

Asterdale Primary School

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Staffing

Mrs Williams

After 26 years of dedication, our teaching colleague Mrs Williams has decided to retire this summer. Over this time as well as teaching and supporting pupils academically, Mrs Williams commitment has enriched the learning for thousands of our pupils with the choir and music, gardening, baking, school council, residentials and PSHE events. She has been at the heart of all we do at Asterdale and has made our family feel really special. She will be hugely missed and we wish her well for the future. I am delighted though to inform you that Mrs Williams will continue to work with the school in September providing forest school activities with Mrs Sumner on a Wednesday!

Mrs Prescott

It is with sadness that I have to inform you that our Year 6 teacher Mrs Prescott will be leaving us at the end of this academic year after 13 years of loyal service. Mrs Prescott began as a student and we were delighted to appoint her as a full-time teacher. She has worked in a variety of year groups enhancing the teaching and learning of so many of our children. Emily has been a dedicated and committed employee who has been a joy to work with and has been a fundamental part of our Asterdale family. I know you will all join me in wishing her all the best for the future – she will be greatly missed!

PARENT SUPPORT

I just wanted to say a huge thank you to all the parents who have conveyed lovely messages to me following my retirement announcement. Thank you all so much!

GREY TO GREEN GRANT

I'm delighted to inform you that Asterdale has been given £10,000 to use for outdoor projects such as gardening, watering, planting and habitat making – turning grey spaces to green. We will be purchasing equipment and plants to enhance the outdoor environment for all our children to use!

Important dates for your Diary:

SPORTS DAY CHANGE OF DATE: (Due to year 6 being out at West Park) THIS WILL NOW TAKE PLACE ON TUESDAY 25TH JUNE – reserve day if rained off - Friday 28th June

INSET days for 2024:

Monday 17th June, Monday 22nd July, Tuesday 23rd July

PTFA

Our PTFA have arranged an after school book and uniform giveaway session at 3:15PM on the last afternoon of this half term - Friday 24th May.

In June there will be a “bags to school” collection event.

FEEL GOOD FRIDAY

Friday 24th May will be a non-uniform day for all pupils - £1:00 charge – all proceeds to go to school funds!

SATS - YEAR 6

A huge well done to all our pupils who have worked so hard over SATS week. They have been amazing and are a credit to their parents and the school! As a special treat Year 6 visited Pride Park stadium on Friday 17th May – had a reading session with a children's author and a tour of the stadium and even got chance to hold Derby County's latest silverware!

NEW APPOINTMENT

Following a rigorous interview process I am pleased to announce that a new acting Deputy has been appointed for our school to start in September, Mrs Katy Stuart will be supporting Mr O'Leary and teaching Year 6 from September.

Dinner Money

Could we please ask that all dinner money debts need to be paid by the end of the summer term. Thank you!

REMINDER – All late pupils must access school through the main office please. Thank you!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Reception Trip to Bluebells: Wednesday 26th June

Year 6 Transition days to West Park: Tuesday 2nd July, Wednesday 3rd July and Thursday 4th July.

Nursery Trip to White Post Farm: Friday 12th July

Parents Open afternoon: Tuesday 16th July

Year 6 Leavers BBQ and Disco: Wednesday 17th July

Year 6 Leavers Assembly: Thursday 18th July

Break up for Summer: Friday 19th July

Children return to school: Thursday 5th September