



Together We Can...

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24<sup>th</sup> October

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have already completed one sixth of the school year as of today!

This half-term has been packed full of exciting learning and enrichment opportunities for all pupils and all pupils have adapted magnificently to the challenges of their new year groups. A huge well done to all!

We are incredibly proud of the progress that all learners have made this term – both personally and academically. Thank you to so many of you who came along to support us at our recent parent consultations evenings (if you haven't already done so, we would really value your feedback [through this online form!](#))

Wishing you all a wonderful half-term holiday – rest, relax and re-charge as we get ready for Christmas very soon!

As always, thank you for your continued support working in partnership striving for 'everyday excellence' with us at Asterdale.

**Mr O'Leary**

Headteacher

## Staffing updates -

### Miss Frost

We have today said a sad farewell to the wonderful Miss Frost who leaves us for pastures new. We wish her every success in her next adventures.

### Miss Knowles

Miss Knowles will sadly be leaving our Asterdale team at the end of December, following an incredible 35 years as part of teaching team. We wish her every happiness in her next journey.

You will both be missed!

Recruitment processes for both of these roles are currently underway – further updates will be shared once appointments are confirmed.

### Recent enrichment events...

Our children have enjoyed a host of additional enrichment opportunities this half-term including:

- Derby County Anti-Racism Workshops
- Harvest festival assembly: Discovery Squad
- Diwali dance enrichment
- Rock Kidz day
- Hello Yellow day
- Golf enrichment
- Bonfire Night safety assembly: PCSOs
- Kindness Challenge
- Stay & Read events
- Black History Month - activities in classes
- PTFA Halloween Disco

Thank you to Mr Seaman for football club and Mrs Seviour for cooking club too this half-term!



### Half-termly winners...

Congratulations to the winners of our first reading raffle!

Children who have read for 5 minutes 5 times each week have had their raffle tickets per class drawn out and a selection of lucky children will join Mrs Stuart on a special trip to Waterstones next half term. How exciting!

Further congratulations to our 'Pumpkin Picasso' and 'Pumpkin Prodigy' winners from our annual pumpkin competition too – (and a thank you to all of our parents for your support with the entries at home! – it was an incredible turnout with some amazingly inventive designs!)



School learning returns for all learners on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November



Have a great half-term...

From Mr O'Leary & Team Asterdale 🌟❤️

# Attendance = Excellence



Attendance is everyone's business

## Overall class attendances from this half-term: (8<sup>th</sup> September – 24<sup>th</sup> October)

Class	%	<b>Whole School:  95.2%</b>	
Nursery	93.7%		
Reception	97%		
Year 1	95.3%		
Year 2	97.3%		
Year 3	96.5%		
Year 4	95.8%		
Year 5	94.5%		
Year 6	91.8%		

**Well done to Year 2 for being our attendance winners this half-term!**

Our whole-school minimum attendance target is 97% for all learners.

This means missing no more than 5 days per year.

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