

# Aston Tower Community Primary School Newsletter

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## The Library Opens

We are delighted that our new library is open. Congratulations to Mrs Rai-Moore and Mr Hasnat for their on-going hard work in opening the library. Well done to the Year 5 librarians for helping out. We have lots of interesting books for children to read. Year groups have a set day when they can change their book but children must look after them.



### Clubs

We are running lots of clubs after school for our pupils. We now hold a gymnastics club, a girls football club, a times table club and a tag rugby club. It's great to see so many children taking part in the sports clubs, working with coaches. We will choose a new group of children for the spring term.





## Our New PE Kit

We are introducing a PE kit from January. Please make sure that your child wears the correct PE kit. This will help keeping children safe when taking part in PE and will be cheap for parents. The PE kit is: a plain t-shirt (not with logos) or polo shirt, shorts, leggings or jogging bottoms, pumps or trainers. Children with long hair should tie their hair back. Children should not wear earrings to school but can wear studs. We look forward to seeing your child in our new PE uniform in January.

#### Children in Need

Congratulations to staff and children for raising over £370 for this year's Children in Need event. Children had a dress down day and others wore fancy dress. During PE, children wore something spotty. Most exciting of all, we had a drawing and colouring competition for the best Pudsey Bear. Congratulations to the winners, some of whom are pictured below. Congratulations to Miss Duggan who won the staff fancy dress competition.





## **Building Work**

We have spent over £500,000 on our buildings this summer after winning a number of government grants. The work to replace much of our roof is now finished.

## **Photographs**

As we wrote to you before, on Friday 2nd December, pupils can have their photographs taken. If you would like family photographs taken, please come to school, as a family at 8:30am.

#### **Christmas Concerts**

- Nursery 12th December 2022 at 9am
- Reception 13th December 2022 at 9.15am
- Year 1 and Year 2 Wednesday 14th December 2022 at 9am
- Year 3 and Year 4 Thursday 15th December 2022 at 9am
- Year 5 and Year 6 Friday 9th December 2022 at 9am

#### **Christmas Parties**

These will be held on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December in the morning. More information will be sent to you soon.

#### **Attendance**

We are pleased that children's attendance is getting better; however, some classes are doing better than others. This is a league table of how the classes are doing. Make sure your child comes to school every day. If your child's class is in the bottom half of the table, coming to school every day is very important.

1<sup>st</sup> place: Miss Duggan's Year 6 class 2<sup>nd</sup> place: Mrs Choudhury's Year 4 class 3<sup>rd</sup> place: Miss Begum's Year 6 class 4<sup>th</sup> place: Mrs Ashford's Year 4 class 5<sup>th</sup> place: Mr Sunder's Year 3 class 6<sup>th</sup> place: Miss Zahir's Year 5 class 7<sup>th</sup> place: Miss Harrington's Year 1 class 8<sup>th</sup> place: Mr O'Connor's Year 5 class 9<sup>th</sup> class: Miss Kaur's Year 2 class 10<sup>th</sup> place: Mr Hill's Year 2 class 11<sup>th</sup> place: Mr Shaikh's Year 4 class 12<sup>th</sup> place: Mrs Hossains' Year 1 class

# Admissions Arrangements 2024/2025

We are currently consulting on our admissions arrangements for 2024/2025. Details can be found on https://www.astontowerprimary.co.uk/parents/how-to-apply-for-a-place

Any comments on the proposed admission arrangements can be made here: <a href="https://www.birminghambeheard.org.uk/people-1/proposed-aa-2024-2025-1/">https://www.birminghambeheard.org.uk/people-1/proposed-aa-2024-2025-1/</a>

#### Term Dates

#### **Autumn Term 2022**

Term Starts: Thursday 8 September 2022

Half Term: Monday 24 October 2022 to Friday 28 October 2022

Term Ends: Friday 16 December 2022

#### **Spring Term 2023**

Term Starts: Thursday 5 January 2023

Half Term: Monday 20 February 2023 to Friday 24 February 2023

Term Ends: Friday 31 March 2023

#### **Summer Term 2023**

Term Starts: Monday 17 April 2023

Half Term: Monday 29 May 2023 to Friday 2 June 2023

Term Ends: Friday 21 July 2023