



# Anker Valley Newsletter

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2024

## A message from Tony Hand (Vice CEO) – Care Club at Anker Valley

We had hoped to confirm with you the arrangements for the before and after school club at Anker Valley for September today. Unfortunately, we are not quite yet in the position to do this as the potential recruitment of staff has not been able to be completed by the end of this week. We appreciate the anxiety that this is creating for parents and carers, something we wish to avoid at any cost. As things stand, we should be able to confirm what the situation for September will be by the end of next week. This could be wrap-around care from OPOJ, daily after school sports' clubs organised by the school or a combination of these. We commit to letting you know as soon as we possibly can avoiding raising and then dashing expectations. Your patience and understanding is very much appreciated.

## Staffing for Next Academic Year

I am pleased to be able to share with you the staffing for classes next academic year (2024/25). We would very much like to welcome Miss Herrick and Mrs Williams to the Anker Valley family and would like to announce that from September Miss Matthews will become Mrs Sweeney, as she will be getting married over the summer holidays.

Classes will be as follows:

**Dragonflies:** Miss Herrick supported by Miss Stacey  
**Hérons:** Mrs Sweeney supported by Miss Murrell  
**Kestrels:** Mrs Free supported by Miss Garrett  
**Kingfishers (Y3):** Mrs Williams supported by Mrs Horlor and Miss Garrett

We have a transition day on **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July**, where the children will have the opportunity to spend the day with their new teacher. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. Kindest regards as always, Mrs Horlor.

## House T-Shirts

Please can we ask that your child is provided with a t-shirt that is the same colour as their house team, and that this is brought into school on Sports Day (Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July).

## Heron's Parent's Meeting about the London Trip – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2024

Mrs Free will be holding a meeting before Family Assembly on the above date, for any parents that would like further information about the Year 2 trip to London in October. The meeting will be in the school hall and children will be able to go straight into their classroom if parents are in the meeting.

We look forward to seeing you there.

## Attendance

School attendance this year: 95.60%

School attendance this term: 93.55%

Dragonflies (this week): 90.30%

Hérons (this week): 93.70%

Kestrels (this week): 90.79%

Congratulations to our children in **Hérons** for winning our weekly attendance award!

Thank you to all parents who have supported their child to achieve 100% attendance this week.

## Hérons Stars of the Week!

Congratulations to all our stars in Herons this week, we are very proud of you!

**Star of the Week:** Isobel and Terae

**Reader of the Week:** All of the children in Herons

**Outstanding Citizen:** Emily



**Rainbow Reads:** Leo, Hallie, Matilda, Elsie, Theo T, Oliver, Noah, Monika, Theo H and Evie.

**Numbots:** Millie, Lily H and Taliyah



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## What we have learned this week in Dragonflies...

The Dragonflies focus story this week has been Shark in the Park. The children have enjoyed joining in with the "There's a shark in the park part" and predicted what object/creature Timothy Pope would see through his telescope. This week, the children have been working independently with their writing and focusing on key components needed in their sentences (finger spaces, full stops and capital letters). We have also been reminding them to read back the sentence, to check that it makes sense.



## What we have learned this week in Herons...

Herons have made us so proud this week and we couldn't ask for anything more from them! The children have all completed their phonic screening check this week with Mrs Free and they have all been super chilled and excited to show off their progress! We will be sharing these results with you when you receive your end of year reports. This week, the children have been learning about position and direction in Maths and have been using the Beebots to support this learning. The children have also started to use 'scratch' during computing lessons, and we have started to learn about the world in which we live in! Herons are looking forward to their skipping workshop next week!



## What we have learned this week in Kestrels...

This week the children in Kestrels have completed their learning on time and have started a new unit in maths, which looks at representing data in tallies, charts and block diagrams. In English, we have continued with our work linked to the video clip 'Soar' and the children used their senses to 'watch' the clip with only the sounds and no visuals to help their predictions. They have used expanded noun phrases to write descriptions of the setting too. In computing they are continuing to use the ScratchJr programme and in art they have explored the work of Kandinsky. We would like to wish a very happy 8<sup>th</sup> birthday to Ellie-Mae! We hope you had a lovely day, from your Anker Valley Family.



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## Dates for your Diary

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June** – Skipping Workshop (all classes)

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July** – Year 2 Trip to the Midland Air Museum

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July** – Level 2 Scootability (all classes)

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July** – Y1 Information Meeting about London Trip 8:30am **\*\*New Event**

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July** – Sports Day – Exact time to be confirmed (subject to weather)

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**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July** – Dragonflies Graduation 2:30pm **\*\*New Event**

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**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July** – End of Year Assembly and Family Picnic Lunch

## **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July – End of Term**

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September** – School opens (Dragonflies half day and parent lunches)

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September** – Open afternoon / Meet your child's new teacher 3:30pm – 4:30pm

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September** – Dragonflies full time from today

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September** – Year 3 (Kingfishers) Bikeability (More information to follow)

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September** – Jeans for Genes Day (Donations of £1 on Parent Pay)

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September** – Dragonflies Balance Bikeability Course (More information to follow)

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September** – Harvest Festival led by Year 2 (No Family Assembly on this day) 9:00am

## Summer Term Assemblies

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June** – Kestrels Family Assembly

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June** – Dragonflies Family Assembly

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July** – Herons Family Assembly

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July** – Kestrels Family Assembly

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July** – End of term assembly

## Upcoming Trip Payment Reminders

There is a payment for Kestrel's trip to the Midland Air Museum, taking place Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July, with a due date of **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June**.

Please ensure payments have been made by their due dates to secure places.

## Polling Day – Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July

Please be aware that **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July** is a polling day. To minimise disruption to parents, school will be open as normal, however the children will be having a picnic lunch and will be asked for their preferences in class.

**Please note that Breakfast Club and Aftercare Club will be closed on this day.**

## Signing In and Out

Please be aware that we now have a new signing in/signing out system for those children who arrive late or leave early during school hours. If your child arrives at school after 8:55am or leaves before 3:30pm, we will ask you to sign them in/out on the iPad in the main entrance. It is important that you ensure this is done, so that we can keep an up-to-date record of children in the event of a school evacuation. Many thanks for your support with this.

## Safeguarding—Our Designated Safeguarding Leads are:

**Mrs Natalie Horlor** (Head of School) nhorlor@ankervalley.org

**Mrs Maria Hamblin** (Executive Head teacher and CEO) CEO@fierte.org

**Mrs Julia Jones** (Safeguarding Lead Governor) office@ankervalley.org

*The school Safeguarding Policy is available to view on our school website.*



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