th Grade project:
'The Host Nation duck
explores the Netherlands'***

Inspired by the book
'The orange duck explores the Netherlands',
4th and 5th Grade students are invited
to submit a request to take a small rubber duck
with them on a trip through the Netherlands.

The Host Nation teachers would like to receive
1 or more photos from the trip
to create a wall of photos with the
HN rubber duckies and to evaluate
with the students in class.
You can send pictures to
hostnation@afnorth-is.com

Every quarter, we will share a summary
in the newsletter to inspire the community
and share knowledge on the geography,
history and culture of the Netherlands.

Kind regards,

*Ms. Dyon Damen
Mrs. Rosamaria Mancini
(substitute for Mr. Craig McMorland)*

Host Nation Teachers



Sunbeams

Sunbeams have had a glorious week spent mainly outside in the beautiful sunshine. Our mud kitchen was filled with lots of extra materials from sugar cubes to coffee powder and lots of plants gathered from our very own garden which we mix and chopped into yummy food! We created an enormous obstacle course around the digging pit, with lots of highs and lows to navigate. We became excellent testers as we figured out if our constructions were safe or not. Finally we finished our week at forest school. We enjoyed a picnic snack, went for a lovely walk around the whole forest and challenged ourselves to climb the rope slope. All in all a very sunshiney week for our super sunbeams!



Reception

Reception class children are learning to co-operate with others. Our tasks this week have included making obstacle courses, playing names, counting objects around school and helping each other learn in small groups.



Year 1

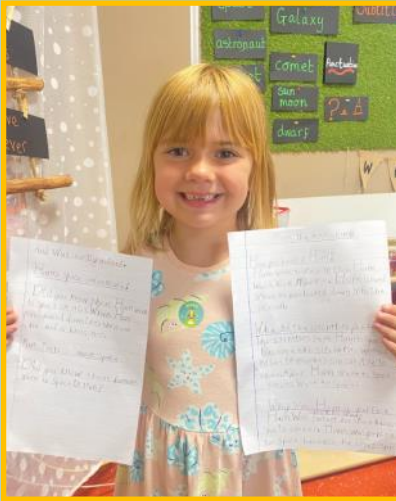
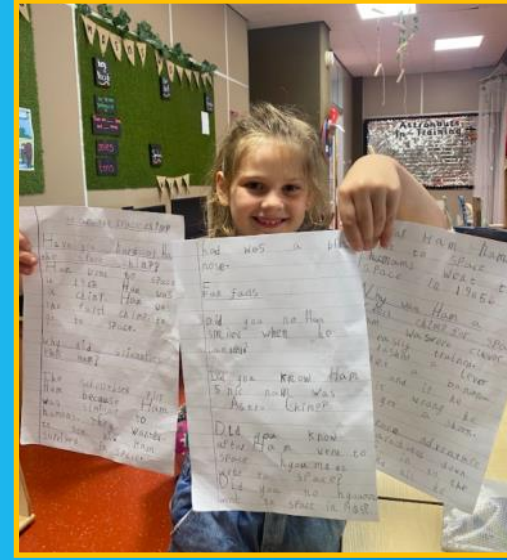
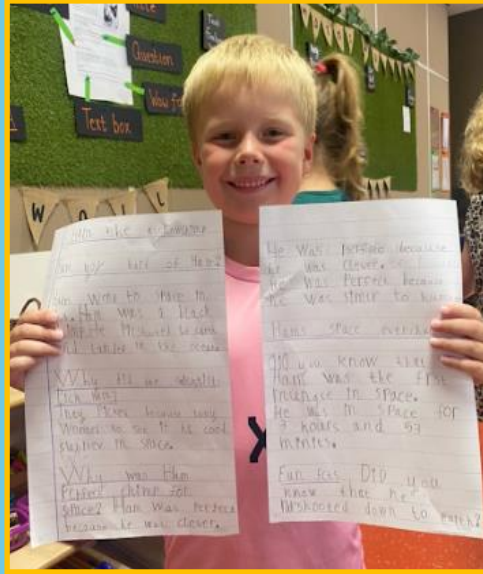
Year One have been enjoying making their own story map for "Brown Bear, Brown Bear What do you see?" They made a giant walk on version of the story and made their own class version of the book.

In maths the focus has been on one more and one less - finding the number that comes before or after a given number. In science we enjoyed finding out about our sense of hearing. We made giant ears and went on a listening walk around school - it was hot so they loved making splashing noises in the water! At Forest School they helped by keeping some of the paths clear. The children learnt how to use secateurs and loppers to cut away unwanted growth, they also found plenty of trees to climb too!



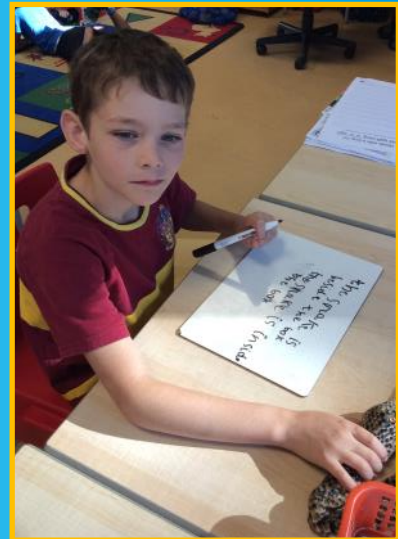
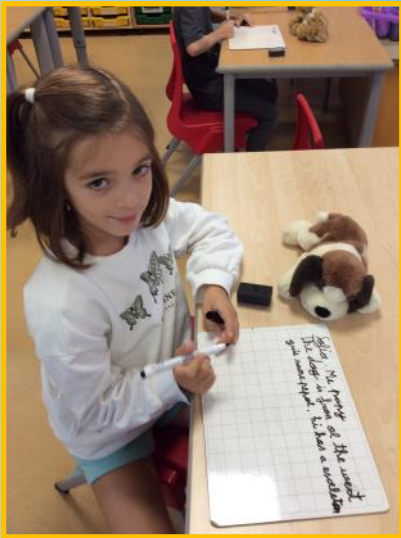
Year 2

Year 2 has had a very busy week learning all about different types of sentences. We've learnt about commands, statements and questions. We learnt the punctuation that goes with these sentences and applied it to our own writing. We have continued learning about living things and their processes. We have been working very hard on number lines of different scales.



Year 3

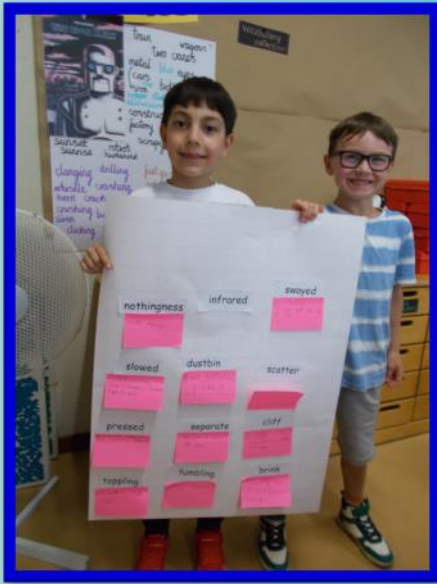
Another week has flown past in Year 3! We are continuing our great science work learning about bones and nutrition. It was fun thinking about the different skeletons of animals and noticing how they are the same or different. We wonder if we can spot bones in anything we eat at home. The tortoise and its shell and bones were really interesting, it was hard to decide if it had a backbone/spine. We also had to think hard about if it had an endoskeleton or an exoskeleton. Animals also helped us explore what prepositions were in literacy.



Year 4-5

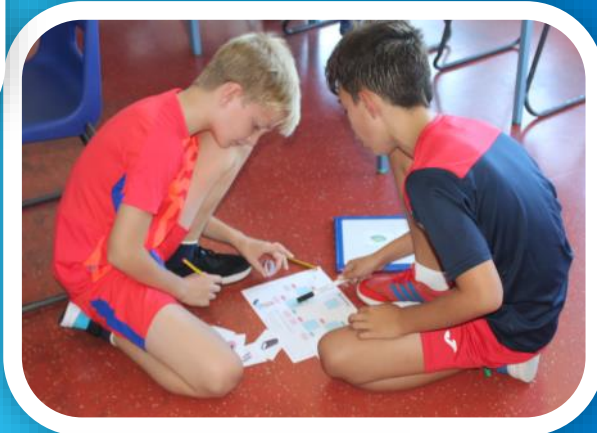
This week Year 4/5 have started to explore their science unit of electricity by creating an A-Z of electrical appliances. Some of the letters were quite a challenge - especially Q and Z! We talked about how these appliances get the electricity they need and sorted them into mains electricity and battery powered using a Venn Diagram. Lots of great discussion took place!

In Maths, we have continued to develop our understanding of place value with a variety of concepts - flexible partitioning, more or less, comparing and ordering. We read an extract from The Iron Man class novel and worked on focused tasks linked to this model text. Great work Year 4/5!



Year 6

We are making wonderful progress and completed our unit in maths about Place Value. End of unit assessments really impressed Miss Robertson and Mrs Church-Taylor! As a lead into our next writing unit where we will be writing narrative for effect, we have been studying some atmospheric poetry, *The Listeners* by Walter de la Mare. We have been reading to improve fluency and intonation and have had a lot of fun with this! Again, impressing our teachers! Science saw us trying to create classification keys. It was quite a challenge to come up with the correct and effective questions. We linked this with some maths where we looked at how Venn and Carroll diagrams can be used in the classification of animals. We found that Venn diagrams are effective when classifying carnivore, herbivore and omnivore.



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



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 37 11-09 t/m 15-09-2023

MONDAY

Quiche, Mashed Potato, Peas & Mint, Gravy	1, 2, 3, 9
Beef Pie	1, 2, 3, 10
Mashed Potato	1, 3
Peas & Mint	9
Gravy	3

TUESDAY

Tomato Sauce with Soy, Macaroni, Snack Tomato	3, 4
Carbonara Sauce	1, 2, 3, 5
Macaroni	3
Snack Tomato	

WEDNESDAY

Veggie Balls, Baked Potato, Cauliflower, Pepper Sauce	1, 2, 3, 4
Chicken Schnitzel	1, 2, 3, 6
Baked Potato	3
Cauliflower	1, 3
Pepper Sauce	3



THURSDAY

Sweet & Sour Omelet, Noodles, Atjar Salad	1, 2, 3, 9
Chicken Filet Sweet & Sour	3, 6, 9
Noodles	3
Atjar Salad	3

FRIDAY

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