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Together We Can...



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Newsletter 10

21st March 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

Please see below some mid-term updates for your information. As always, contact school if you have any queries and questions.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Mr O'Leary
Headteacher

Recent school enrichments:

We have had a busy and exciting few weeks including –

World Book Day –

Fantastic costumes and a true feel good factor all centred around books and the love of reading!

Science Week –

Sublime Science workshops for all year groups

Cycle Derby –

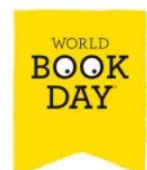
Visit for Reception & Year 1 pupils

Animation station lunchtime club – with Miss Ford

Cyber Team visits (28th March)

Severn Trent workshops (Year 4 + Year 5)

Early Years – Stay & Learn events



Recent assemblies have included:

World Book Day – whole school book quiz!
Science week – Sublime Science experiments
Neurodiversity celebration week
Celebrations: All about Lent & Ramadan
Best of Me – Reaching for the stars
PSHE – Healthy Me – Healthy Habits



Mellors catering:

For parent information – Odyssey Trust schools have an exciting new catering company contract that will begin delivering a broad menu after the Easter holidays.



Please look out for further information to follow including forms relating to allergies to be returned.

Parents evening dates – reminder:

These will be on Tues 1st and Weds 2nd April for parent consultation meetings with class teachers to discuss pupil progress.

Please contact class teachers to book an appointment if not already done so.

Mrs Fray (SENDSCO) will be available during parents evening.

Please note – Reception class parent meetings will be rescheduled for after Easter due to staffing.



Parent Forum:

Thank you to all parents who were able to spare time for our first parent forum event this week. It was a great opportunity to gather parent feedback relating to Asterdale strengths and possible improvements.

There will be another parent forum next half-term on a different topic!



Flood update:

We are looking forward to our school central areas being re-carpeted over the Easter break following our flood this term.

Year 6 – PGL Residential

Year 6 will be participating in their PGL residential this coming weekend.

We hope they all have a great time!

Reception Sept 25 -

Reminder – Primary school national offer day is Weds 16th April for September 2025 Reception starters

Staffing update:

Mrs Smith

Mrs Smith will be retiring and leaving at the end of this half-term after a 20year+ association with Asterdale. We wish Mrs Smith a very happy retirement and thank her for her contribution to our school.

Mrs Breame

Mrs Breame will be leaving Asterdale as she moves on to pastures new next Friday (28th March). We wish her every success and good luck for the future.

Thank you to both Mrs Smith and Mrs Breame – you will both be very missed.



Staffing welcomes to Team Asterdale:

Welcome to Mr Argent - our new site manager.

Welcome to Miss Meakin who joins our mid-day supervisor team.

Welcome

Upcoming events remaining this half-term (PTFA events – see dojo information to follow)

- 'Wonderlicious Wednesday': Weds 2nd April
- 'Easterdale' – including bonnet & egg decorating competition entries: Fri 4th April
- Non-uniform day – in raising money/stock for our Asterdale Ark resource – Fri 4th April



Attendance = Excellence



Attendance is everyone's business

For 17th March – 21st March:

This week's overall class attendances:

Reception	98%
Year 1	98.6%
Year 2	98%
Year 3	97.1%
Year 4	99.6%
Year 5	95.1%
Year 6	99.1%

**Whole
School:**

98%



Well done to **Year 4** achieving our highest class attendance this week!

An amazing week of attendance – well done Asterdale!

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

Our individual class and whole-school target each week = 97% minimum

Please make every effort to ensure your child is in school and on time every day.

Wherever possible, dental and doctors appointments should try to be arranged for out of school hours.

If your child is going to be absent, please inform the school office before 9am.

There is an option to leave a voicemail to report your child's absence too.

Please do not only report absence through class dojo.