



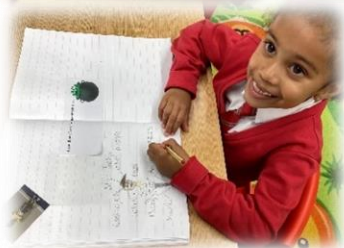
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Friday 12th July 2024

Fierte Festival Week – The Magic of Writing!



Hope (Kestrels) – I really enjoyed reading the story 'Leo and the Space Between'.



Harper (Kestrels) – I enjoyed coming dressed as the word 'sparkle'.



Edith (Kestrels) – I really liked doing my own illustrations after the author came to visit us.



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Anker Valley's Summer Fair!



Lilly M (Dragonflies) – I enjoyed doing the bowling and bouncing on the castle. I really loved everything!



Matilda (Herons) – I really liked the bowling and archery games.



Terae (Herons) – I enjoyed the penalty shoot-out and archery.

Monika (Herons) – I loved the face painting and bouncy castle



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Final Arrangements for Sports Day – Monday 15th July

At the time of writing this report we can see that there is a 40% chance of rain forecast for the morning of Sports Day, however we are very aware that this can change on a daily basis. If the weather is not looking favourable on Monday morning, we may make the decision to cancel the event and will notify parents via Facebook and email by no later than 8:00am in order to give you plenty of notice.

As in previous years, we do offer the option to purchase your child an ice lolly to enjoy during the event to help them cool down after their races! Ice lollies will be charged at 50 pence and are available to purchase via Parent Pay.

We are very much looking forward to Anker Valley's third Sports Day

Bouncy Castle – Tuesday 16th July

On Tuesday 16th July, Nursery have kindly arranged for a bouncy castle for the day and have offered to share this with the rest of the school. The bouncy castle will be outside unless the weather is too wet or windy, in which case it will be in the hall.

If you would like your child to have time on the bouncy castle, please send them in with **50 pence** on **Tuesday 16th July**. The children will then be grouped according to the number that are allowed on the bouncy castle at any one time and will have approximately 15-20 minutes in the castle.

We hope that the children enjoy this special treat.

Open Evening – Wednesday 17th July

On Wednesday 17th July between 3:30pm and 4:30pm, school will be open for parents to come and look at the children's books and it will also give parents an opportunity to discuss their child's report should they wish to.

As this is following Transition Day, all members of staff for September 2024 will be in school including Miss Herrick (Dragonflies) and Mrs Williams (Kingfishers), so it is also a great opportunity for parents to come and meet new staff for next year.

We look forward to seeing you there.

End of Year Disco – Thursday 18th July

We invite children back to school dressed in their favourite party clothes ready to enjoy our End of Year Disco, which will take place from **4:30-5:30pm**. Tickets are available to purchase via Parent Pay at a cost of £2.50 each, which includes refreshments of a drink, crisps and a biscuit.

Our school disco always proves to be a popular event, so we are very much look forward to seeing lots of children joining us for a fun-filled hour of music and dancing.

Dragonflies Graduation – Thursday 18th July

We warmly invite Dragonflies parents into school on Thursday 18th July at **2:30pm** to celebrate the children's Graduation from Reception.

Siblings are welcome to attend, however we do ask that pushchairs and prams are left outside the hall due to limited space. We look forward to celebrating all that Dragonflies have achieved and experienced during their first year at Anker Valley and hope that they are excited to soon become Herons!

Attendance

School attendance this year: **95.61%**

School attendance this term: **94.17%**

Dragonflies (this week): **91.33%**

Herons (this week): **97.93%**

Kestrels (this week): **94.67%**

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

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

Kestrels Stars of the Week!

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

Star of the Week: Edison and Ava

Reader of the Week: Edith

Outstanding Citizen: Ronnie, Hope and Luna



Rainbow Reads: Ronnie, Michael, Daniel, Olivia, Edith, Jenson, Jayden, Mollie

Numbots: Michael, Harry, Grayson, Hope, Darcie, Benjamin, Edison, Jenson



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Dates for your Diary

Monday 15th July – Sports Day – 9:00-11:00 (subject to weather)

Monday 15th July – Reports go home to parents

Wednesday 17th July – Transition Day and Open Afternoon 3:30-4:30pm

Thursday 18th July – Dragonflies Graduation 2:30pm

Thursday 18th July – Summer Disco – 4:30-5:30pm

Friday 19th July – End of Year Assembly and Family Picnic Lunch (11:15am – 1:00pm)

Friday 19th July – End of Term

Tuesday 3rd September – School opens (Dragonflies half day and parent lunches)

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

Thursday 5th September – Dragonflies full time from today

Thursday 19th September – Year 3 (Kingfishers) Bikeability (More information to follow)

Friday 20th September – Jeans for Genes Day (Donations of £1 on Parent Pay)

Monday 23rd September – Dragonflies Balance Bikeability Course (More information to follow)

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

Wednesday 2nd October – Kestrels trip to London (Final details to follow)

Tuesday 15th October and Thursday 17th October – Parents Evenings (Further details to follow)

Tuesday 22nd October – Kingfisher's Trip to Tatton Park (Further details to follow)

Thursday 24th October – Pumpkin Festival (4:00pm – 5:30pm) (Further details to follow)

Friday 25th October – Inset Day (School Closed to all pupils)

Monday 28th October – Friday 1st November – Half Term

Monday 11th November – Remembrance Assembly (10:45am) Parents Welcome to attend

Tuesday 12th November – Odd Socks Day for Anti-Bullying Week

Tuesday 26th – Wednesday 27th November – Year 3 Residential to Laches Wood (more information to follow in September)

Friday 29th November – Christingle Assembly (2:45pm) led by Kestrels (Parents welcome to attend)

Tuesday 10th December & Friday 13th December – Reception and Year 1 Nativity (6:00pm & 9:00am)

Tuesday 17th December – Year 2 and 3 Carol Concert (9:00am & 6:00pm)

Friday 19th July – End of Term Assembly and Family Picnic

We are pleased to be able to confirm the timings for our End of Term assembly and Family Picnic on the last day of term. We have tried this year to be mindful of working parents, as we are conscious that it is a very busy week. Therefore, our assembly will be at 11:15am, followed by our family picnic on the field at 12:00pm, with a finish time of approximately 1:00pm. Children will have a packed lunch from the kitchen and parents are welcome to bring their own packed lunches (please ensure that these do not contain any nuts).

If the weather is forecast to be unfavourable, we will inform parents at the earliest possible opportunity of any changes to the day.

Siblings are warmly welcome to attend the Family Picnic.

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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