



Aston Tower Community Primary School Newsletter

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Welcome to the new school year!

We have had a great start to the new school year. The children look great in their uniform including school shoes. We thank you for your help with this. Children's behaviour is excellent. Every day the children are working hard in their lessons and play kindly and sensibly at playtimes and lunchtimes. We are pleased to welcome a number of new families to Aston Tower and look forward to working with parents to help their children do well.

Playground improvements



We have made our playground even better. Children in years 3 to 6 are enjoying, sitting, playing or reading on the new artificial turf area created this summer in the key stage 2 playground. This new area, covered in artificial turf is giving our pupils more space to play during playtimes and lunchtimes.

Attendance

We are very impressed by how well children are attending school at the start of this year. Children's attendance keeps improving and is now better than in most schools. This is great because if children come to school each day, they will do better in their lessons and their exams. We check everyone's attendance each day and will spot anyone absent. We will contact you if we have concerns. If you have worries about your child's attendance please speak to Mr Moore or Mrs Rai-Moore. Please remember that children must not go on holidays during school time. If you do, you are likely to receive a fine from the Council. Please remember that you should not make appointments for your child to go to the doctors, dentists or opticians during lesson times. We will allow hospital visits but you must show us the appointment as soon as you are given it.

Peer Mediators



Mr Moore and Mrs Rai-Moore chose this year's peer mediators from year 5. These children have the special responsibility to help other children at lunchtimes. If children are having problems, they can go to a peer mediator as well as a member of staff and seek help. The peer mediators have an important role and received training to help them do their job. They can be identified by the badge they wear each day or by their cap.

School Council

This year's Council has been elected by members of each class after listening to speeches given by the candidates. Voting took place to help our children learn about democracy. The elected children then met with Mrs Rai-Moore. They then elected a Chair and Vice Chair in a ballot. School Councillors have now an important role in helping us make our school even better by giving children the chance to make suggestions about improving our school.

Librarians

Children in year 5 made applications to become librarians. Children interested in this role had to write letters saying why they should be given the job to Mrs Rai-Moore. Each lunchtime, Monday to Wednesday, librarians will run the library with help from Mr Hasnat. It is important that your child borrows a book from the library and reads it. Books should be brought into school using an Aston Tower book bag which you can buy from the School Office.

Parents' Evening

This will be held on Wednesday 23rd October and Thursday 24th October starting at 3:45 pm and finishing at 5:30 pm.

Email addresses

Most letters are now sent by email. Please look out for our emails and make sure we have your email address.

Term Dates

School Year 2024 to 2025

Autumn Term 2024

Term Starts: Thursday 5 September 2024

Half Term: Monday 28 October 2024 to Friday 1 November 2024

Term Ends: Friday 20 December 2024

Spring Term 2025

Term Starts: Monday 6 January 2025

Half Term: Friday 17 February 2025 to Friday 21 February 2025

Term Ends: Friday 11 April 2025

Summer Term 2025

Term Starts: Monday 28 April 2025

Half Term: Monday 26 May 2025 to Friday 30 May 2025

Term Ends: Thursday 17 July 2025

Please do not book holidays during school time.