



# Aston All Saints C of E Primary School

## Autumn Two Newsletter 1 2023 – 2024

Welcome back to all children, staff & families. I am delighted to be working on the first newsletter in post as Head of School. I have been impressed with the children's warmth and commitment to their learning as they have welcomed me and settled back into routines this week. It has been rewarding to be on the yard in order to meet lots of family members.

### **Staffing News**

As you are aware, Mrs Holmes has left Aston All Saints for a new challenge. I am sad that I did not get the opportunity to work alongside her. We wish her well in her next chapter. Please bear with us in the office as we will have slightly less capacity until our new Office Manager starts work on the 20<sup>th</sup> of November.



### **Lunch Ordering**

Could we please remind parents that dinners need to be ordered via your LunchHound account before 8.30am on the day and you can order in advance, it does not need to be done daily. If you are required to pay for dinners (year 3 and beyond) your Parent Pay account does need to be in credit for you to place an order.

### **Young Voices Club**

I am very much looking forward to hearing the Young Voices choir develop. I have already ordered my T Shirt to proudly join the Aston team at this event in the spring term.

### **Reading and Reading Partners**

We are always keen to promote the value and enjoyment of reading in school and at home. We suggest that children aim to read at least 3 times per week at home and record this in their reading diary. Please do encourage your child to read as much as they can at home and to share their favourite books and stories. The children in school achieved some amazing things with the reading challenge last year. The reading challenge has now reset so children can have a fresh start – I wonder how many platinum and diamond readers there will be this year?!

### **Uniform and Equipment**

Children should bring a water bottle for use in the classroom throughout the day. This must be in addition to their lunchtime drink. Your child will also need a book bag for their books and equipment. These can be purchased from Pinder's Schoolwear.

Please do ensure that your child has their full PE kit in school at all times and that they are equipped for outdoor PE as the term progresses and the weather becomes colder.

### **Educational Visits/Visitors**

The children in year 5 will visit Magna Science Centre on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November.

Year 6 will be visited by Mr Esberger from Aston Academy on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> of November for a Q&A regarding transition to and life at high school.

The first week back we welcomed the inspirational Paul Sturgess to talk to us about his record-breaking height, achievements and to coach us through some basketball activities. The excitement around school was contagious!



**Music Lessons in School**

For those children taking part in Extra Curricular music lessons, the lessons will be held in the afternoons on the days indicated below this year. Mr Raymond is our Piano Tutor, who works directly with school to provide lessons, all other lessons are delivered via Rotherham Music Service. There is a charge to parents for these and children do need to be in Year 3 and above to take part. If you would like further information regarding lessons, please contact the school office.

<b><u>Monday</u></b>	<b><u>Tuesday</u></b>	<b><u>Wednesday</u></b>	<b><u>Thursday</u></b>	<b><u>Friday</u></b>
Guitar – Mrs Gaspar	Violin/Strings – Mr Blakesley	Brass – Mr Wade Piano – Mr Raymond	Woodwind – Ms Fountain	Piano – Mr Raymond

**Open the Book Team**

We are delighted to say that once again, we will be welcoming the Open the Book Team (from Aston Churches Together) into school to deliver their lively assemblies and worship. The first of these will be Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November.

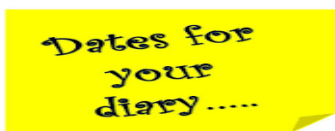


**Remembrance**

Children have been working hard to create their own poppy representations, we will be displaying these in and around school in the lead up to Remembrance Sunday. Please feel free to add any of your home-made creations.

## Friends of Aston PTA

I have already begun to speak with members of the PTA group. I am enthused to be meeting with Friends of Aston PTA to arrange some school events and we will share further details with you, once these have been agreed.



### Term Dates for the Autumn Term 2023-2024

	School closes for children pm	School reopens am
<b>Christmas Break</b>	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December 2023	Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> January 2024
<b>Spring Half Term</b>	Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February 2024	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February 2024
<b>Easter Break</b>	Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April 2024
<b>May Half Term</b>	Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May 2024	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2024
<b>Summer Break</b>	Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July 2024	



## Anti Bullying Week

The week commencing 13<sup>th</sup> November is anti-bullying week in school. I will launch the week with a linked assembly. Children are invited to wear unusual/odd socks as part of our message 'all different, all equal' on the 13<sup>th</sup>. Look out on dojo for photos of other activities children will be completing within classes.



## INSET Days.

Our next inset day will be held on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January. School will be closed to pupils to allow for delivery of staff training.

*\*There are 2 further inset days to be confirmed – we will endeavour to do this as soon as possible for your information.*

## CLASS CELEBRATION ASSEMBLIES

Parents are invited to join us for our Class Celebration Assemblies in the main hall on the following dates at 2:45pm:

**Reception – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November**

**Year 1 – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November**



## BBC CHILDREN IN NEED – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November

We will be having a special 'dress up' day, to support BBC Children in Need. As always, we will have special Pudsey activities throughout the day, and give you the opportunity to donate to this important charity via Arbor. The theme for 2023 is SPOTacular.

### **CHRISTMAS NATIVITY PERFORMANCES – EYFS and KS1**



Our younger pupils will be sharing their nativity performances with parents/carers on **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 9:30am and Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 2.00pm**

We will send out information about how to purchase your tickets closer to the time.

### **CHRISTINGLE SERVICE – FRIDAY 8<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER**

The Christingle service will be held at All Saints Church, starting at 1:30pm – *further details to follow on class dojo.*

### **YEAR 4 SWIMMING**

Our year 4 pupils will begin their series of 12 weekly swimming sessions in the autumn term, starting on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2023. Mr Fuller will soon advise parents of what this involves, and the equipment children need. We hope they have a great time during these sessions and develop their confidence and water skills.

### **LESSONS AND CAROLS SERVICE, Y4, Y5 AND Y6 – FRIDAY 15<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER**

The service will be held at All Saints Church, starting at 1:30pm.

### **CHRISTMAS DINNER AND JUMPER DAY – 20<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER**



We will be enjoying our Christmas dinner and inviting children to wear their Christmas jumpers and festive outfits. If your child would like a Christmas dinner, please order this in the usual way via LunchHound.

### **CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY**

School will close for the Christmas Holidays on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December, and reopen as normal on **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2024.**

We will of course notify you as soon as any new events are added to our diary, or if there is further information to share. Do check your child's book bag regularly for new letters and look out for new posts on Dojo.

We all look forward to seeing you in & around school over the coming half term.  
Thank you in anticipation of your support.

*Mrs Webster*

Mrs Rebecca Webster  
Head of School.