

# Asterdale News

Asterdale Primary School Newsletter

Together we can ...



## Welcome Back!

September 13<sup>th</sup> 2019  
Number 1

It is hard to believe that school has only been open for just a week and we would like to congratulate our children for a successful and settled 'first week back'. There is certainly a very positive buzz and enthusiasm in each classroom and it has been wonderful to hear the children's news from over the summer.

There are several events and activities taking place over the next few weeks and information about these can be found either on our school website or on the attached calendar.

As always, please do not hesitate to get in touch if you need further information.

## Aldi Kit for Schools

Asterdale Primary School are currently collecting 'Team GB Stickers', aiming to collect 300 tokens to receive sports kit for school, plus the chance to win a cash sum of £20,000. Tokens are given out when spending £30 or more at Aldi. The tokens can be brought either into class with the children, or there will be a collection box in the front office area. Thank you for your help with this!

## School Photographer

The school photographer will be visiting on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October. If here are any families who would like photographs of siblings, including family members not at school, they are welcome to arrive at school from 8.30am to ensure sibling group photographs are taken.

## School Council

Our Year 6 pupils are busy preparing for the annual 'School Council' elections – a very important activity in the Asterdale Calendar. The nominees are working on their speeches and encouraging the pupil population to 'vote for them'! It is an exciting time of year and will be followed by class representatives being selected to serve on the School Council for a year.

The work of the School Council is very important as it helps shape the ideas, activities and future direction of the school from the children's point of view, whilst supporting the British Value of 'democracy'. We thank Mrs Williams for the co-ordination of the School Council. Good luck to all!

## PTFA

We are planning to hold our first PTFA meeting on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October, in the Green Room at school from 3.30pm. It is an opportunity to form a group of volunteer parents/carers and family members to support the work of the school, via fundraising activities and planning several exciting events for the children. Everyone will be most welcome to attend and we hope to be able to offer a 'creche' facility to enable parents to attend the PTFA meeting.

**MAKE A  
DIFFERENCE  
AND  
JOIN OUR  
PTFA**

## Term Time Holidays

Our thanks to all families who support our Attendance Policy at school. May we take this opportunity to remind all parents and carers that, following a Government announcement in September 2013, school is no longer able to authorise absence for holidays during term time, unless in exceptional circumstances. If any family feel their holiday request meets the requirements for exceptional circumstances, please do come and talk to Mrs Forrest. The request needs to be made at least two weeks before the holiday. Leave of absence request forms are available on the school website (<http://asterdaleprimaryschool.co.uk/>) under the section 'forms and letters'.

### Asterdale Acorns

Our breakfast and after school provision continue to operate each morning and after school in the 'Hub', led by Mrs Harrold and by Miss Warren, plus other colleagues in school. The provision is open from 7.30-8.55am and 3.30-6pm.

Asterdale Acorns can offer 'ad hoc' or drop in arrangements if families need care either for a 'one off event' or in an emergency, provided there is available space.

Prices are as follows:

Before School	7.30-8.55	£6
Before School	8.15-8.55	£5
After School	3.30-4.45pm	£8
After School	3.30-6pm	£10

Please do speak to either Mrs Harrold or Miss Warren in the Acorns team or colleagues in the school office. Alternatively, the Acorns staff can be contacted via the following email [Acorns@asterdale.derby.sch.uk](mailto:Acorns@asterdale.derby.sch.uk).

### Dinner Money

Dinner money is charged at £11 per week or £2.20 per day and we appreciate payment either by cheque or cash every Monday morning please. Families who wish to pay from Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September to Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2019, allowing for Inset on Oct 4<sup>th</sup> are welcome to do so – the price will be £74.80. Cheques payable to Asterdale Primary School please.

A reminder to all families in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 that the Universal Infant Free School Meals programme is available for pupils in these year groups, offering a hot meal at lunchtime at no cost to parents/carers. Children are also able to bring sandwiches to eat at lunchtime. We encourage any families who are eligible for Free School Meals to complete a registration form (if not already done so) as the school does receive additional funding to help support the learning needs of our children. Please ask in the school office if you need more information.

May we ask that dinner money is paid in advance of the children taking a meal and that dinner money

## Attendance

Attendance and punctuality at school is monitored closely each week. We ask that parents/carers notify school by 9.10am each day if their child is likely to be absent and the reason for the absence. Voicemail messages can be left on the main office phone (01332 662323) or by using the school email address ([admin@asterdale.derby.sch.uk](mailto:admin@asterdale.derby.sch.uk)).

To meet our safeguarding requirements, school will endeavour to contact parents by phone or text to request information regarding pupil absence. Thank you for your support with this.

Last year, (2018-19) our overall school attendance was 95.3% which was below the Government target of 96%. We are hoping to improve on this data this year and will be displaying weekly attendance percentages within school.

## Primary Flu Programme 2019

We have received the following information from the NHS Flu Immunisation team and have been asked to share this with our parent community. This information is also available on our school website.

The NHS have requested us to let families know that from this year, they will be using e-consent for the Flu programme and are inviting vaccination for pupils in Reception, Year 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6.

Families are asked to click on the following link, <https://www.derbyshireandcityimms.co.uk/>, selecting the Seasonal Flu icon to complete the consent form, the option to consent or decline the vaccination is at the end of the questionnaire so please complete even if you do not want your child to have the vaccination.

The unique school code for Asterdale Primary School is DC146855.

For the Public Health England Flu information leaflet visit [https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/806857/PHE\\_Protecting\\_Child\\_Against\\_Flu\\_leaflet.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/806857/PHE_Protecting_Child_Against_Flu_leaflet.pdf)

Visit

<http://www.derbyshireschoolnurses.org.uk/parents/immunisations/immunisation-dates> and select your school under the primary section for the date we are due to vaccinate your child in school.

If you experience any problems please call the School Age Immunisation Team: Repton: 01283 707178 OR Clay Cross: 01246 252953

## Asterdale Governors

Thank you to Mrs Batey who has been nominated as a parent representative to our Board of Governors. She joins Mrs Tivey as one of two parent Governors that help support and shape the strategic direction of the school. We look forward to welcoming Mrs Batey to our first meeting this term.



## European Day of Languages

Mrs Sumner is busy organising our 'European Day of Languages', to be held on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September. This is promising to be an exciting day of activities that have a 'European' flavour – including visiting speakers, conversation, clothing, food and other events. Pupils are also invited to wear colours from a European flag or a European sports kit (eg football shirts).

We hope the children all enjoy the day and thank you to Mrs Sumner.

## External Works

You may have already noticed that the bike shed has been moved from the playground to the garage area, next to the pedestrian path. In addition, we have put a parent/carer notice board near the pathway at school.

## Calendar events

We have attached a calendar or dates for the year ahead to help with your planning and will continue to include these as part of the termly newsletter. The school website also includes important diary information should you require it.

It is worth noting that this year that we are splitting the KS2 Christmas performances, one will be performed by Y3 & Y4 pupils and a separate performance by Y5 & Y6 pupils. Dates are enclosed on the calendar.

We are also exploring the possibility of taking the children in Y1-Y6 to the theatre for a Christmas production. More details will follow.

## Future Events

We can offer a summary of planned events for the year ahead – further information regarding other activities will be sent out nearer to the time.

Autumn Term 1&2 Sep-Dec 2019	
Fri 6 <sup>th</sup> Sep	Inset Day – School/The Hub closed to pupils
Mon 9 <sup>th</sup> Sep	Return to school
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> Sep	Phonics Evening 6.15pm – EYFS (Reception Parents/Carers)
Wed 25 <sup>th</sup> Sep	European Day of Languages – event in school
Wed 2 <sup>nd</sup> Oct	Harvest Festival in School 2.30pm (children only) – donations of produce/toiletries welcome – details to follow later
Wed 2 <sup>nd</sup> Oct	PTFA AGM and welcome meeting for all existing and new members – 3.30pm
Fri 4 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Inset Day – School/The Hub closed to pupils
Mon 7 <sup>th</sup> Oct	School Photographer – 8.30am for siblings
Tue 8 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Parent Consultation Evening (Rec – Y6) 3.00-5.30pm – details to follow Nursery date to follow
Wed 9 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Parent Consultation Evening (Rec – Y6) 3.00-5.30pm – details to follow Nursery date to follow
Fri 11 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Open Afternoon – prospective Reception parents (2020) 2.30-3.15pm
18 <sup>th</sup> – 20 <sup>th</sup> Oct	PGL Residential – Y6 pupils
Fri 25 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Pyjamarama Day and Reading Breakfast for Bookstart Charity – dress up in your favourite pyjamas and bring a book to school for £1 donation
Fri 25 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Break Up
Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Return to school
Thur 14 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Open Morning – prospective parents (2020) 10-10.45am
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Friday Film Night – Y1-Y6 – 3.30-6pm (£1) Nursery and Reception Film Night – date TBD
Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec	Advent Service in school (children only)
Wed 4 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Choir to perform at Derby Cathedral 7pm plus rehearsal at 9.30am
Fri 6 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Police Male Voice Choir Event at Asterdale 6.30pm – tickets available soon
Sat 7 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Choir to perform at Pickford's House
Tue 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec	KS1 (Y1&Y2) Nativity Performance 2.15pm & 6.30pm
Thur 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	School Christmas Lunch
Fri 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	EYFS (YN & YR) Nativity Performance 10am
Tue 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Y5/6 Performance 2.15pm & 6.30pm
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Y3/4 Performance 2.15pm & 6.30pm
Thur 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	EYFS (Nursery and Rec) Christmas Party - Hall
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Break up

## And finally...

We would like to take this opportunity to wish all our children and families a happy start to the term and as always, remind parents and carers that our door is always open if you wish to share any concerns at all.

There are many exciting projects and activities planned for the children for the term ahead and we hope to be able to share some of the work with you.