

# Atherton St George's C.E. Primary School & Little Dragons' Nursery



Newsletter, 10<sup>th</sup> January 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Wow! What a fantastic first week back at school we have had this week! It was great to welcome the children back into school on Tuesday and been absolutely lovely to talk to them and find out everything that they have been doing over the Christmas Holidays. I hope you all had an amazing break with your families and loved ones.

On Monday, the staff across the MAT met together for an INSET day focused on further improving Teaching and Learning. The day was jam packed full of new learning for Teachers and Teaching Assistants to include in their classroom practice. The staff were extremely enthusiastic to use the strategies taught in their classes this week.

Walking around school this week, it has been a pleasure to go into the classrooms and see all of the children really engaged in their learning. We have also introduced 'zoning' onto the playground at lunchtimes which has been fantastic. Each adult outside is leading particular activities in certain areas with the children which has had such a positive impact on the children already. We are keen to bring back many traditional playground games such as skipping and clapping games so if you remember any from your childhood please do teach your children and encourage them to share these with their friends at school

The 'Dates for the Diary' letter that has been sent out today. The letter outlines all important dates for this term in advance. The dates will also be posted on the school Facebook Page.

The children have come back into school with very positive attitudes to their learning and are looking very smart in their uniforms. A reminder that children are to wear black school shoes; black trainers or any other trainers are not part of our school dress code. Please ensure that your child is wearing appropriate footwear to school, avoiding heels or sling back shoes. Please also ensure that your child has a full PE kit in school, that is fully labelled with their name.

We have become aware that many children have received Smart watches for Christmas and many are wearing them to school. If there is the ability to take photographs on your child's Smart watch, then these are **NOT** to be worn in school. The same applies to members of staff and is covered in our 'appropriate use of technology' policy. If the watch becomes a distraction to the child then, as with any other item, it would be confiscated, returned at the end of the day and the child would be asked not to bring it into school again. Thank you in advance for your support in this matter.

Can we also remind parents that dogs (unless guide dogs) are not to be brought onto the premises at any time. Children have been asked to dismount from bikes, skateboards and scooters at the school gate and we would like any parents who travel on bikes to do the same please. As always, parents are not to use the car park for dropping off or collecting children at any time unless they are blue badge holders and are parking in the disabled bay.

As always, have a lovely and safe weekend,

Kind regards  
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