



## **Aston Tower Community Primary School**

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### **New school year notices September 2022**

It was good to welcome you and your children back to our school last Thursday. At the start of the new school year, Mrs Rai-Moore and I are sharing with you some important announcements.

#### **School closure for the funeral of HM Queen Elizabeth II**

At the weekend, the Government announced that all schools will close for the day on Monday 19 September for the funeral of HM Queen Elizabeth II. We will reopen on Tuesday 20 September at 8:35am.

#### **Uniform**

This is important at Aston Tower and children should wear it each day. Details about our uniform can be found on the school website. You can buy a school jumper from the office or buy ones without the badge from shops. Children must wear school shoes and not wear trainers or boots to school. Children should also buy a school book bag. The office will explain how you can do this.

#### **Trips**

We will be restarting trips this year. However, these can only take place if all parents pay any costs of the trips as the school is not given any money to pay for them.

#### **Building work**

Once again, we managed to get a lot of money from the government to improve our buildings. We have replaced our fire alarm and had new fire doors fitted which make the inside of our buildings look better. 4 classrooms have been redecorated and one of our halls. Also, our roof is being replaced. This will take a time to complete. These changes continue our work to make our buildings better. This summer more than £500,000 has been spent on our school.

#### **Attendance and coming to school on time**

Your child should come to school every day unless they are very sick. Children should not have holidays in school time. The government have told us that we must fine parents who take their children on holiday during term time or miss too much school. We will be checking your child's attendance very carefully to do this. Your child also must come to school on time. Lessons start in years 1 to 6 at 8:35am so bring them to school on time. Nursery and Reception begin at 8:40am.

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### **Website**

We will send fewer texts this year because we need to save money with the cost of living crisis. Look at our website for information such as term dates. A new website will be launched soon.

### **Your contact details**

If you change your mobile number, email address or postal address you should tell the office straight away. Also, if you wish to change who can collect your child(ren), you should do this straight away. If you want someone different to collect your child, please ring the office to let us know by 3pm. Please also give us the names and contact details of 2 people who we can contact if your child has an emergency.

### **Allergies and inhalers**

You must let us know if your child has an allergy. If your child needs an inhaler, please send one to school, bringing it the office in the first place.

### **Homework, home reading books and the school library**

Every Friday, homework will be sent out and your child should complete it over the weekend and bring it back to school on Monday. A home reading book will be sent out every Friday and your child should bring it back to school on the following Friday. Please use a school book bag to bring books to and from school. If you have still not return your child's book from last term, you will not be able to get a new one until it is returned. If a book is lost or damaged, you will be charged £5 for a new one. Reading is very important at Aston Tower and our fantastic library will open after half term.

### **PE and swimming**

Your child's teacher will tell you the day that your child does PE. On those days, your child should come to school in their PE kit and wear it for the day. Swimming lessons have begun for children in some year groups.

### **Looking after resources**

Everything is going up price. Teachers are talking to children about looking after school resources. Please speak to your child as well and ask them to look after school resources.

### **School meals**

If you think your child can have free dinners, please contact the office. Please do not change between packed lunches and a school meal without telling the office first.

### **Parents' Evening and Open Classrooms**

We will hold Parents' Evenings on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October from 3:45pm until 5:30pm. Put this date in your diary. After half term, we will be holding open classrooms again so you can come in and see lessons in action.

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### **Entering and leaving the premises to drop your child at school**

We started having a one way system to enter the premises from Upper Sutton Street and leaving along Tower Road during the Covid pandemic. This works really well and we are asking parents to stick to this and follow the one way system.

### **Collecting your children at home time**

Please make sure you collect your children on time at the end of the school day. They should be collected at 3:30pm on Mondays to Thursdays, and on Fridays, at 12:10pm

## **Term dates for this school year 2022/23**

### **Autumn Term 2022**

Term Starts: Thursday 8 September 2022

Closure for HM Queen Elizabeth's II funeral on Monday 19 September 2022

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

Term Ends: Friday 16 December 2022

### **Spring Term 2023**

Term Starts: Wednesday 4 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

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