



The Head Teacher's Fortnightly Newsletter Monday 8th November 2021



Dear Parents / Carers,

Here are a few reminders about things happening this half term:-

Parent Consultation Time

Consultation Time has started and you have, or will be invited to a 'Learning Conversation' with your child and their class teacher. We pride ourselves at Easterside Academy in giving both children and parents a quality length of time in which your child's progress in all areas can be discussed. **Please ensure you attend your appointment as the children really enjoy having that opportunity to spend time with you, showing you what they have been learning in school.** Following the school disruption caused by the pandemic, it is extremely important that we work together in partnership to support your child.

My Child at School (MCaS)

Have you received your letter to join MCaS? **If not, please contact the main office.** It is important that all parents and people with parental responsibility log into the new APP as we will be using it to communicate with you as well as you being able to pay for dinners, breakfast club, visits etc. Please speak to us if you need support accessing the APP in any way.

Catch-Up Clubs

If your child has been invited to join a catch-up club this term please make sure they attend. Across the year we will be inviting different pupils who we feel would benefit from some additional support after the pandemic disruptions. The sessions are purposefully held with very small groups of children to help us provide the greatest impact in closing any gaps. This is an excellent opportunity to help us to support your child! Non-attendance could result in your child's place going to another child.

School Photograph Day

We have booked the photographer for school photographs on **17th November**. A letter with more information will come out to parents this week.

Best Wishes
Mrs D Linacre

Attendance

Week Beg: 18/10/21 and 01/11/21

The information below tells you the attendance % for each class, for the last two weeks.

Class	%	%
1	88.21	88.57
2	91.27	97.09
3	91.43	91.43
4	96.55	97.84
5	90.71	94.29
6	89.92	91.07
7	86.30	94.07
8	91.25	93.28
9	87.27	86.19
10	90.67	90.67
11	83.50	90.63
12	77.62	89.52

The classes have been coded against the national average.

Red – Way below average

Yellow – Below average

Green – Average or above

Please ensure your child comes to school every day unless they are poorly. All the children have lots to catch up on this year due to COVID and we can only do this best when they are in school.



We are a **Thrive Approach** school. **Attached to this letter today is a reminder letter to parents about what 'Thrive' is and how we use it in school.** We currently have three trained **Thrive practitioners**:- Mrs Carter, Mrs Coates and Miss Weetman. Ms Wilkinson is completing the training this academic year and will be delivering Thrive outdoors.

Dates for Diary
Our last PD Day - Friday 21st January
Extra Bank Holiday – Monday 16th May - no pupils in school on either dates.

Attendance & Punctuality Awards

We are re-establishing our awards!
Weekly Attendance Award for the class with the highest attendance.
Weekly Punctuality Award – 'Beat the Bell' for the class with the best punctuality! **All children should be in class by 8.55am!**



We are going for the **Headstart 'GOLD' Award!** We are very nearly there and can't wait to share with you our success! Headstart supports our pupil's mental health and wellbeing.

Termly 'Exceptional Attendance Awards' – the 'Easterside Experience' awards are back!



Academy dates are on our APP / Website

Staff and governors are committed to the safeguarding and wellbeing of all the children in their care.