



Aston Lodge Primary School

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January Newsletter

The Spring Term is well under way with lots of exciting learning opportunities for the children. Year 5 are continuing their Space project and tasted Astronaut Food last week. The ice cream sandwich proved to be more popular than the freeze dried fruit! Year 2 have been outside building shelters for Beegu, the alien. Year 1 are off exploring the city of London while Year 4 travel to Egypt and Foundation Stage are exploring the enchanted forest. Y3 continue to travel back in time to the Iron Age and Y6 will continue their work on World War II. I hope that you will continue to support your child with their learning as well as working alongside the staff and governors of Aston Lodge as we continue on our journey of self-improvement.

Teaching and Learning Review

On 3rd December the school had a teaching and learning review carried out by executive members of the Trust. During the review, members of the trust spent time in lessons, looked in books, talked to the children and members of the teaching team. All the schools within the trust receive a review with the purpose of the review being so that the Trust are able to establish a clear view of the schools and further support. The team noted improvements from the last review in June and acknowledged that the new leadership team had quickly developed a view on areas that required improvement. They commended the schools use of fluency in maths and handwriting in books.

Attendance and punctuality.

Our whole school attendance for the Autumn term was 96%. 48 children received their Bronze award badge having achieved 100%. Well done to the 131 children who received 96% or above and who have enjoyed our Movie reward. Thank you for your continued effort ensuring that your child attends school.

Punctuality is just as important as regularly attendance and that school and learning starts at **8.45am**. Teachers set morning work for the children to complete as they come into school and so arriving to school on time and ready to learn is of value.

Fundraising events

Thank you for your continued support in all the recent Christmas Fundraising events we raised approximately £1,300.00. Our first ever Santa Dash was a great success, thank you to Miss Hamilton and Miss Holland for all their hard work in making it happen. The children (and staff) had a great time.

Young Voices

On Wednesday 9th January some of our KS2 took part in the Young Voices concert at Sheffield Arena. The children rose to the occasion of performing with a live band and professional artists in such an iconic venue. They did themselves proud. Thank you to Miss Hamilton, all the children and staff for all their hard work and preparation in the lead up to this event. We can't wait for next year.



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A special visitor

Clark Robertson, the centre back for Rotherham United made a surprise visit to our Futsal After School club last week. He was impressed with the children's skill development and with the questions they asked him. Well done.

Digital Safeguarding

As many of our children will have received new technology over Christmas parents are reminded to follow the following steps:

- Ensure you set up parental controls.
- Monitor the Apps they download. Make sure you know what they are using and check who they can connect with. Also check the age restrictions for the App.
- Start a regular dialogue with your child about their online lives and discuss both the benefits of a digital world as well as the potential dangers. Check who they can connect with and make sure they can share their worries and concerns with you.

You can find out more information about keeping children safe on line from the following websites; www.internetmatters.org www.net-aware.org.uk www.thinkuknow.co.uk

Car park

Parents are once again advised that the main car park should not be used to drop off or collect children without prior arrangement with the school. This is to ensure that all stakeholders are not accessing the car park during the busiest times of the day. It also avoids causing obstruction and congestion around the school gate. If parents continue to use the car park at these times without schools consent then school will have no other option but to close the gates during these times.

School Meals- Price increase

As from 24th February 2019 Children's School meals will increase to £2.18. All meals taken **MUST** be paid for in advance via Parent Pay. There are still a number of parents who are incurring debts. Chasing these debts is not only very time consuming for Miss Holland but it has a detrimental impact on the school's budget as school is invoiced weekly by Mellors for the number of dinners that have been taken. If you think you are entitled for Free School Meals (even if your child is in FS2-Year 2) please see the school office.

My-Ed New School App

Thank you to all the parents who have recently downloaded our new school app. The app allows you to keep in contact with school at a touch of a button. It allows school and home to send secure messages and emails directly via the app.

You can also keep in touch with school via:

Class dojo: This is an excellent way to communicate between home and school and share your child's achievements. Please see your child's class teacher about how to sign up.

Twitter: @aston_lodge

School website: www.astonlodgeprimary.org