



Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome back everyone to the start of a new academic year!

It has been lovely to see everyone return all smart in their new uniforms and ready to learn. When Mrs Thomas and I have walked around the classrooms over the last couple of weeks, we have been impressed with how hard the children are already working and how well everyone has settled back into school life so smoothly.

I would also like to welcome our **new starters** to Easterside Academy! As well as our new reception children in the Early Years who have settled in fantastically well, we also have eight new children and families in our school – so **welcome everyone!**

There are **key areas** we have identified within our **Academy Improvement Plan** this year that we will be focusing on in order to improve the service we provide and outcomes for children. These are: Continuing to develop our **wider curriculum**; improving teaching and learning and outcomes in **Maths** and **Writing** as well as continuing to **invest** and **support** all pupils **emotional** and **mental health**, including launching our new **relationships education** following the DfE's new statutory guidance (Sept 2020).

As always we have lots of **exciting things** planned for the term and the year, with lots of opportunities for parents / Carers to come into school and see what we're getting up to. We look forward to another busy year!

Best Wishes
Mrs D Linacre

Attendance

Week Beg: /09/19 and 16/09/19.

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

Class	%	%
1	99.0	91.0
2	92.0	88.0
3	97.4	100
4	96.6	97.4
5	88.4	90.7
6	97.5	92.5
7	98.0	97.9
8	97.1	96.1
9	96.6	95.7
10	97.4	96.7
11	97.5	98.8
12	92.7	94.0

The classes have been coded against the national average.

Red – Way below average

Yellow – Below average

Green – Average or above

Punctuality

The information below tells you how many times a child has been late at each Key Stage in the last two weeks.

Rec/KS1	KS2
12	16
16	18

Please make sure your child comes to school on time!

No Nuts Please!

In school we currently have a small number of children in both KS1 and KS2 that have a nut allergy where there is risk of an anaphylactic shock. Each child has an EpiPen in school in case of emergencies. **Please can I ask all parents to ensure that nuts do not come into school, either in packed lunches or on food that is brought into the class. Thank you for your support.**



Last week Year 5 and 6 had the opportunity to work outdoors for their DT session, using tools. Mr Middleton who supports some of our outdoor learning emailed me afterwards to say: **The pupils were enthusiastic, very engaged, polite and well behaved. A credit to themselves and school!** As always, I was very proud to receive such great feedback! The children loved the session too!



The Yoga Bugs programme has started for Reception every Thursday. Year 5 and 6 will also receive weekly Yoga in the Spring Term, focusing on mindfulness.



Academy dates are on our APP

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