



Aston All Saints C of E Primary School

Autumn Term Newsletter 2023 – 8th September 2023

Welcome back to you all and a very warm welcome to our new families who have joined us in Reception this year. We hope you have had a restful holiday, and enjoyed lots of fun activities over the summer. The children have all returned to school with so many stories and are full of enthusiasm. They have settled into their new classes well and are establishing their new routines. As we move on into our new academic year, there are many activities and events to look forward to.

Staffing News

We are delighted to be welcoming two new teachers to our team this academic year. We are very excited that Mr Fuller and Mr Bower have joined our team, teaching in Year 4 and 5 respectively. They are both experienced teachers and will be a great addition to our team, I am sure the children and parents will make them very welcome too.

Free School Meals

Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are all entitled to Universal Free School Meals. However, if you are currently in receipt of state benefits (eg Universal Credit, Income Support etc) you may be eligible for free school meals from your Local Authority. If you think that this could be the case, it is important that you apply for this, as school would then receive additional Pupil Premium Funding which helps us support children's education. If you are entitled to Benefits Free School Meals you would also receive supermarket vouchers for meals during the school holidays and the cost of Educational Day Visits are also then paid for by school. For any further information please either contact the school office or visit <https://www.rotherham.gov.uk/benefits/free-school-meals> All enquiries will be dealt with in the strictest confidence.

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 your Parent Pay account does need to be in credit for you to place an order. Throughout last year we were experiencing incidents of children not having a lunch ordered. In this event a child doesn't have a lunch ordered, or a packed lunch with them, we would always provide a dinner, however, this would be a sandwich option as lunches are cooked to order.

After School Clubs and Activities

Information regarding Clubs running throughout this term will be issued shortly. Please ensure you check your child's bag regularly for these.

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 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

As always, here is a reminder about our Autumn term dress code for school.

- Burgundy sweatshirt, cardigan or fleece
- Burgundy jacket
- Yellow or white polo shirt
- Grey or black trousers or skirts
- Black school shoes
- P.E. kit - black shorts and a yellow tee shirt with or without the school logo embroidered on to the front. Please ensure children have a change of footwear – either pumps or trainers and a spare pair of socks would also be helpful. For colder weather children can wear a tracksuit.

Uniform, embroidered with the school logo, can be purchased from Pinder's Schoolwear; shops are situated in Crystal Peaks shopping centre, Mansfield Road Warehouse Aston and near Rotherham Bus Station.

Note: it is not compulsory to have the school badge on clothing, and you may purchase appropriate items from supermarkets or other clothing stores.

Please ensure all your child's possessions are clearly labelled with their name and class.

Jewellery should not be worn, with the exception of a watch and one pair of small ear studs. Children will be asked to remove inappropriate jewellery and take it home at the end of the day. Ear studs must be removed by the child during P.E. for reasons of health & safety.

Please note: Do contact your child's class teacher if, for any reason, your child cannot comply with our dress code. We will monitor uniform throughout the year and contact parents if any issues arise.

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 is equipped for outdoor PE as the term progresses and the weather becomes colder.

Educational Visits

The children will be looking at some new and exciting areas of learning as we begin the autumn term. Letters will be sent out to parents as classes confirm and finalise arrangements for their visits in the coming weeks. Year 6 have their upcoming visit to Crucial Crew next Friday 16th September, as already advised.

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.

<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
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 during the Autumn Term. It will be wonderful to welcome them in and we have a number of dates confirmed with them over the coming term.

Special Mention Assemblies

We will continue to celebrate the achievements of the children throughout the school year. Classes will also be hosting their class curriculum achievement assembly that parents are invited to join us in. The dates for these will be sent via the class teachers on Class Dojo so please look out for these.

Children will be encouraged to bring in any recent achievements from their out of school activities such as certificates, trophies, medals, badges. Each class teacher will also be nominating children for a head teacher award which will be handed out in these assemblies. So that parents can share in these celebrations, the class teachers will post photos of these assemblies on class dojo.

Toys in School

On occasion children bring toys into school with them. Unfortunately, this can sometimes cause upset in class as toys can get easily broken or lost. Can we ask that, unless your child has an agreement with their class teacher or a specific adjustment to provision, all toys should be left safely at home. Thank you for your help and support with this.

Friends of Aston PTA

We would like to say thank you to our Friends of Aston PTA members for the fundraising donation they have made to school this week. They have applied to The Co-Operative for funds to purchase sensory equipment for school and were successful in securing £75.00 towards this. Thank you for your time and efforts in doing this, it's much appreciated.

We will be meeting with Friends of Aston PTA during the course of this half term 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
October half term	Friday 20 th October 2023	Tuesday 31 st October 2023 *INSET Day Monday 30 th Oct 2023*
Christmas Break	Friday 22 nd December 2023	Monday 8 th January 2024
Spring Half Term	Friday 9 th February 2024	Monday 19 th February 2024
Easter Break	Thursday 28 th March 2024	Monday 15 th April 2024
May Half Term	Friday 24 th May 2024	Monday 3 rd June 2024
Summer Break	Tuesday 23 rd July 2024	

INSET Days

There will be an INSET day on **Monday 30th October** – this is for school staff to attend training with DSAT. The school will be open on Tuesday 31st October for the second half of the Autumn term.

**There are 3 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:

Year 6 – Friday 22nd September

Year 2 – Friday 29th September

Year 3 – Friday 6th October

Year 4 – Friday 20th October

Year 5 – Friday 4th November

Year 1 – Friday 17th November

Reception – Friday 10th November

HARVEST FESTIVAL AND ROTHERHAM FOODBANK – Wednesday 11th October



Revd Vicky will be leading our Harvest services in school, which parents are invited to attend. Times are as follows;

9:15 – 9:45am Reception and Key Stage 1 (Y1 & 2)

10:00 – 10:30 Key Stage 2 (Y3, 4, 5 & 6)

In addition, we will be once again supporting the Rotherham Foodbank as part of our Harvest celebrations all donations will be welcome.

PARENTS EVENING

We would like to invite you to our first Parents' Evening of the school year, where you can meet with your child's new teacher to discuss their progress so far and how they have settled into their new class. The two dates for this are:

Wednesday 11th October – 3:45-5:45pm

Thursday 12th October – 3:45-5:45pm

Appointments for this will be booked via your Arbor account, as usual. Once these have been set up, we will notify parents via Dojo for you to book your appointment.

INDIVIDUAL SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS – Wednesday 18th October

Big Smiles Photographers will be in school to take children's individual school photos, siblings in school will also be photographed together.

HALF TERM

School closes for the half term holiday on **Friday 20th October**.

As Monday 30th October is an INSET day, school will reopen as normal to all pupils on **Tuesday 31st November**.



BBC CHILDREN IN NEED – Friday 17th 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. More details about our dress up theme to follow.

CHRISTMAS NATIVITY PERFORMANCES – EYFS and KS1



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

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

CHRISTINGLE SERVICE, Y1, Y2 AND Y3 – FRIDAY 8th DECEMBER

The Christingle service will be held at All Saints Church, starting at 1:30pm (TBC)

YEAR 4 SWIMMING

Our year 4 pupils will begin their series of 12 weekly swimming sessions in the autumn term, starting on Tuesday 12th December 2023. Mr Fuller will advise parents after half term 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 15th DECEMBER

The service will be held at All Saints Church, starting at 1:30pm (TBC)

CHRISTMAS DINNER AND JUMPER DAY – 20th 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 22nd December, and reopen as normal on Monday 8th 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 back regularly for new letters, and look out for new posts on Dojo.

We look forward to seeing you all in school over the coming term.