

Asterdale News

Asterdale Primary School Newsletter

Together we can ...



PGL

Our Year 6 children have just returned from an action packed, fun-filled and challenging weekend at the PGL residential centre at Winmarleigh Hall, near Garstang. The children were a delight to be with and an absolute credit to everyone. They certainly challenged themselves in many different elements of Outdoor Adventurous Activities! Asterdale staff were very proud of the children, overcoming their fears in activities such as high ropes, trapeze, zip wire, raft building, archery challenge tasks and the awesome giant swing. Their exemplary behaviour and team working skills are also to be celebrated.

Tremendous thanks to the staff team of Mr Evans, Mrs Williams, Mrs Sheard and Mrs Strecker for accompanying the children and sharing the experience with them. A brilliant weekend!



October 23rd 2019
Number 2

School Council

Recent school council elections have taken place and the School Community have elected Alisha as their School President and Kaeden as the Vice-President for the year ahead. Congratulations to the Year 6 pupils who participated in the election process. The remaining council roles and class representatives have also been established and the first school council meeting has taken place, with the support of Mrs Williams. They are planning a range of activities for the year, including their first fund-raiser of the year, supporting 'Children in Need' on November 15th 2019. The children are invited to wear something yellow or spotty for a £1 donation to support the national 'Children in Need' charity.



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).

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.

Our attendance data from the start of the school term is currently at 96.7% which is in line with the Government target of 96%. Thank you to all.

Remembrance Day

The children will be taking part in a Remembrance Day Assembly at school on Monday 11th November. Prior to this date, poppies and other items will be available for sale in school from Monday 4th November



Harvest Assembly

Thank you to all the families who contributed with kind offers and donations for our recent Harvest Festival. We were delighted with the harvest produce which had been donated across the school and have been distributed by the Lions Club to the Hope Centre in Derby.



Y7 Secondary School places Sept 2020

A reminder to all parents/carers of children in our current Year 6 – all applications for secondary school places for September 2020 must be submitted to Derby City Council Admissions department by 31st October 2019. Applications can be made either online to <https://www.derby.gov.uk>, selecting education section then schools and colleges, or by completing a paper application form, available from the Local Authority.

The Giving Machine

Aster dale PTFA have a dedicated page on 'The Giving Machine' website, that supports the school via donations made when shopping online at retailers such as Amazon, Waitrose, John Lewis, eBay, Marks & Spencer, Sainsbury's, Next, Boots, George, Debenhams, Argos, Tesco, Train line and many more. Please do log into The Giving Machine and nominate Aster dale as the receiving group and continue shopping through the Giving Machine pages. Percentage donations are then sent to the school PTFA fundraising account, helping towards supporting projects in school.



Healthy Lunchboxes

At school, our children are welcome to either have a hot school meal or bring a lunchbox from home. We are keen to promote a 'healthy lunchbox' at school and will be working with the School Council to develop a commitment to the 'Eat well' campaign that has the following recommendations for a healthy packed lunch:

- ✓ starchy food, egg potatoes, bread, rice, pasta;
- ✓ plenty of fruit and vegetables, egg carrot sticks, an apple, sliced cucumber;
- ✓ a source of protein, egg beans, pulses, egg, fish, meat;
- ✓ a healthy drink, egg water, semi-skimmed milk;

We are, as far as possible asking to reduce the amount of chocolate items brought into school and will be asking the children to return all packaging and uneaten items home so that parents and carers can check lunchboxes at the end of the day.

Thank you for your support to keep our children healthy.



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 2 (Oct-Dec 2019)	
Mon 4 th Nov	Return to school
Mon 6 th Nov	PTFA meeting 3.45pm
Thru 14 th Nov	Open Morning – prospective parents (2020) 10-11am
Fri 15 th Nov	Children in Need Day £1 Donation
Fri 15 th Nov	Film Night for Y1-Y6 pupils 3.30-6pm £5. Bring your pyjamas!
w/b Mon 18 th Nov	Kindness Week
Fri 29 th Nov	PTFA Christmas Fair
Mon 2 nd Dec	Advent Service in school for pupils
Wed 4 th Dec	Y1-Y2 trip to Derby Theatre (am) to see Little Red Riding Hood
Wed 4 th Dec	Choir to perform at Derby Cathedral 7pm
Fri 6 th Dec	Y3-Y6 trip to Derby Theatre – ‘A Christmas Carol’
Fri 6 th Dec	Police Male Voice Choir Event at Aster dale 6.30pm. Tickets available
Sat 7 th Dec	Choir to perform at Pickford’s House, Derby
Tue 10 th Dec	KS1 (Y1 & Y2) Nativity Performance 2.15pm & 6.30pm
Thru 12 th Dec	School Christmas Lunch £2.20
Fri 13 th Dec	EYFS (YN & YR) Nativity Performance 10am
Fri 13 th Dec	Secret Santa Shopping (PTFA)
Tue 17 th Dec	Y5-Y6 Performance 2.15pm & 6.30pm
Wed 18 th Dec	Y3-Y4 Performance 2.15 & 6.30pm
Thru 19 th Dec	EYFS (Nursery & Reception) Christmas Party (pm)
Fri 20 th Dec	Break up
Spring Term 3&4 Jan-Apr 2020	
Mon 6 th Jan	Pupils return to school
Mon 27 th Jan	Inset Day – no pupils in school
Wed 12 th Feb	PTFA Valentine’s Disco 5-6pm & 6.15-7.15pm
Fri 14 th Feb	Break up
Mon 24 th Feb	Return to school
Thru 5 th Mar	World Book Day
Mon 16 th Mar	Inset Day for Staff
Wed 1 st Apr	PTFA Decorated bonnets and eggs for Easter
Wed 1 st Apr	Parent Consultation Evening 3.45-5.30pm
Thru 2 nd Apr	Parent Consultation Evening 3.45-5.30pm
Fri 3 rd Apr	Break up

And finally ...

Thank you for your continued support at school and please do not hesitate to get in touch if you need further information about any school related matters.

We would be grateful for donations of school clothes that your children may have grown out of, especially for Years 1 and 2.

On behalf of all the staff, governors and pupils may we wish you all a happy and relaxing break from school and look forward to welcoming everyone back in the new term.