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**Together We Can...**



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## Newsletter 4



8<sup>th</sup> November 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back after the half-term break which I hope was fun, restful and recharging for you all.

As we return to school, we have a very busy half-term ahead with lots of essential learning and Christmas enjoyment to squeeze in!

Please see your child's class newsletter posted on individual class dojo's for class-specific information alongside the school-wide information below.

As always, if you need to contact me you can either email, message via class dojo, make an appointment or find me on the gate before/after school.

Mr O'Leary  
Acting Headteacher

### **Parents Evening**

It was great to see so many of you all at our recent Parents Evenings and to share progress and next steps for learning. Thank you also for the completed questionnaires which will be used to continue shaping further school improvement.

## Safeguarding Team

A reminder of our safeguarding team within school:



Pupils are reminded that all adults in school are trusted adults who work together in keeping everyone safe every day.

## Asters Values

Our new Asters Values have been launched this week across school as we further improve our Personal Development offer for all pupils in aspiring to display these key values and characteristics in both learning and in wider school-life.

Weekly awards will be celebrated in school for children displaying these attributes.

More information about Asters Values can be found on our school website too.



## Messages from our PTFA:

### **PTFA AGM - Tuesday 12th November at 3.45pm:**

All are welcome - did you know that you are automatically a member of the PTFA if you have a child that attends Asterdale? If you would like to hear about what we achieved last year, our plans for this year and how you could help, please come along.

### **Elfridges Christmas Shop - Friday 13th December**

Look out for order forms coming home soon!

### **Elf Escapade fundraiser - Wednesday 18th December**

More information to follow.

### Messages from the office:

- Please be aware that paid school meals will be £2.70 from 4<sup>th</sup> November.
- Remembrance Day: Poppies and other various items are now available to purchase from the school office



### Odd Socks Day – Tues 12<sup>th</sup> November:

in support of Anti-Bullying Day & Friendship Week (no charge)



### Children in Need – Fri 15<sup>th</sup> November:



### Reminder - Is your child eligible for free school meals?

Registering for this helps both your child and school too!

Families who receive certain benefits may be eligible for free school meals. Your child may be eligible for free school meals if you're in receipt of one of the following benefits: Universal Credit with an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, before benefits are taken into account.

We would encourage all parents to apply to see if they are eligible.

Find out if you are eligible → [click here](#)



### Staffing update:

We welcome experienced class teacher Mrs Newton who joins our Year 6 teaching team alongside Mrs Stuart & Mrs Harrold this term.

We also welcome Ms Wilmott who will be joining us from Mon 18<sup>th</sup> November (teaching assistant).

Acorns:

Finally, we welcome Miss Brocklehurst & Ms Meakin to our Acorns wraparound care team and also Mrs Partridge as our new Acorns Supervisor.

### **Proud learner award winners!**

Congratulations to Adam (Year 6), Esmee (Year 6) and James (Year 5) who were our golden box winners from last half-term's 'proud learner' raffle. These children have selected their individual prizes in exchange for their proud learner tokens – well done!



### **Early Years Open Events**

Parents of prospective new starters are welcome to visit us on these dates to find out more about our wonderful school:

12<sup>th</sup> November – Open Morning (9.15am)

14<sup>th</sup> November – Open Afternoon (2.30pm)

Please sign in at reception upon arrival.



### **Upcoming events this half-term: *(further events may be added)***

- 11<sup>th</sup> Nov – Remembrance Day
- 12<sup>th</sup> Nov – Odd Socks Day (no charge) – wear odd socks to school!
- 14<sup>th</sup> Nov – PCSO knife-crime workshops
- 15<sup>th</sup> Nov – PCSO anti-bullying workshops
- 15<sup>th</sup> Nov – Children in Need – (no charge) – wear something yellow or spotty (non-uniform day)
- 5<sup>th</sup> Dec – Christingle celebration at St Werburghs Church (PM)
- 6<sup>th</sup> Dec – Christmas Pantomime in school (PTFA funded event)
- 11<sup>th</sup> Dec – Early Years Christmas Stay & Learn events (PM)
- 13<sup>th</sup> Dec – Secret Santa event (PTFA)
- 13<sup>th</sup> Dec – Christmas Dinner Day & Christmas Jumper Day (£1)
- 13<sup>th</sup> Dec – PTFA Christmas Treats stall (afterschool)

- 17<sup>th</sup> Dec – KS1 Christmas Nativity (2.30pm & 6.00pm)
- 18<sup>th</sup> Dec – PTFA 'Elf Escape' (AM) – more info to follow
- 18<sup>th</sup> Dec – Christmas Concert (Years 5 & 6): 2.45pm
- 19<sup>th</sup> Dec – Christmas Concert (Years 3 & 4): 2.45pm
- 20<sup>th</sup> Dec – Break up

**INSET day reminders:**

Remaining dates this academic year for INSET days are:

Monday 6th January 2025

Friday 14th February 2025

Monday 16th June 2025

Attendance = Excellence



Attendance is everyone's business

**Last half-term's overall class attendances:**

Reception	95.4%
Year 1	91.4%
<b>Year 2</b>	<b>97.4%</b>
Year 3	94.6%
Year 4	96.3%
Year 5	94.7%
Year 6	93.2%

**Whole  
School:**

**94.7%**

**MOMENTS  
MATTER,  
ATTENDANCE  
COUNTS.**

Well done to **Year 2** for reaching our attendance target of 97% for last half-term.

Did you know... 5 minutes late every day = 3 lost days learning per year