



# AFNORTH INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

## British Section

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**10 November 2023**



### DATES TO NOTE

#### November

- 16 Vice Admiral Hally Visiting
- 25 Christmas Fayre
- 29 **STAFF DAY-NO SCHOOL**

#### December

- 8 Sinterklaas Visit
- 11 Early Years Christmas Presentation
- 21 Christmas Lunch
- Last Day of Term

Dec 22-Jan 5

**SCHOOL HOLIDAYS**

#### January

- 8 Back to School

Dear Parents,

There has been a focus on Remembrance across the school this week starting with Assembly on Monday as we reflected on our own memories and the emotions they evoke. Children have written poetry and created beautiful pieces of art in addition to making poppies in a variety of media. We were very proud of our Year 6 who, alongside their US and CDN peers, led the school Remembrance Assembly today. The children read poetry, shared peace quotes and sang beautifully. Special thanks to our guest speaker, Major Haak, who addressed the assembly and helped us to understand the significance of the occasion.

Well done and thank you to all our children from Sunbeams to Year 6 for marking this important occasion so thoughtfully and respectfully.



Sunbeams and Reception marked Remembrance Day at the Peace Pole by the main entrance.

Another AFNORTH tradition took place this week with the children participating in the Saint Martin's parade which the children have learned about in their Language classes. Sadly, St Martin's horse was unwell and unable to join us but neither that nor the rain dampened our spirits.

Thank you for the contributions we have received for the Christmas Fayre. All donations are welcome at the British Office over the next two weeks.

*Have a lovely weekend and a Happy Diwali to our friends who are celebrating.*

*Alda, Miguel, Veronika, Elsie, Primrose, Iwan, Shiv, Eva, Hazel, Matthew, Alexander, Charles, Leo, Maddie, Mario, Sebastien*



**Bucket Fillers**



# Christmas/Thanksgiving Fayre

25<sup>th</sup> November 1100-1400

## Can you help?

### Toy Shop

Have you been having a clear out of toys your child no longer plays with? We also welcome donations for the 'Toy Shop' this can include soft toys or games which are clean and in good condition.

### Tombola

We are looking for donations for the Tombola - this can include unopened tins, bottles, jars etc but is not restricted to foodstuffs - all we ask is that the items donated are unused and in date.



### Secret room



Always a favourite with the children, the Secret Room provides an opportunity for the children to choose, purchase and wrap gifts for their parents. For this, we need donations of small gifts for men and women such as candles, ornaments, toiletries etc (no razors)

### Cafe

We will also have a Cafe again this year and would be very grateful for any delicious treats you would be willing to donate - cakes, sponges, tray bakes, loaf cakes, cup-cakes etc.

ALL DONATIONS

MUST BE NUT/PEANUT FREE

## THE SUCCESS OF THE DAY RELIES ON YOUR SUPPORT & GOODWILL

If you would like to make any contributions, please send them directly to the British Office. Any items for the Cake Stall can be brought to the Office on the 24th November or on the morning of the Fayre.



**Well Done Mete** on reading 10 books and becoming a Rhinestone Reader.

You shared so much information about the books you had read and enjoyed.

The power of creativity and collaboration and friends reunited at Lego club! Kaan and Oscar created this very clever piece whilst at Lego club.

Do you recognize the flags?





# Sunbeams

In Sunbeams this week we had our first Thinking Thursday session. The focus of the session is to build confidence in language, speaking and asking and answering questions. The children all brought in something to share, something they wanted to talk about with their friends. We were lucky enough to have a baker of the week who provided scrummy cookies for our sessions. We were all incredibly proud of the effort and enthusiasm the children brought with them, great work as always super Sunbeams!





# Reception

What does Literacy and Numeracy look like in Reception class? This week in Literacy, the children have been studying the book "Room on the Broom" by Julia Donaldson. They have acted out the story, talked about characters, learnt key phrases from the book and written magic spells. In Numeracy the focus has been on instantly recognising small amounts, trying to count large amounts and playing games with dice. We even had time to create 3D shapes with straws.





# Year 1

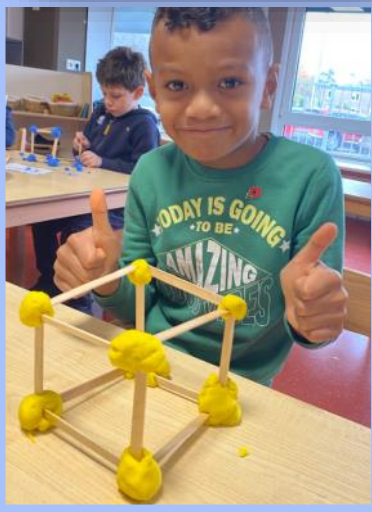
This week Year 1 have been learning about shape in maths. We have been on shape hunts and tried sorting the shapes we have in many different ways. The children have also been learning about remember acne and made their own poppy wreath to present in the ceremony. The children had a wonderful afternoon gardening, we dug all the dead sunflowers up and collected the seeds ready to grow in spring time. The children also found many, many worms and ladybirds too!





# Year 2

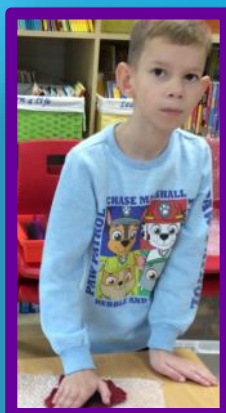
Year 2 has been working hard on learning the language of 2d and 3d shapes. We have been learning to name and describe them using words such as edges, vertex and vertices, faces, curved and flat.





# Year 3

We have been working hard learning about Remembrance and the children have been very insightful in their thinking. They have spent time discussing why it is important to recognise the contributions of all that were made and how this is honoured in our culminating assembly on the 10th of November. We have studied an iconic picture, heard a Canadian Author read true stories and learnt about why a singer was inspired to write a song. The children have been very respectful and great at making connections with things that they know. We also have made lovely poppies to decorate our wreath that we will present in assembly, these will come home after they have been in the school display

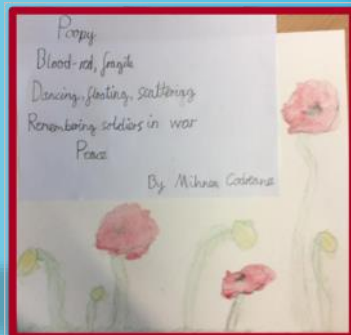
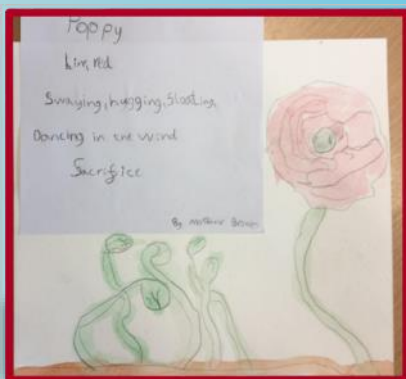
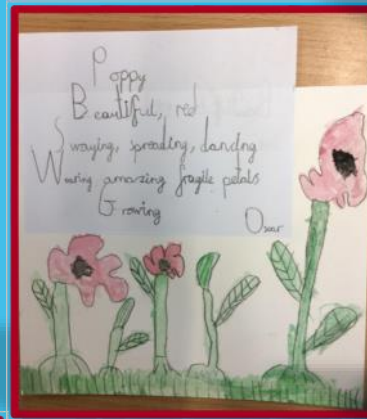
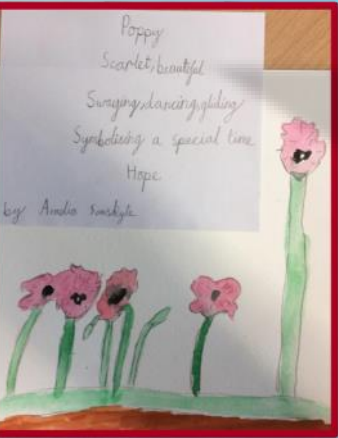
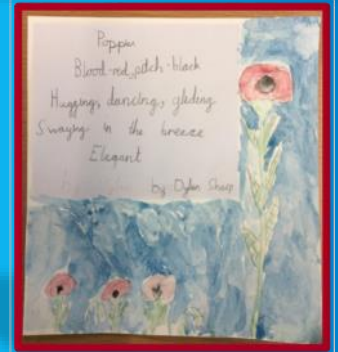
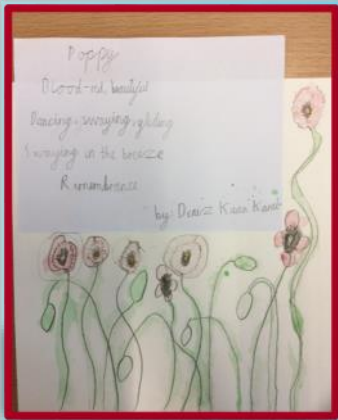
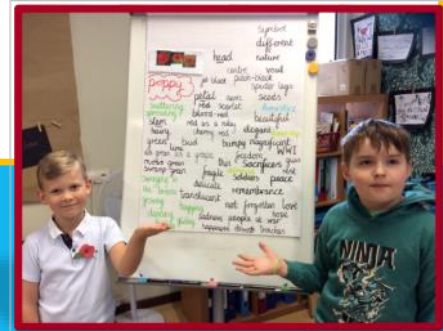




# Year 4-5

Another great week of work in our class! On Wednesday, we made a poppy wreath for Remembrance Day. We started off with red paper and black card. Mrs Siedhoff told us that we could create the poppy any way we wanted. As we made the poppies, we glued them onto the wreath shape. We had lots of different ideas and It looks beautiful! We then wrote a cinquain (pronounced sin-kain) poem about the poppy flower. We thought of interesting words and phrases for our wordbank to get us started. A cinquain poem has five lines and each line has a different rule e.g. line three had to have three -ing verbs. We published our poems with our best handwriting and decorated our work with watercolour pictures. We are very proud of our poppy work.

Written by Amelia and Javier





# Year 6

We have written poems around the theme of Peace. These have been put into a collaboration anthology book and handed to Mr Berlin to be placed in the school library. Please take some time to read some of these below. Thank you to all who attended our Remembrance Assembly.

**Lest we forget.**

**JOY**

Joy is like glue, it's always with you.  
As you sleep, joy fills you with happy memories.  
By thinking and pulling joy fills inside you.  
Joy is a shimmering light.  
That will guide you to success.  
Joy can be in the air, in the water and in the ground, it's everywhere.  
It lives inside you and around you.  
You can't get rid of it.


Jumping Jorgell, Joy  
by Pam Midry  
Year 6 (Gardens)



**Peace**

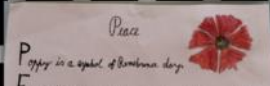
Peace brings softly as a dove flies smoothly over land.  
Embrace like kind and gentle words.  
A shining diamond in the centre of our hearts.  
Careful, cautious peace, always working hard.  
Everywhere it goes, it's always looking for a quiet place.

by Freya



**Peace**

Poppy is a symbol of Remembrance day.  
Each November we remember the soldiers who their lives.  
All people who died in war that I believe for them.  
Collection of every faith, Salvation Army.  
Eleventh, November we have two minutes of silence.  
by Alex Mackenzie




**Remember**

Every November we remember the soldiers who fought for us.  
We will love and miss you.  
For your minutes and hours.  
Remember the eleventh of November.  
The poppy way in silence.  
by Ella


Thank you for taking our lives for us.

We will always remember you.




**POPPY**

Poppies were the first flower to grow on Flanders Field.  
Poppies are a symbol for the people who have sacrificed themselves for your future.  
By Fernando Mungoma 16



**Remembrance**

Remembrance is important and meaningful.  
Remembrance is something not to forget.  
Remember what those people did for you.  
So there is one thing you can do.  
On the 11th of November at 11 o'clock.  
Never mind what you are doing, just stop.  
Wait two minutes, don't move a hair.  
Remember those people that went through war.  
By William Y6



**PEACE**

Peace is the most powerful word and the most meaningful word.  
You can find peace everywhere.  
Peace is a shimmering light from the sky.  
Peace is your kindness and to help others.  
Sit and relax and think to soldiers who had to die.  
By Bilal




**TRANQUILITY**

Tranquility is a calm ocean in the middle of the sky.  
Tranquility as bright as the sun in a clear blue sky.  
Tranquility is as relaxed and peaceful as a beach.  
Tranquility a beaming star in the black void.  
By Charles



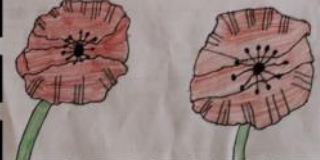
**Lest We Forget**

Every November we take time to remember those who chose to serve us and went into a deep chamber. They gave all they have, and for them we all give our lives.  
They saved us all, now you lay before the gun.  
It's now your turn to be remembered.  
By Jaha



**Peace**

Peace slips softly into our ears.  
It is a slip that safely sails.  
Peace brings us together.  
Peace leads us to where we want to be.  
Peace is the next step for human kind.  
Peace shall never be forgotten.  
Amazing Peace.  
By Sebastian Duncan.




By Leo Heatlie



**Remember all who are lost**

**REMEMBRANCE**

Remembrance is important and meaningful.  
Remembrance is respect to the soldiers.  
Just stop for two minutes and stand still.  
Remember how lots of people sacrificed their lives.  
Remember how they fought for your peace.  
The poppy is a symbol of remembrance.  
The poppy represents the blood of the soldiers.  
Because it was the first flower to grow after the war.  
By Kian Kandyen



**PEACE**

Peace is like a shimmering light and also like a dove in flight.  
Peace fills us with majesty and sings songs of serenity.  
Peaceful Peace  
By Maria Y6



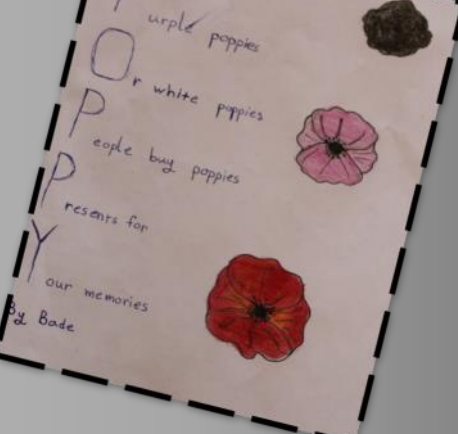
**REMEMBER**

Each November we take time to remember the soldiers who fought in the war.  
We bow our heads in silence as we appreciate them because they sacrificed themselves for our tomorrow.  
You are a memory in our lives that will never be forgotten.  
You lie in Flanders Field with no distraction.  
The memory of bombs exploding are with the love and care we give you.  
Thank you for your service, you gave your lives for us and now you may rest in peace.  
Thank you for your service.  
By Madalynn



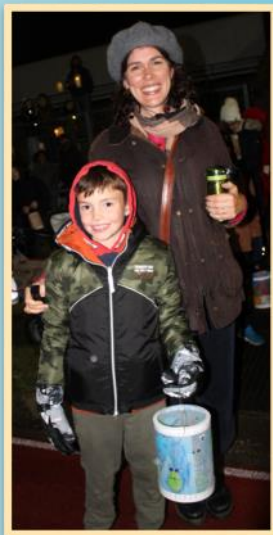
**POPPY**

Purple poppies  
Or white poppies  
People buy poppies  
resents for  
our memories  
By Badi





# St Martin's Parade

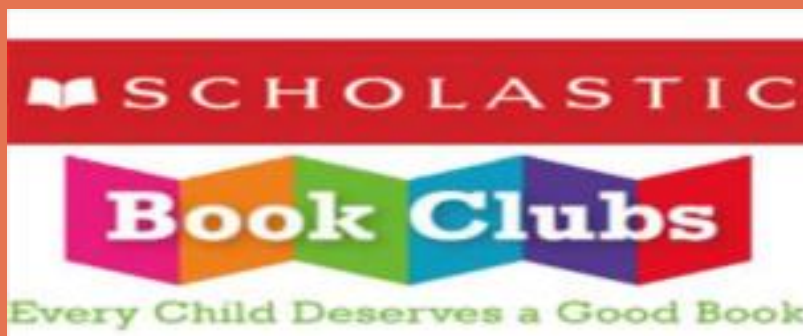




# Bucket Fillers







**Welcome to the Afnorth British Section Scholastic Book Club.**

**Thank you to everyone who has previously ordered from our Scholastic Book Club. With your continued support we will be able to purchase more books for Afnorth British Section.**

**Please have a look through the next online Book Club full of great books to inspire your children and help us earn many more free books for our school.**

### **A reminder of how a Book Club works?**

Afnorth British Section have set up a new Book Club via Scholastic Books website.

We will be running an online only ordering Book Club and will share our unique Scholastic website address for you to place your order directly.

Please have a look through the wonderful range of books available.

You can then place an order and pay securely online.

The Book Club organiser Lorraine Guthrie will keep check of your orders via our website.

The books will be delivered to Afnorth School for FREE and sent home with your children. If your orders are for Christmas gifts please get in touch with Lorraine and she will arrange a way for the order to be collected without your child's knowledge.

Every order will earn FREE books for the British Section to have in school for the children to enjoy. Please have a browse through the website and place your orders using the following: <https://schools.scholastic.co.uk/afcent-international/digital-book-club>

Closing date for these book club orders is **November 13th 2023**

Contact email for Lorraine Guthrie: [ukscholastic@afnorth-is.com](mailto:ukscholastic@afnorth-is.com)



# LUNCH

Please note the price for lunch is now €3.75



Week 46 13-11 t/m 17-11-2023

MONDAY

Veggie Snack, 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

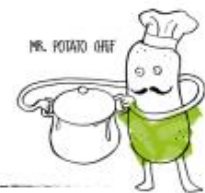
Veggie Sausage, Fries, Carrots	1, 2, 3, 4
Fish Filet or Hot Dog Sausage	2, 3, 5, 7
Fries	
Carrots	
Tartar Sauce	2, 3

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>





## Christmas Lunch

We invite all staff members, students, parents and family to join our special AIS Christmas luncheon which will be served by Sodexo in the cafeteria of the school on Thursday 21 December

**Stuffed Turkey Roulade**  
**Potato Gratin Cranberry Sauce Carrots & Peas**  
**Christmas Coupe Custard Forest Fruit Trifle**

**There will also be a vegetarian option**

**Christmas Lunch tickets must be pre-purchased before Thursday December 7th**

**Elementary Child's Lunch €4.25      Adult Lunch €4.75**

Google sign up form [Christmas Lunch](#)

Children/Families who do not wish to purchase a lunch may bring a packed lunch from home.





# Storybook Pumpkin Patch

Thanks to everyone who contributed to this year's "gourd-geous" collection of pumpkin-book-art!





# Storybook Pumpkin Patch





# Coaching Workshop Taster Session Created For spouses by spouses

Join us for a FREE positive psychology coaching taster workshop, run by Shona Johnston and Verity Duncan, both qualified coaches from the British Community

## When and Where:

Thurs 16th Nov 10am-11.30am at the Brit Cafe

OR

Wed 22nd Nov 6pm-7.30pm at JFCBS Chapel

## In this practical workshop, you will:

- ✓ Explore your needs, strengths and values.
- ✓ Figure out your passions.
- ✓ Make goals towards what's most important to you.

Bring a  
notebook and  
an open mind

Tea and Coffee provided



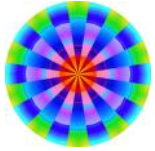
For more information and to register your  
interest please scan the QR code





# Attendance

It is really important that we work together to do all we can to prioritise children's attendance at school so that they can enjoy their learning and socialising with their peers. The profile of attendance is a key priority for schools and as school has returned to normal following Covid restrictions we have been instructed to adhere strictly to school policy.



Our attendance target is 96%. To achieve this a child should have less than 7 days absence across the school year. Our current whole school attendance is 95.42%.

## Reporting Absence

### **Unplanned Absence e.g. your child is unable to attend due to ill health**

Parents must notify the school on the first day of an unplanned absence by 0900 or as soon as practically possible. Parents should email [british.office@afnorth-is.com](mailto:british.office@afnorth-is.com) or call 045 5278241 to report an unplanned absence. Absence due to illness will be authorised unless the school has a genuine concern about the authenticity of the illness. If the authenticity of the illness is in doubt, the school may ask parents to provide medical evidence, such as a doctor's note, appointment card or other appropriate form of evidence.

## Leave in Term Time

We recognise the challenges our parents face when living overseas. However, regular attendance at school is vital in helping children to achieve their full potential and get the best possible start in life.

### **Authorised and Unauthorised Absence**

Headteachers may not grant leave of absence to pupils during term time unless they consider there to be 'exceptional circumstances'. Examples of 'exceptional circumstances' include:

- a. bereavement or serious illness of relatives.
- b. medical needs where treatment is required in the Home Country.
- c. where delivery of the Defence Mission by service parents employed in specific roles impacts on the ability to observe standard leave patterns.

The school considers each application for term-time absence individually, taking into account the specific facts, circumstances, current attendance figure, and relevant context behind the request. The headteacher may choose to discuss a request with their local Assistant Chief Education Officer (ACEO); however, a leave of absence is granted entirely at the headteacher's discretion.

Valid reasons for authorised absence include:

- a. Illness and medical/dental appointments.
- b. Religious observance - where the day is exclusively set apart for religious observance by the religious body to which the pupil's parents belong.
- c. Post Operational Leave.



# 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.

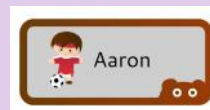
During periods of inclement weather please wait inside the main entrance (in the well area under the stairs or when this area is in use please wait outside the British Office). Staff will collect/deliver the children to you. There is no need to sign in

**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.



# 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