



# Aston Tower Community Primary School Newsletter

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## Welcome Back

We have had a great start to the year. Pupils are working very hard. We are delighted that all of our SATs results are high. We are in the top 20% of schools in England for our results, Well done everyone!

### New Teachers at Aston Tower

We welcome four new teachers to Aston Tower who joined us this term. Miss Rafiq will be teaching in Year 6 and Mr Stanley in Year 5. Miss Mason will be teaching in Year 4 and Mr Vasta in Year 2.

### Mandarin lessons at Aston Tower!

Pupils learn to speak, read and write in Mandarin. This year, pupils in 1A and 1W are having Mandarin lessons for the first time. Mandarin is taught by Mrs Liu from King Edward Aston School. We are one of the first schools to teach Mandarin to the younger children. Pupils in Years 3, 4 and 5 are also learning Mandarin as they did last year.

### Extra help with English and maths in Year 5

Mr Gilroy will be teaching English and maths in Year 5 every Tuesday and Wednesday. This means that all children in Year 5 will work in small groups on Tuesdays and Wednesdays to help them make faster progress. Mr Gilroy will also give extra help to some children in English and mathematics on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons.

### Parents' Evening

This will be held on Monday 14 October and Wednesday 16 October from 3:40pm until 5:15pm.

### School House

The house next to the school car park is being refurbished. Work will begin this month. We are converting the ground floor into a meeting room and a kitchen. Rooms will also be created upstairs. We will be holding meetings in the meeting room for parents as well as using it for lessons. In our next newsletter we will have photographs of the changes.

### School Uniform

Pupils look very smart in their school uniform. Uniform can be bought from the school office. Children must only wear black school shoes and heels must be flat for safety reasons.

### Music

We teach lots of different music lessons. Pupils in year 4 learn to play the flute, fife and djembe drums. Pupils also have singing lessons and learn to play the dhol drums.

### School Prefects



Prefects were introduced to the school in Monday's assembly. Mr Moore and the Deputy Heads chose them because they have been good role models. Prefects received their badges from Mr Moore in an assembly which their parents came to.

### Term dates 2019/20

#### **Autumn Term 2019**

School breaks up for half-term on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October at 1:15pm. There will be no Friday afternoon club on that day.

Term ends: Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2019 at 3:30pm

#### **Spring term 2020**

Term starts: Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020 at 8:40am

Half-term: Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2020 to Friday 21 February 2020

Term ends: Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2020 at 1:15pm. There will be no Friday afternoon club on that day.

#### **Summer term 2020**

Term starts: Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2020 at 8:40am.

Half-term: Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2020 to Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2020

Term ends: Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2020 at 1:15pm. There will be no Friday afternoon club on that day.