

Friday 08 July 2022



Headteacher Letter

Dear Parents & Carers,

I hope my letter finds you all safe and well.

It has been wonderful to welcome you back onsite over the last few weeks and enjoy spending time together. There is always such a special buzz in school when parents are onsite and the feedback you have given on recent events has been amazing.

Annual Parent/Carer Survey

Although the response rate was lower this year, with 79 responses, your feedback has been incredibly heart-warming and your suggestions and ideas on how we might make Astley Park even better are much appreciated. It is great to know that the overwhelming majority of our parents & carers feel we are doing an excellent job. Please follow the link to the summary report [Parent Survey 2022.pdf](#).

Secondary Awards Assembly

This morning we had our Secondary Awards assembly. It was a fabulous morning celebrating our secondary phase pupil's extra special achievements. I am incredibly proud of all the pupils at Astley Park and how well they have coped with another unsettled year. Their resilience is inspiring and the progress they have made despite the challenges is incredible.

Year 11 Prom

Last Thursday our Year 11 pupils and staff had a wonderful evening at Shaw Hill Hotel in Chorley. The pupils spent the morning getting ready and arrived in school for a buffet lunch, enjoyed a glass or two of fizz whilst we toasted their success, followed by a photoshoot and parade. They were then picked up in an amazing hummer and enjoyed a VIP ride to the venue. We enjoyed a delicious two-course meal and then hit the dancefloor showing some pretty impressive moves. It was a wonderful evening, and many happy memories were made.

Meet & Greet

Hopefully you have all now been contacted by your child's class teacher and have booked your Meet & Greet slot, if not please contact a member of the Business Support Team and they will be happy to help. Primary Meet & Greet will be 4-7pm on Tuesday 12th July and Secondary Meet & Greet will be on Thursday 14 July. Meet and Greet evenings are an opportunity for you to meet with your child's new class teacher and teaching assistants, see the classroom they will be in and share any information. Class teachers will be in touch to arrange an appointment slot, appointments will be limited to 15 minutes, please try to arrive and depart promptly. As you know parking is very limited onsite, so I would advise parking off-site, we do have some accessible parking bays, these are for blue badge holders only.



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Pupils raise funds for Derian House Children's Hospice

I am incredibly proud of three of our Year 9 pupils who took part in the Cross Bay Challenge, on Saturday 25th June walking the 7 miles from Arnside to Grange over Sands and raised a fantastic £180 for the charity. The pupils completed a project about the charity earlier this year and since have been committed to raising funds for the children and their families.



Calvert Trust

Mrs Nilma Patel, one of our parents, is running the Great North run again this year for a charity very close to our hearts, Calvert Trust. Each year our Year 7 and Year 10 pupils visit their Lake District centre, in Keswick. The centre is specially adapted to ensure all our young people including those with physical disabilities can participate in all the activities. It is an amazing place and the memories the pupils make there last a lifetime. If you would like to sponsor Nilma and ensure the centre remains open for our pupils to attend each year, then please use the JustGiving link below.

https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/nilma-patel1?utm_source=Sharethis&utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=nilma-patel1&utm_campaign=pfp-email&utm_term=3a902ff44ef8494c9ae227b2c545ad62

School Games "Gold" Mark

I am thrilled to announce that this year we have been awarded the gold level of the school games mark, this is a fantastic recognition of our commitment to physical education and participation in a wide range of inter-school competitions. Mr Murphy has done an excellent job taking the lead in re-establishing our commitment following the restrictions due to the pandemic, so much so that we have been nominated for an award at the annual Chorley School Sports Partnership PE & Sports Awards evening taking place at the town hall next Friday. For more information about the School Games Mark please follow the link. <https://www.yourschoolgames.com/how-it-works/school-games-mark/>

I'll look forward to seeing you at meet and greet next week.

Kindest regards,

Kieran Welsh
Headteacher

