



Aston Tower Community Primary School Newsletter

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Improvements to the nursery and reception playgrounds

I am sure you are impressed by the artificial grass we have laid in the nursery and reception outdoor areas. As well as looking attractive, they allow us to make outdoor learning even more interesting than before. If you have a child in the nursery and reception classes, I am sure they have told you how much they like playing on those areas.



Good attendance and not taking holidays during term time

Coming to school each day, unless your child is unwell, is important to help your child do as well as they can at school. Please make sure your child comes to school every day and on time (8:35am for years 1 to 6, and 8:40am for nursery and reception aged pupils). Please **do not book holiday or trips** during term time. Taking such leave, and missing school generally, could result in you being fined. Shortly, all parents whose children's attendance is still low will soon receive a text to remind them to improve. It will also be recorded on their spring report discussed at Parents' Evening. Mr Moore will want to talk to such parents about the reasons. Congratulations to Miss Duggan's class year 6 who had the highest attendance last term and to Mr Sunder's class year 3 for the best attendance for January- but only just beating Miss Duggan's class this month!

New Book Bags

We are keen readers at Aston Tower! As part of our uniform, and to help keep books in good condition, we expect pupils to bring their book bag to school with them on Fridays when they change their books and on their year group library day. Talk to your child about not writing all over their new bags. Its great to see how popular the new book bags are proving so don't miss out on our special book bag offer we recently wrote to you about. Why not take advantage of the discount? Speak to the Office for more Information.



Trips

Shortly we will write to you about trips your child will go on this and next term. We will give you information about how much each trip costs as early as we can and payments will need to be made on your child's squid account. If you don't have access to your Squid account or need help setting it up, please speak to the school office. These trips will help your child to learn parts of the curriculum and are fun!

Parents' evening

Please remember to book your appointment for next month's Parents' Evening. These are important meetings and you will also get your child's termly report. Parents' Evenings for pupils in years Reception to 6 will be held on the evenings of Wednesday 15 February and Thursday 16 February. Nursery will hold their meetings on Friday 17 February from 1pm. It is important that you come on time for your appointment. If you are late you will miss it.

PE kits

Please remember the importance of pupils wearing the correct PE kit when taking part in PE. This is for safety reasons and to help pupils take part in PE easily.

Grammar School entry meetings

As year 5 parents will recall, they have been invited to a special meeting to find out how to apply for a grammar school. Parents of year 5 children will need to register their child to take part in the entrance tests which takes place in September 2023. All this, and much more, will be explained at the meeting held on Tuesday 14th February at 8:50am in the PE Hall.

Sending letters by email

Soon almost all of our letters will be sent to you by email. Thanks to the many parents who have made sure we have your latest email address. If you are unsure we have your latest email address, please email it to the enquiry@astontower.bham.sch.uk

Mid-Morning Snacks

Children in Years 3 to 6 can buy a mid-morning snack. You should order and make payments on Squid. Toast will cost 15p and a piece of fruit 15p.

Term Dates

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