



Together We Can...

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7th November

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to a new half-term after the October break. I hope you all enjoyed a really restful break!

All of our wonderful children have arrived back this week full of enthusiasm to continue their learning as we begin the countdown to Christmas...

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

Mr O'Leary
Headteacher



Wider learning enrichment opportunities this term...

Pupil-led lunchtime clubs:

- Crochet, origami – Weds
- Coding – Fri
- Choir KS1 & KS2
- Volleyball (Thursdays)
- Dodgeball (Mondays)
- Cooking club (Y3)
- Lego club



Staff & recruitment...

Following the news shared before the holidays relating to Miss Knowles leaving us at the end of this half-term, a recruitment process is currently underway to find an amazing new Early Years teacher to join Team Asterdale. Further information will be shared in due course.

We welcome the following staff to our team following recent successful appointments:

Mrs Goodall (teaching assistant)

Miss White (mid-day play worker)



Everyday Excellence winners...

Congratulations to our winners from the 'golden box' this week whose Everyday Excellence tokens were drawn from our prize box! These children will come to choose their individual prizes of personal interest very soon!

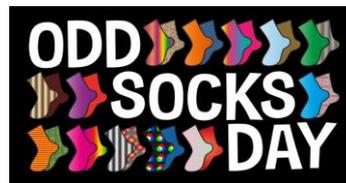
Everyday Readers...

Our winners of last half-term's reading raffle will be visiting Waterstones next week! How exciting!



Wear spots & socks!

For promoting Anti-bullying Week & Children in Need next week, children are invited to wear 'odd socks' and 'wear spots' (normal school uniform) on **Friday 14th November**.



Attendance = Excellence



Attendance is everyone's business

This week's attendance: (3rd Nov – 7th Nov)

| Class | % | Whole School: 95% | MOMENTS MATTER, ATTENDANCE COUNTS. |
|-----------|-------|--|---|
| Nursery | 98.6% | | |
| Reception | 93.2% | | |
| Year 1 | 92.6% | | |
| Year 2 | 98.8% | | |
| Year 3 | 93.1% | | |
| Year 4 | 98.6% | | |
| Year 5 | 93.1% | | |
| Year 6 | 93.3% | | |

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



Christmas at Asterdale



See below an outline of our exciting Christmas events this year...

- Christmas baubles in the community (all pupils will design & make a special Christmas bauble to display in the local area as part of our enrichment program)
- Stay & craft events (for KS2 Yrs 3,4,5,6 and Early Years): - come along and join us in classes for 'all things Christmas!' with some festive crafts, tunes and all-round Christmas fun

| Early Years | Year 3 | Year 4 | Year 5 | Year 6 |
|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| 10 th Dec | 15 th Dec | 16 th Dec | 17 th Dec | 18 th Dec |
| 2.15pm | 9-9.45am | 9-9.45am | 9-9.45am | 9-9.45am |

- 5th Dec - (afternoon): Whole-school Christingle event (Years 1 to 6)
- 12th Dec - PTFA Secret Santa event
- 12th Dec - Carols around the tree event (3.20 / after-school)
- 16th Dec - Nativity performances KS1 (2.30pm & 6pm)
- 17th Dec - Christmas dinner day & Christmas jumper day

