



# Aston Tower Community Primary School Newsletter

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## Successful Ofsted inspection

As you will have seen from the report, and Mrs Rai-Moore and my letter, we are very proud of the very successful Ofsted inspection we recently had. The school was judged to have improved 'significantly across all areas' from its last inspection in 2019, and working at an outstanding level in all areas. This is a great credit to the pupils, staff and all those who take on leadership roles. We were very proud to read about how well pupils behave, and that they, 'love coming to school regularly and enjoy their lessons'. We are very proud that the inspector judged that we live up to our vision to 'achieve excellence', and how well all pupils achieve, including those who find learning difficult. We are proud that he judged our curriculum to be 'very ambitious', that reading is so well taught, pupils achieve well in mathematics, and provision for special needs pupils is of a very high standard.

Mrs Rai-Moore and I thank you for your tremendous support in helping our school to be among the very best.

## Attendance

The inspector noticed that pupils' attendance has improved. Please send your child to school every day unless they are very unwell. Children must not go on holidays or any trips during the school year. Please book appointments with doctors, dentists and opticians outside of school time. If your child is unwell, please ring the school and leave a message on our attendance answerphone as soon as possible.

## School Council visit to the Council House

School Council enjoyed a wonderful visit to Birmingham City Council's Council House, where councillors meet to make decisions about how best to run the City. Our School Council learnt about how democracy works at Birmingham City Council and the work that councillors do. We spent time looking at the historic buildings and also visited the Lord Mayor's Parlour. The tour guide said that our Aston Tower pupils were very knowledgeable and asked excellent ques-



# Christmas Jumper Day

Our charity event this term is Christmas Jumper Day. It will be held on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December and raise money for the Save the Children fund. Pupils can wear a Christmas Jumper on that day but should wear the rest of their uniform. If children do not take part, they should wear their school jumper as usual. To take part, children should donate £1. Save the Children will use the money to give children medicines, food, and education in countries where governments do not provide it, and promote children's rights.

## Year 5 Trip

Year 5 pupils went to the Think Tank as part of their science learning about the earth and space. Taking the bus to the City Centre, year 5 visited the Planetarium to find out about the solar system and how it works. This year, all classes will take part in a trip.

## Christmas Lunch

A delicious Christmas dinner will be cooked by our canteen on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2024. If your child normally has a pack lunch and would like to have the Christmas dinner, can you please ensure that you fill out the Christmas dinner invite and return it to school. Dinner payments will need to be made on the sQuid payment app.

## Christmas Events

We are holding the following Christmas events:

- 12<sup>th</sup> December – nursery concert at 9am
- 13<sup>th</sup> December- reception concert at 9am
- 17<sup>th</sup> December- years 1 and 2 Christmas concert at 9am
- 18<sup>th</sup> December- years 3 and 4 Christmas concert at 9am
- 19<sup>th</sup> December- years 5 and 6 Christmas concert at 9am

## 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: Monday 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.**