



Dear Parents / Carers,

As part of our **academy improvement plan** this academic year, there are a couple of things we would like to share with you.

Creating Active School (CAS)



As a school we have been selected to take part in the **national pilot CAS**. Through this pilot we are working closely with Tees Valley Sport to **increase the amount of time our children are 'active' in school**. This isn't just within PE lessons, but in all areas of the curriculum, as well as break and lunchtimes.

Research and strong data shows the **positive impact and benefits of physical activity** on our children, such as:

- ❖ Spending time with friends
- ❖ Builds confidence
- ❖ Increases strength and skill
- ❖ Feeling happier
- ❖ Getting better sleep
- ❖ Helps you to focus and learn more
- ❖ Improved learning and attainment

I know some of you have already contributed through an online questionnaire and our children are being given the opportunity to wear **Moki Bands** that track their levels of activity within school. We'll be using all this data as our baseline and looking for ways to increase their activity through break times, PE lessons, after school clubs, active lessons and outdoor learning. You can also support by thinking of different ways to engage your child in activity at home!

Outdoor Play and Learning (OPAL)



As part of CAS we will also be developing our school break and lunchtimes. We will be working with OPAL to ensure that every child at Easterside Academy, has **at least one hour's outstanding outdoor play every school day**. As a school we know and see the **value of 'play'** and in our modern day society, our children are not engaging in the 'play' that many of us did as young children. We hope to **strengthen play opportunities** at break times, using the whole of our **fabulous school site!** There will be an **opportunity for you** to come and join your child in a 'play' session outdoors in the summer term! Keep a look out for the invite!

Best Wishes
Mrs D Linacre



We have a great number and variety of after school clubs going on this year! This half term alone we've had 13 clubs! Look out for the ones coming up after half term!

Teacher Strike Days – we are expecting the strikes to continue to effect classes 1, 2 and 3 as before. *(See dates to the right)*. I will keep parents / carers updated of any changes to this, as soon as I get any information.



Dates for Diary

Friday 17th February – Break up for half term.
Monday 27th February – children return to school.
Tuesday 28th February - National Teacher Strike Day.
Monday 13th March is a PD Day.
There will be no pupils in school on this day.
15th / 16th March – National Teacher Strike Days.

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



Attendance

Week Beg: 30/01/23 and 06/02/23

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

Class	%	%
1	92	97
2	91	94
3	97	97
4	90	99
5	95	97
6	76	94
7	97	93
8	91	91
9	88	95
10	93	84
11	89	97
12	92	94

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.