



# Newsletter



## Autumn 1



As the dark nights roll in, we reflect on another busy term at our school. It was an absolute pleasure to see so many of you at our parents' evening event. It was great to see staff, parents and children sharing messages and looking through children's books. We welcomed potential new reception parents at our open sessions to share our wonderful school. Once again, the children have been a credit to Aston and have been showing what it means to be 'Ready, Respectful and Resilient.'

### Safeguarding

Please support us in keeping your children safe. This can be helped by ensuring that you inform the school of any changes to the collection of your child. This includes your child not attending an after-school club, being collected by a friend or family member or being collected by after school care. If you have any concerns please let us know. The Designated Safeguarding Leads in school are Mr Moore, Miss Davis and Mr Snow. The Governor responsible for safeguarding is Mrs Coles.



Mr Moore



Miss Davis



Mr Snow



**Play leader/lunchtime supervisor**  
We would like to add to our current team of lunchtime staff. No experience or qualifications needed for this role... just energy, enthusiasm and kindness as we will provide full training. If you are interested in becoming a lunchtime play leader, please leave your details with the school office.



### School uniform

The children have returned to school looking very smart in their new uniforms. Please make sure all items are labelled so that we can return any lost property. If you do have anything lost, please speak to a member of staff. On PE days, children should come to school in their PE kit rather than uniform.

Please refer to the school's policy on school uniform and PE kits as these must be adhered to.

Thank you for your support.

## Staff news

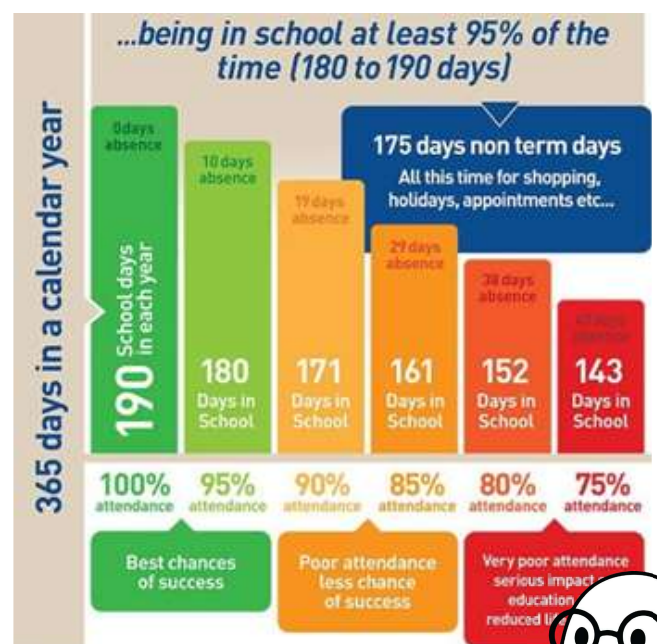
We're delighted to share some updates about our wonderful team here at Aston on Trent. Miss Davis and Mr Bamford continue to do a fantastic job as our Assistant Headteachers, supporting both staff and myself in ensuring the school runs safely and smoothly. Mrs Rodgers and Mrs Marshall have successfully completed their first term as Teaching Assistants and are already making a positive impact in the classroom. We're also thrilled to welcome Miss Dawes back from maternity leave, she is now teaching our Reception class alongside Mrs Rodgers. Together, they've formed a dream team, creating a nurturing and inspiring learning environment for our youngest children. In the school office, Mr Snow (our Business Manager) and Mrs White (Business Assistant), yes, Snow and White! They are always happy to help with any queries and provide support wherever needed. Following a prolonged period of ill health, Mrs Donaldson has now left her role at Aston on Trent primary school. She had been the reception class teacher since 2015 and we wish her all the best for the future. Mrs Donaldson has asked to pass on her thanks to the school, staff, governors, parents and children for making her time at Aston on Trent so memorable.

For more information about our staff, the classes they teach and the roles they hold please visit the following page on our website: [www.aston-on-trent.derbyshire.sch.uk/whos-who](http://www.aston-on-trent.derbyshire.sch.uk/whos-who)



## Attendance

We are aware that children can be poorly and that many infections and bugs can be spread easily via children. However, the school has a responsibility and duty to notify parents when attendance is below that of the national expectation. It is also our duty to support our families when attendance does become a concern and we hope to do this both sensitively and reassuringly. If your child is going to be absent from school, please inform the school each day of your child's absence. Please support us in providing your child with the best possible social and academic opportunities by sending your child to school at every possible opportunity.



## Reading for pleasure

Reading and a love for books, is a very important skill for all children as it allows them access to the whole curriculum as well as giving them a skill which they can enjoy into adulthood. Please find the time to read with your child as often as possible, even in year 6. It really does make a difference to children's reading ability and understanding of text.

A bedtime story is also a good way of helping your child to read and enjoy stories. Reading to your child helps them to relax at the end of a busy day and enables younger children to access books that they can't read themselves yet.

### School visitors and curriculum enrichment

At Aston, we strive to enrich our curriculum by inviting a range of visitors and experts to our school to enhance our children's learning and to appreciate of others and the world in which they live. We were overwhelmed by the level of support from our school community in providing food, toiletries and clothing for the Padley Centre. The Padley Centre is an organisation that support people at risk of homelessness, poverty and hunger and I feel proud that Aston's children played a role in supporting this organisation.

### Pupil leadership

At Aston, we have a strong culture of pupil leadership where our children help to support one another, share pupil voice and help to make decisions for our school. A big well done must go to the School Council, Well-Being Warriors, House Captains and Eco-council who have been nominated to represent the pupils of Aston for this academic year.



### School sport

Well done to our school football teams. Both our girls and boys have been involved in high intensity- high drama football matches but showed resilience and creativity in their play. Both girls and boys have achieved the highs of winning and the taste of defeat over the course of their matches. Both Aston teams find themselves near the top of the table and in with a shout of being in the top 3 if results go our way in the spring term.



### ASPA

Thank you to ASPA for organising 'The Halloween Disco Night'. The children had a great night and looked very scary in their costumes. The children danced the night away and took part in dance routines whilst listening to their favourite songs. A big thank you must go to Mr Tanner who volunteers a large amount of time to provide the children with a professional DJ set and equipment and allows all proceeds to go to ASPA.



**Best wishes,  
Mr Moore and the Aston Team.**

