



'The Aspin Owler'

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Issue 2

Staffing

We are sad to announce that Mrs Leake who has worked in our before and after school club (Owls) is leaving us on the 5th October to take up a new position. Many of you will know Yvette from your own children going to Owls, and for those of you with long enough memories you will know that Yvette's children also attended Aspin. Yvette's commitment to Aspin has always been brilliant, including a lengthy period as a Midday Supervisor, and she will be very hard to replace, having being involved with Owls from its earliest days 15 years ago. We wish her and her family all the very best for the future.

Office Arrangements

Mrs Tye, who has been our Office Manager for some time, has undertaken a new role for the Trust, as Business Support Manager across three schools, ourselves, Meadowside and Thorner who joined the Trust very recently. The knowledge of schools administration that Mrs Tye possesses is vital for all three of these schools moving forward. We as a school are acclimatising to the fact she is going to be with us less often, but we are really pleased that both Mrs Walker and Mrs Wigglesworth who started with us in the summer term have both agreed to take on more hours. Mrs Wigglesworth will now work all day on Monday and Thursday, and Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons. Mrs Walker will effectively work full-time but only from the 15th October, when she is able to take up her full role. There will be days when the office will be back to three people working in it, there will be times when there are two, there will be times when it may only be Mrs Walker, on these occasions we would ask you to be patient, we will deal with all enquiries as speedily as is possible.

PTA Dates

At last night's PTA Meeting the following dates were confirmed;

Friday 19th October (7.30pm) – Quiz Night (more information to follow in next newsletter)

Friday 9th November – Fireworks Night (Time TBC)

Friday 14th December – Christmas Fair (Time TBC)

Thanks to the PTA for the Teddy Bear's Picnic last Saturday morning for our new Foundation families. It was two hours of fun for all concerned and lovely to see how many of you were there.

Photograph Day went very well yesterday; all of us photographed managed a smile – even when sitting next to brothers and sisters! The proofs should be with you very soon.

Internet Safety Presentations

If you have not seen the letter that Mrs Rainey sent out about the Internet Safety presentation for parents, could you ask for a copy of it either from your child's class teacher or the office. The evening led by ex-detective Sarah Lynch will prove useful for all parents. We understand that the 11th October is also the evening for Y6 parents at King James, therefore Sarah has kindly agreed to come back to speak to Y6 parents on Thursday 25th October. Our thanks to the PTA for paying for this very important work.

Class & Year Group Assemblies

Every year each individual class and year group lead an end of the week assembly for the rest of the school at 10am, and then again at 2.30pm for parents, friends and families. These also prove popular, especially with the children are able to finish the week slightly early! Below are the dates of this year's assemblies.

Friday 12th October – 2CH

Friday 19th October – 5S

Friday 26th October – 3BS

Friday 16th November – Year 6

Friday 23rd November – 2M

Friday 30th November – Year 1

Friday 7th December – 3CG

Friday 25th January – 6K

Friday 1st February – 5P

Friday 8th February – 4G

Friday 15th February – 1W

Friday 22nd February – Foundation Year

Friday 8th March – 6S

Friday 15th March – Year 2

Friday 22nd March – 4MR

Friday 29th March – FN

Friday 10th May – FH

Friday 17th May – Year 4

Friday 24th May – Year 5

Friday 14th June – Year 3

Friday 21st June – 1S

North Star TSA Train to Teach Event

North Star in association with Leeds Trinity University are holding a PGCE Open Day on **Saturday 29th September 2018**. This is taking place between 11.00am and 2.00pm, at the Leeds Trinity Campus, Horsforth, Leeds, LS18 5HD. If you are interested, please go along and meet our Lead Mentor Jo Wheldon, who will be happy to answer any questions that you may have regarding your potential journey into teaching.

Next Newsletter – Week Commencing 1st October.

