



# Aston Tower Community Primary School Newsletter

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## Aston Tower is given top marks by Government Minister

We were pleased to get a letter from a Schools Minister, Rt Hon Nick Gibb MP, congratulating us on our recent exam success. Mr Gibb was impressed that we are in the top 3% of schools in the country by the end of Year 6 in reading, writing and mathematics. We are very proud of this achievement and thank you for your support.

## Chinese New Year

This year's Chinese New Year celebration was led by Mrs Liu, our Mandarin teacher from King Edward VI (Aston) School. Mrs Liu told us about how communities celebrate Chinese New Year and then pupils sang a number of songs in Mandarin. Last Wednesday, a number of our pupils joined in with King Edward VI (Aston) School's own celebration watching a dragon dance and then singing their Mandarin songs for the audience. Last Friday, Miss Westwood's class presented an assembly to the school. Happy Year of the Rat!



## Leading Parent Partnership Award

Over 180 parents came to our e-safety meetings led by Mr Hasnat. Parents learnt a great deal about the dangers children face when online and ways in which to help children keep safe. We have sent out further information since the meetings but please remember that these websites are helpful.

These websites are: NSPCC website—<https://www.nspcc.org.uk>  
UK Safer Internet Centre— <https://www.safeinternet.org.uk>  
Internet Matters—<https://www.internetmatters.org>

Thank you to those parents who completed the evaluations. You have said that some of you may need further support with on-line safety. Please feel free to book an appointment with Mr Hasnat. I would like to remind you about the relaxation workshop for parents this week. Wednesday 5th feb—Year 4, 5 and 6. Thursday 6th feb—1, 2 and 3. Please come along for tips on how to reduce stress and create moments of calm. I hope you enjoy this coffee morning. S. Rai Moore

### Parents' Evenings

We are holding Parents' Evening after school on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February and Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February. Your child's teacher will have given you a letter to book a time. These are important meetings and I look forward to seeing you then. Class 3C will have their parents meetings on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2020.

### Cashless payment for school dinners and trips

We are going to become a 'cashless' school from 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2020. This means you will not be able to pay for school dinners or trips with cash. You can pay online, download the **sQuid** app on your smart phone or by going to a Pay Point. To help you with this, you can come to a meeting on **11<sup>th</sup> February or 25<sup>th</sup> February at 2:30pm** where more information will be provided. You can still pay for juice money with cash.

### Holiday time















We break up for half-term on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February at 12:15pm. We will have our usual Friday afternoon club on that day. School will reopen on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February at 8:40am.

### Upcoming events—Open classrooms

**Year 6-** Tuesday 25th February at 8:50- 9:50  
**Year 2-** Wednesday 26th February at 8:50- 9:50  
**Year 1-** Tuesday 3rd March at 8:50- 9:50  
**Year 5-** Thursday 5th March at 8:50- 9:50  
**Year 4-** Tuesday 10th March at 8:50- 9:50  
**Year 3-** Thursday 12th March at 8:50-9:50  
**Nursery-** Tuesday 17th March at 8:50- 9:50  
**Reception-** Thursday 19th March at 8:50- 9:50

### Attendance League

Each week we find out which class has the highest attendance. Classes whose attendance is above 96% will be given a certificate. The class which has the highest attendance wins a cup and gets to look after a teddy bear for the week. We will now also have a league table each month to show which class has the highest attendance. So for January, the winner is 5S.

5S	97.6%	
4M	97.5%	
3C	96.7%	
5D	96.6%	
4G	96.2%	
6R	95.2%	
6O	95.2%	
2W	94.6%	
1W	94.3%	
1A	94.%	
3S	92.9%	
2V	92.9%	
RS	91.8%	
RA	90.8%	
Nursery	85.8%	