



AFNORTH INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

British Section

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Dear Parents,

It has been wonderful to have our AFNORTH family back together again, with the children settling into their new classes beautifully and making an impressive start to the new school year. I am thrilled to extend a very warm "AFNORTH" welcome to all of the new families who have joined us this year. We are excited to have you as part of our community and are confident that you will enjoy all that AFNORTH has to offer. Our school thrives on the collective effort and enthusiasm of our families, so we look forward to building strong partnerships with you in the coming months.

Well done to all the new Sunbeams and Reception children...and to their Mums and Dads who have also demonstrated bravery this week as their little ones have taken another big step!

CLASSES

School Year 2024-2025

Sunbeams	Mrs Craven
	joanne.craven@afnorth-is.com
Reception	Mrs Mclean
	helen.mclean@afnorth-is.com
Year 1	Mrs Castillo
	vicky.castillo@afnorth-is.com
Year 2	Mrs Eaton Bell
	penny.eatonbell@afnorth-is.com
Year 3	Miss Forrest
	sally.forrest@afnorth-is.com
Year 4	Mrs Siedhoff
	joanne.siedhoff@afnorth-is.com
Year 5-6	Miss Robertson
	pam.robertson@afnorth-is.com

We very much look forward to seeing parents from Year 1 to Year 6 at Open House next Wednesday. This is an opportunity to meet your child's teacher and find out about routines, expectations and their learning for the year ahead.

See page 4 for timings.

If you have any concerns or questions at any time, do drop your child's teacher an email as they are best placed to help. Please be mindful that replies may not be on the same day as their priority is with the children and email will only be checked once per day.

Have a lovely weekend

DATES TO NOTE

August

- 28 Open House
- 29 Bus Orientation

September

- 4-6 School Pictures
- 11 Early finish 14:00
- 16 Staff Day , NO Students
- 20 School Governance Committee Meeting

October

- 4 Terry Fox Run **TBC**

Bus Passes Your child's current bus pass will remain valid at the start of the new school year until the end of September.
New bus passes will be issued in September.

Attendance This Week

Whole School 99%

It is hugely important that your child is in school, on time, every day. Please ensure you only keep your child off school if it is absolutely necessary. This avoids your child missing important learning and fun experiences we have

Reception	100%
Year 1	100%
Year 2	99%
Year 3	100%
Year 4	100%
Year 5-6	99%



Aled, Victoria, Antoni, Harry, Lucas, Pola, Maja, Lena, Cillian, Gethin, Otto, Oscar, Zalan, Ezgi, Jindriska, Cinar, Henty, Jonah Martin

Bucket Fillers



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 MUST be made before 1000

FOR YOUR CHILD'S SAFETY WE ASK THAT CHANGES TO ROUTINES ARE KEPT TO A MINIMUM

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 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.



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.

British Section School Governance Committee

Dear Parents, Guardians, and Pupils,

As the Chair of the School Governance Committee (SGC), I am delighted to welcome you all to the start of a new school year. My name is Bob Hobbs, and I am honoured to serve in this role, working with a small team of great volunteers to support our school's mission and strategic vision. I have been serving in HQ JFCBS since last Easter and have two children in AFNORTH; so my memories of arriving into this strange overseas environment are still pretty fresh!

The SGC plays an important role in ensuring the highest standards of education and well-being for all learners in the British Section school. Each MOD School has an SGC which is a bit like a Board of Governors in any UK education setting, with the obvious differences that we connect to the Defence Children's Services directorate who act as the Local Authority for MOD overseas schools. We are committed to fostering a collaborative environment where every member of our school community feels valued and heard. Throughout the year, we will be engaging with parents, students, and staff to gather feedback and work together on initiatives that enhance our school's educational experience.

I encourage you to reach out with any questions, suggestions, or concerns. Your input is invaluable as we collaborate to create a nurturing, safe and outstanding learning environment for all our students in this unique school setting. I am looking forward to meeting you at the forthcoming 'Open House' on Wed 28 Aug 2024.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership. Here's to a successful and inspiring school year ahead!

Warm regards,

Bob Hobbs



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Open House

Wednesday August 28th 2024

<p>17:00 – 17:30</p> <p>Presentations start promptly at 17:00</p>	<p>Year 1 Mrs Castillo</p> <p>Year 2 Mrs Eaton Bell</p>
<p>17:40 – 18:10</p> <p>Presentations start promptly at 17:40</p>	<p>Y3 Miss Forrest</p> <p>Y4 Mrs Siedhoff</p> <p>Y5/6 Miss Robertson</p>

The intent of Open House is to give parents the opportunity to meet the teachers who will be involved in their child's education this year and to learn about routines and the programme they will be receiving.

As this is an information session for all parents, Open House does not provide an opportunity for individual conferences. Should you wish to have a meeting with your child's teacher please contact them and they will be happy to arrange a mutually convenient time.

Please note presentations start promptly

CHILDCARE: As this evening is intended for parents we request that where possible, you make arrangements for childcare. Should you be unable to arrange childcare, please contact the British Office.



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SCHOOL PICTURE DAY

is coming...

4th - 6th September, 2024



*On photoday a QR code will come home with your child.
Please scan & enter your email address, you will then receive
a notification when your photos are ready for ordering!*

PICTURE  PERFECT

Follow us on Facebook!



 SCAN ME

Sunbeams

In Sunbeams we have had a wonderful few days welcoming new friends. We have explored every inch of the inside and outside areas! I am so proud of the children for helping each other if their new friends have been sad or to help them find different toys.

There will be some very tired little Sunbeams this weekend, but we can't wait to see you ALL on Monday!!



Reception

Our wonderful Reception children have made a fabulous start to the year. They began by getting reacquainted with old friends and then proceeded to explore every inch of our new classroom! They have particularly enjoyed playing with the play dough, garage, magic wardrobe, computers and brand new marble run. Outdoors they couldn't believe how full our sandpit was and really loved digging enormous holes! No new class would be complete without new friends and we welcomed seven fab friends and their parents into the setting this week. They have chatted, zoomed and hunted out every inch of our resources and made such a positive impact on our lovely learners. We cannot wait to be all in together next week.



Year 1

The children have had a busy first week settling into Year 1. They have been exploring their new classroom, counting and ordering numbers, drawing a picture and writing a little about their summer and much, much more. We are all looking forward to more fun together in week 2.



Year 2

We have had a lovely week settling into Year 2. We have been learning new routines, learning how to use our books, reading with adults, getting to know our classroom, learning class rules and how we behave, making new friendships and getting to know each other. They have been a delight!



Year 3

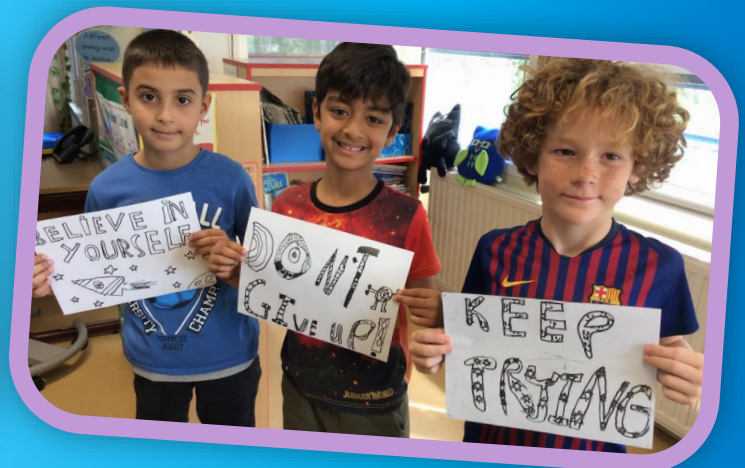
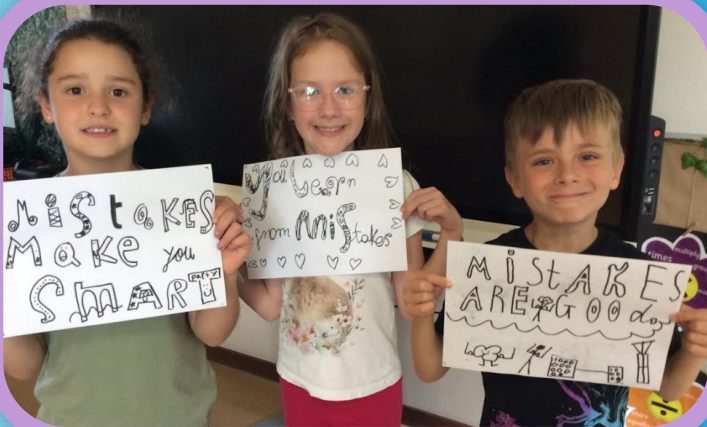
It has been lovely welcoming back all our pupils from last year and meeting all of our new children. Year 3, as always, has done a wonderful job in helping everyone to settle into their new environment. They have been thinking about being part of our community and working at being better together. We are very proud of how they help and support each other as they make the step up into Key Stage 2 at Afnorth School. We look forward to a lovely year working together as a team.



Year 4

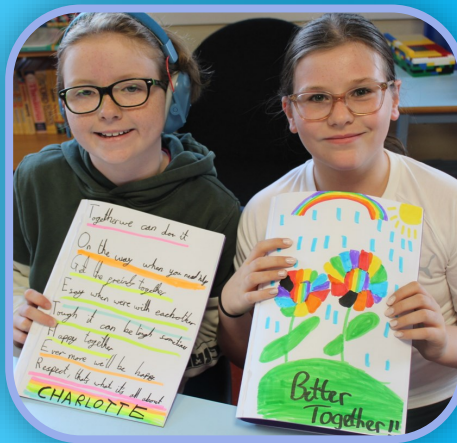
Year 4 have had a wonderful first week! We enjoyed getting to know each other and are already becoming a great class team. We are looking forward to a great year of learning ahead and our photos show some important messages that will help us along the way.

Look out for our class reporters in next week's news!



Year 5-6

We have made a wonderful start to Year 5/6 - building our class community and celebrating in the different nationalities, interests and personalities within our classroom. We know that we are 'better together', and have enjoyed exploring how we can build resilience in our learning, and help one another with this too. Well done, Year 5/6. A really wonderful start to the year!



LUNCH

[AIS Website-Catering Link](#)



Week 35 26-08 t/m 30-08-2024

MONDAY

Veggie Balls, Mashed Potato, Mixed Vegetables	1, 2, 3, 4, 9
Pork & Beef Meatball	1, 2, 3, 5, 10
Mashed Potato	1, 3
Mixed Vegetables	3, 9
Onion Sauce	3

TUESDAY

Pasta, Tomato-Zucchini Sauce	3, 4
Bolognese Sauce	3, 10
Pasta	3
Snack Tomato	

WEDNESDAY

Soy Snack, Tomato Rice, Cucumber, Garlic Sauce	1, 2, 3, 4, 8
Chicken Filet	6
Tomato Rice with Zucchini	3
Cucumber	
Garlic Sauce	1, 2, 3

THURSDAY

Omelet, Potato with Onions & Pickles, Green Beans	1, 2, 3
Pork Sausage	2, 3, 4, 5
Potato with Onions & Pickles	3
Green Beans	
Curry Sauce	3

FRIDAY

Veggie Snack, Fries, Carrots, Tartar Sauce	1, 2, 3
Fish Nuggets 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 2024-2025

Autumn Term

August 19 School Opens

September 11 1400 Dismissal

September 16 STAFF DAY-NO SCHOOL for Children

October 14 to October 18 SCHOOL CLOSED

October 21 School Opens

November 6-7 1230 Dismissals (Parent Conferences)

November 27 STAFF DAY NO SCHOOL for Children

December 20 to January 3 SCHOOL CLOSED

Spring Term

January 6 School Opens

January 22 1400 Dismissal

January 27 STAFF DAY-NO SCHOOL for Children

March 3 to March 7 SCHOOL CLOSED

March 10 School Opens

March 26 1400 Dismissal

April 14 to April 25 SCHOOL CLOSED

Summer Term

April 28 School Opens

May 29 STAFF DAY NO SCHOOL for Children

June 9 SCHOOL CLOSED

June 21 LAST DAY 1230 Dismissal