

Newsletter

Monday 11th December

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Dates for your diary

Tuesday 12th December – KS2 carol concert 2.00/6.00
Thursday 14th December – FS2/KS1 Christmas concert 2.00/
6.00
Friday 15th December – flu jabs for FS2-Y4
Tuesday 19th December – Christmas dinner / Christmas
jumper day
Wednesday 20th December – whole school to Cast to see
Beauty And The Beast (FS2/KS1 am and KS2 pm)
Friday 22nd December – Pupil of the term assembly at 9.30
Friday 22nd December – Picnic lunch followed by parties for
all year groups in the afternoon
Friday 22nd December – school closes for Christmas at 3.25
Monday 8th January – school reopens at 8.40
Wednesday 10th January –Y2 SATs meeting 6.00 (Hall)
Tuesday 16th January – Y3/4 mixed basketball at Hungerhill
Thursday 18th January – Y5/6 mixed indoor athletics
Tuesday 30th January – KS1 Dance Off at Hungerhill
Wednesday 31st January – Y1 safe touch talk with school
nurse

Parent Representative

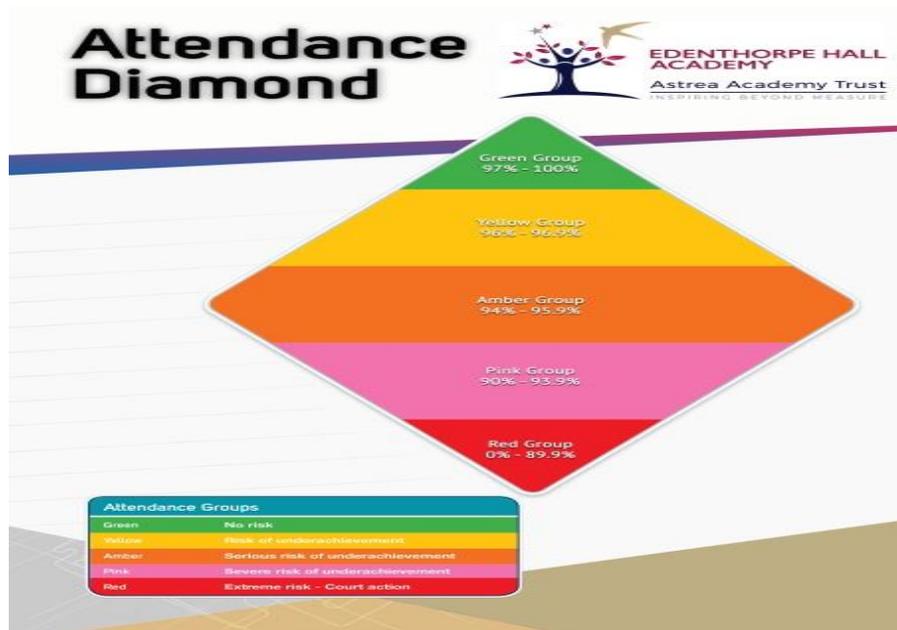
Currently the school still has a Transition Management Board in place of a Local Governing body. Astrea are currently looking at the best ways of structuring governance across its academies. I'm pleased to say that we are now in a position to appoint a parent representative to the Board. As the Board continues to develop we are looking to build a good cross section of skills on there so people with backgrounds in finance, health and safety, legal, premises, business, safeguarding or education would be especially welcome to apply.

Currently we have around six meetings a year, held from 5.00 until 6.30. We are looking to ensure we secure people with a keen interest in the Academy and its development in securing the best outcomes for all of our children. An interest in working across a number of Astrea academies in close proximity would also be beneficial.

If you are interested please contact me before we break for Christmas so we can talk more about the role and what the next steps will be in securing greater strength on our Board.

Jonathan Moody
Principal

Attendance and punctuality



Good attendance is so important for every child in school. This is something we'll really be pushing across school and across Astrea over this academic year. We're striving for at least 97% attendance and so each week in assembly we'll be rewarding the class or classes with the best attendance for the preceding week. For week 12 the attendance hit 95.5% which is below our target. For each class:

Superstars (Y2) – 99.4%
Supernova (Y6) – 98.1%
Shooting Stars (Y3) – 97.5%
Starlight (Y4/5) – 97.2%
Star Makers (Y4/5) – 94.5%
Starburst (Y1) – 94.2%
Starlets (FS2) – 84.4%

Each week we analyse our tracker and identify any children whose attendance is giving us concern. All class teachers have access to this and so will share information with yourselves and the children. Successes will be celebrated – children achieving 100% and those with green upward arrows showing improved attendance through the awarding of smiles.

In terms of year groups and their attendance over the term so far well done to Y6 on 98.08%. they are followed by Y3 on 96.84%, Y5 are in third place on 96.64% and Y2 on 96.59%. The year groups giving us most concern in terms of attendance are Y4 on 95.72%, FS2 on 95.3% and Y1 on 95.08%.

At the moment boys are beating girls in terms of attendance. Boys currently stand at 96.7% against the girls on 96.02% (although the girls are catching up).

Thank you for your support over the coming months in building on these foundations and encouraging the best attendance possible for our children.

PTFA News

Thank you to everyone from the PTFA who helped to organise our Christmas fayre. The event was well attended and very successful. Santa and his elf were certainly kept busy in their grotto and it was lovely to hear the choir singing in the hall. A grand total of **£519.27** was raised. Many thanks to all of the local businesses who donated prizes for the raffle. They were: The Eden Arms, Toby Carvery, Sainsburys, Tesco, The Men's Room, Chantal's Florist, Indigo Flower Creations, Joanne's Tearoom and the Beverley inn.

The PTFA have now set up an email address to make communication with them easier. They would also welcome any feedback about the Christmas fayre or any of the events they have organised this term. The address is Edenthorpehallptfa@yahoo.com

They will be serving refreshments at this week's concerts. However volunteers are needed to serve on Thursday at 6.00pm. Please contact the PTFA if you would be able to help.

Sports News

On Thursday 7th December, Edenthorpe Hall's Year 5 and 6 mixed football set off to compete at the Doncaster School Games football finals. Having already secured the top 8 teams of 42 schools (with over 50 teams), they knew they were up against the best of the best. It was a gruelling day of non-stop football. 7 matches of 12 minutes were played in very quick succession, challenging our very talented footballers to bring out their A-game. And bring out their A-game they sure did! With some top class football from all, Mr Kelly saw some fantastic goals from our captain William Briggs (Y6) and supporting striker Alfie Williams (Y6). A full team effort saw everyone on the team have some special moments, with the likes of Seren Garfield taking on year 6 boys from other schools, Liam Cresswell holding his own against a plethora of defenders and the duo of Katie Liddle and Malak Zraidid seemed to be unbreakable at some points!

After an exhausting morning of football, the results were in! Edenthorpe Hall ended up in eighth place but had huge smiles on their faces nonetheless, they were just thrilled to be there. They knew that today they had been a force to reckon with and that made them (and us!) very proud.

Have a look on Twitter at our photographs.

Y1/2 News

This week Year 1 and 2 went on a visit to Subway in Edenthorpe, as part of their topic 'Mess, Muck and Mixtures'. We learnt all about food hygiene and food safety. The owner of the Subway shop let us have a look in the back of the shop where we saw enormous fridges and freezers. The best bit was when we got to make our own sandwiches. We chose what fillings we wanted. We then brought the sandwiches back to school and had a picnic in the classroom. We loved our sandwiches.



Clubs

All clubs will now have been set up on Parent Pay for this next half term. Please could you pay upfront for all 6 sessions of clubs your child will be attending. Please note that there will be **no clubs week commencing Monday 18th December except for breakfast club**. We regret that we have had to put a limit on numbers for baking club but will try to ensure everyone who wishes to be part of this club will have a turn at some point.

Christmas In School

On **Tuesday 12th December** we will be holding our KS2 carol concert for parents and families of children in Y3-Y6. The children's singing during the practices has been some of the best I've ever heard in all my many years in schools so I think we're all in for a treat to really get us into the festive spirit that day. Performances will be at 2.00 and 6.00. It will then be the turn of FS2, Y1 and Y2 to stage their lovely Christmas production at 2.00 and 6.00 on **Thursday 14th December**. Again it promises to be a real treat with many special memories for you to cherish for many years to come. On **Tuesday 19th December** it will be our Christmas dinner day. We hope to make this a special dinner with Christmas music, crackers, table decorations and staff joining the children for the meal. Everyone can wear their Christmas jumpers that day as well so it should be a great occasion. Please place your orders as soon as possible. We're really looking forward to taking the children to Cast on **Wednesday 20th December** to see the production of Beauty And The Beast. This is a great chance to see a production staged in a local theatre and it will be great to go as our school community. Finally, on **Friday 22nd December** there will be a picnic lunch at dinnertime followed by parties for all year groups in the afternoon.

Music Lessons

Unfortunately, a number of children have decided not to continue with their instrumental lessons. This means that there are now a number of vacancies especially in the woodwind group. There is an opportunity for any child who would like to learn to play a musical instrument in Y3-Y6 to take one of these places at £50 a term. Please contact school for more details.

Let's Celebrate

Each week in our Celebration assembly we give recognition to a child from each class across school who has really demonstrated one of our pupil value partners. Well done to the following children:

Starlets: Yasmine Zraidi – inclusion and collaboration

Starburst: Amber Manning – aspiration and development

Superstars: Gracie Presley – responsibility and leadership

Shooting Stars: Olivia Raikes – aspiration and development

Star Makers: Evelyn Broughton – aspiration and development

Starlight: Evan Watkinson – enjoyment and innovation

KS1 playground: Adam Johnson- inclusion and collaboration

KS2 playground: Alex Brown – responsibility and leadership

Bronze Award: Well done to the following people who have gained 50 smiles and so have received their Bronze awards. Each child has been presented with a certificate and sticker and have chosen a prize from the box: Filip Szymczak, Ethan Oliver, Yasmine Zraidi, Kai Hardy, Isabelle Richardson, Grace Peers, Lucas Nowell, Kate Collis, Isabelle Ward and Niall Lauerack.

Y6 At Stockport

Our Y6 children were evacuated on Friday of last week along with some of the staff as part of their World War 2 topic. They went to Stockport air raid museum equipped with their gas masks and cases. They all took their war time packed lunches with them. The day really helped to bring their learning to life.

