

# Asterdale Primary School

## Newsletter

No. 1 September 2023



### Ofsted

Our OFSTED Report from the inspection in June has now been released to school and will be sent to you on Monday.

### Dates for your Diary:

**INSET days for 2024: Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February, Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April, Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June**

### AUTUMN TERM:

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September - European Day of Languages

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October - Harvest Festival in school

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October & Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October – Parents Evenings

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October - Year 6 residential weekend

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> October – PTFA Halloween Disco

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October – pumpkin competition / non – uniform day – Break up for half term

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November – Return to school

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November – school Photographer in school.

Christmas concerts etc. – dates to be confirmed

PTFA Christmas events – dates to be confirmed

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December School Christmas Dinner

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December KS2 Theatre Trip – ‘Cinderella’

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December KS1 Theatre Trip – ‘3 Billy Goats Gruff’

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December – Break up for Christmas

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January – Pupils return to school

### WELCOME BACK!

We are delighted to welcome the children back to school, looking so smart, full of enthusiasm, kindness and a willingness to learn. The children have all settled well and are a real credit to their families and the wider school team. Thank you!

It is a special welcome to children who are joining us for the first time in Nursery, Reception and within other years. We hope they will all be very happy at Asterdale!

We have appreciated your support over the last academic year and I thank you all as we return to a school programme packed with exciting learning experiences. Please do get in touch if you have any concerns or suggestions at all. You can contact colleagues via the ‘Class Dojo’ system or email the main office (admin@asterdale.odysseyct.org.uk) or to Mr Evans (head@asterdale.odysseyct.org.uk).

### TOAST IS BACK!

I am delighted to inform you that we will be able to offer the children toast at breaktimes next week – a big thank you to Kirsty Skelton for volunteering to do this for our children!

### School Photographer

Our school photographer will be in on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November to take pupil photographs. At 8:30 he will take photographs of pre-school sibling groups in the school hall. All pupil photos including school-based sibling groups will take place throughout the school day.

### Writing and PSHE at school

Our new schemes on Writing called (Literacy Tree) and PSHE {Jigsaw} will begin this term – and we are planning parent information events/support sheets for any parents who wish to know more to assist their child's learning.

### KS2 Start of Day (Years 3,4,5 and 6)

To assist with an easier transition to the start of the day KS2 will now be able to go directly to their classrooms at 8:45 rather than the Junior playground. (KS1 arrangements remain the same!)