

Asterdale News

Asterdale Primary School Newsletter

Together we can ...



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It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas.....

Christmas will very clearly be different for many of us this year and here at school we intend to make it the best we possibly can for the children. Things are starting to pop up in and around school and plans are taking shape for events and activities over the next few weeks. We begin with our 'outdoor' Advent/Christingle at school and have our Christmas dinner planned for Wednesday 9th December. A separate letter has been sent out to families asking if any children who normally bring a sandwich to school, would like to order a Christmas lunch (free for Rec, Y1 & Y2) or £2.20 for other pupils (Nursery, Y3-Y6). Orders can be placed with class teachers and payment preferably via the 'School Money' app or brought to school in an envelope. Please place orders by Thurs 26th November. The children may come to school in something festive eg jumper, party dress, best clothes etc (no charge) or stay in school uniform.

There will be other Christmas events planned for each bubble—keep a look out on the Dojo app. Unfortunately this year, we will be unable to offer our annual Christmas Card post box and would prefer for the children to not bring cards in to school, to minimise the handling of paper etc and having to follow quarantine regulations. We are very sorry about this.

Our School Council have proposed a 'bling' day—on Friday 18th December, where all the children and staff wear their sparkliest, brightest and shiniest clothes and accessories ready for Christmas or a Christmas jumper! A £1 donation to the School Council fundraising campaign is most welcome. They are raising money for new picnic benches for our outdoor areas.

Thank you!

A very big thank you to all families who contributed to our recent fundraiser, raising an incredible £113 for Children in Need. Well done to the School Council and thank you to Mrs Williams for a brilliant 'kindness' week as part of our commitment towards anti-bullying.



Personal, Social and Health Education (PSHE)

Here at Asterdale, we are very proud of our PSHE programmes delivered in school. From April 2021, we will be required to continue to teach 'relationships' education as part of the PSHE programme. Mrs Williams recently sent a letter to all families, asking for any feedback to be passed directly to her. There is still time if you wish to email k.williams@asterdale.derby.sch.uk to share your thoughts or ideas. More information will be communicated in time. We are currently expanding our PSHE scheme of work which will be available for use from April 2021.

Covid-19 Support

We know that during the current situation with Covid-19, that many families may be experiencing difficulties never endured before. A letter has been posted onto the Class Dojo page asking if any families would like to apply for a food parcel gift, organised by 'Food 4 Thought', a Derby City Council initiative. Requests can be made confidentially to Mrs Strecker, at school, using the email c.strecker@asterdale.derby.sch.uk, before 4th December.

We are also hoping to promote a uniform recycling programme. There may be wearable uniform that has been outgrown that could be recycled and 'passed on' to other families. We would like to offer a co-ordinated approach and will be installing two 'brown bins' near the bike shelter for donated items to be dropped off. These will be washed and be available for use by others. Families wishing to enquire or request support with uniform, are invited to email uniform@asterdale.derby.sch.uk and a colleague will be able to help.

We are delighted to have received a grant of £500 from Asda who have generously donated to our uniform fund and are able to help with school clothing items. Again email the uniform email and we will endeavour to help.

Uniform Shop



Relief staff

We are keen to explore our bank of relief staff at Asterdale, to support with midday/lunchtime provision. If anyone is interested in this position, please contact either Mrs Forrest or Mrs Barley.

Future Events

Date	Event
Mon 30th Nov	Advent activities in class
Mon 30th Nov & Mon 7th Dec	Assessment Week
Wed 9th Dec	Christmas Lunch 'Wear something festive'
Fri 18th Dec	Christmas Bling Day £1 donation to School Council
Fri 18th Dec	Break up
Mon 4th Jan	Inset day—no pupils in school
Tue 5th Jan	Pupils return to school
Fri 12th Feb	Break up
Mon 22nd Feb	Pupils return to school
Fri 19th Mar	Inset day—no pupils in school
Thur 1st Apr	Break up
Mon 19th Apr	Pupils return to school
Mon 3rd May	'May Day' holiday - no pupils in school
Fri 28th May	Break up
Mon 7th June	Pupils return to school
Mon 14th June	Inset day—no pupils in school
Thur 22nd July	Break up

Reading Books

The reading book provision is looking fabulous at school and we hope the children are enjoying the range of genre and titles. Our very grateful thanks to Mrs Batey and other colleagues in school for the fantastic support covering the books with protective seal to help preserve them for longer.

And finally ...

We are continuing with our build up towards Christmas and are enjoying sharing the children's' excitement this year!

