



Together We Can...

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Autumn is already upon us! It has been a great start to this school year with all of our pupils demonstrating our 'everyday excellence' vision in action across school which has been wonderful to see.

See below for a range of further information and upcoming events.

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. Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards
Mr O'Leary
Headteacher

Upcoming diary dates for this half-term...



- Weds 8th Oct - 'Rock Kidz' – whole-school enrichment day (including launch of Times Tables Rockstars) – **children are invited to 'dress as rockstars' for the day** (no charge)

- Fri 10th Oct - Hello Yellow Day – (World Mental Health Day): (£1 voluntary donations towards further supporting and developing Wellbeing opportunities for pupils in school)



- Thurs 16th Oct – Parent Forum (9 – 9.30)

- Fri 17th Oct – Harvest Festival assembly (all donations are asked to be brought to school by this date please!)



- Mon 20th Oct – School photographer visit

- Tues 21st & Weds 22nd Oct – Parent consultation meetings (look out for letters to be sent home next week for booking appointments)
- Thurs 23rd Oct – PTFA Halloween Disco (further info to follow)
- Fri 24th Oct – Annual pumpkin decorating competition
- Stay & Read events – please see individual class dojo's and class newsletters for this term's 'stay & read events' for each year group
- October – Black History Month – various focus learning activities in classes

Don't forget parents evening!



Governing Body update:

For parent information – our Asterdale governing board has had the following re-structure at the beginning of this academic year:

- New co-chairs: Mrs Cari Burgess & Miss Gabrielle Hulse
- New vice chair: Mr Paul Appleton



Further governors joining our team include: Mrs Maxine Bull & Mr Matthew Chi Fox.

We look forward to working alongside our governing board this year to further drive improvements at Asterdale for all of our community.

Everyday Reading:

Thank you to all parents/carers who have really supported our 'everyday reading' initiative launched this year. Pupils have responded positively to the challenge of reading every day and we are now celebrating this in weekly assemblies across school.



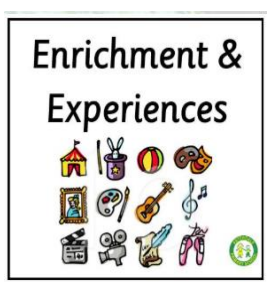
Please continue to encourage your child to read at home (5 minutes, 5 times a week) – as this is our core homework expectation and priority this year.



Every moment spent reading really does make the difference.

Well done to Year 6 for scoring our highest class' everyday reading' percentage so far this term !

- KS1 & KS2 Choir
- Football club
- Lego club
- Girl's football
- Board games
- Rounders club
- Cooking club



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](#)



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:

- **Wednesday 5th November – 2.15 – 3.00pm**
- **Wednesday 19th November – 9.15 – 10am**

Please sign in at reception upon arrival.

We look forward to welcoming you!



INSET day reminders:

Remaining dates this academic year for INSET days are:

Friday 13th February	Friday 22nd May	Monday 29th June
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Good luck Miss Frost:

Miss Frost will sadly be leaving our Asterdale team at the end of this half-term.

Miss Frost has been a great member of our school teaching team and supported many pupils and classes at Asterdale – we wish her every success for the future and her next exciting adventures.

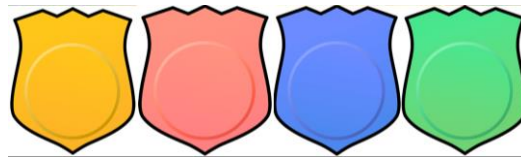
Coats!

As the weather is now changing, please make sure your child is bringing a coat to school everyday.

Identity building:

Across school this term, pupils have decided together in their classes their 'class values quote' and 'class diversity quote' – ask your child about these at home!

Our school team colours have also met for their first team colours enrichment afternoon too and elected their team captain & vice captains.



Pupil roles and responsibilities:

Congratulations to our new School President Esmee and Vice-President Nate on their election to these key school roles this week (and to all our candidates for their excellent election campaigns – well done!).

We will be electing further roles before half-term as we promote our broad and balanced offer of pupil leadership opportunities which now includes:



Sickness and absence:

We are always mindful of pupil illness and absences from school.

Please ensure that should where pupils may be absent from school due to sickness that a 48-hour rule applies before return to school fit & well to prevent further spread across school.

[Should I keep my child off school? - Guidance](#)

Uniform expectations:

To continue our excellent standards, please ensure your child adheres to class expectations for PE kits on PE days as well as wherever possible not wearing jewellery to school.

If unsure, please check with your child's class teacher.

Attendance = Excellence



Attendance is everyone's business

This week's attendances:		Whole School: 95.2%	
Reception	96.1%		
Year 1	91.4%		
Year 2	97.1%		
Year 3	95.8%		
Year 4	96.3%		
Year 5	95.1%		
Year 6	93.2%		

Well done to Year 2 for being our attendance winners this week!

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

HAVE A NICE
Weekend