



# Aston Tower Community Primary School Newsletter

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## ICT at Aston Tower

We had a lovely surprise when a business at Aston Science Park, called Econocom, gave Aston Tower a laptop to use. We were really pleased to receive this gift which we can use in lessons. Here is a picture of Mr Moore receiving a laptop on behalf of the school from an employee at Econocom.



Computing is an important part of our curriculum and we will use this, along with our other computers, to help children learn in our computer lessons. The children learn to use and make up their own computer programmes and how to use the internet safely.



## Daily Mile

We have a yellow daily mile marker on our playgrounds. This is a line that the children can walk 8 times to do a mile. Every Friday morning playtime children in Years 1 to 4 do this. This is important to do because it helps encourage the children to exercise, keep fit and be healthy. Why not encourage your child to do some exercise each day? Perhaps it could be by walking to school and back? Doctors say that taking 30 minutes of exercise each day is important.



## Good attendance

Coming to school each day is really important. Please make sure that your child comes on time. Children in Years 1 to 6 begin their lessons at 8:35am. Children in Reception and Nursery start at 8:40am. It is also important to collect your child on time at home time. Lessons end at 3:30pm.

# Leading Parent Partnership Award News

## Parents' Evening

It was good to see so many parents at this weeks' Parents' Evenings for children in years 1 to 6. These meetings are so important and it is good that you have said how helpful they are. You will receive your child's mid-term report in the next few days. Parents' Evening for nursery, reception and 3M will be after half-term.

## Keeping safe online

Parents are reporting that children are sometimes using apps and social media sites that they should not. These can be harmful because children can get bullied, see things they should not or even be approached by adults who want to cause them harm. Do check what your child is doing online.

## Foodbank Collection

Thank you for bringing in so many items for the Aston and Nechells Foodbank collection. It was good to see the hall with so many donations in boxes. The Foodbank were also very pleased that you gave so many toiletries. These are something they are often short of. If you want to find out any more about the foodbank or need help from them please go to [www.astonnechells.foodbank.org.uk](http://www.astonnechells.foodbank.org.uk)



## PE

PE is a really important subject. Children should bring their PE kits to school on the days they do PE. Here is a photo of the PE Hall ready for a PE lesson.

## Covid-19 Precautions

If your child has a new cough, a high temperature, or has lost their taste or smell, they might have Covid-19. This means that you should keep that child off school and take them for a PCR test. If your child has a negative result, then they can come back to school. You should not use one of the lateral flow tests you can get from shops to check if they have Covid-19. If you want any help, please give our office a call.

## Term dates 2021-2022

### Autumn Term 2021

Term Starts: Monday 6 September 2021  
Half Term: Monday 25 October 2021 to Friday 29 October 2021  
Term Ends: Friday 17 December 2021

### Spring Term 2022

Term Starts: Tuesday 4 January 2022  
Half Term: Monday 21 February 2022 to Friday 25 February 2022  
Term Ends: Friday 8 April 2022

### Summer Term 2022

Term Starts: Monday 25 April 2022  
Half Term: Monday 30 May 2022 to Friday 3 June 2022  
Term Ends: Thursday 21 July 2022