

# Newsletter

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January

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## Dates for your diary

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January – school reopens at 8.40  
Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January – Y2 SATs meeting 6.00 (Hall)  
Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January – Y3/4 mixed basketball at Hungerhill  
Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January – Y5/6 mixed indoor athletics  
Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January – KS1 Dance Off at Hungerhill  
Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January – Y1 safe touch talk with school nurse  
Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February – Hollowford meeting for Y5 parents at 6.00  
Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February – Chinese New Year dance workshops  
Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February – School closed for INSET Day and half term  
Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February- School reopens at 8.40 after half term  
Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February - 3.45-6.30 Open evening  
Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February – 3.45-5.30 Open evening  
Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February – Y3/4 mixed tchoukball at Hungerhill  
Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March – World Book Day / Doncaster Book Awards finals  
Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> March – Celebrating Sisterhood at Hatfield Primary Academy 12.00-4.30  
Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March – Conrad Burdekin (author) in school  
Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> March – J Rock at Magna

## Class News

### **Starburst (Y1)**

Happy New Year! I hope you have all had a wonderful break and an exciting Christmas.

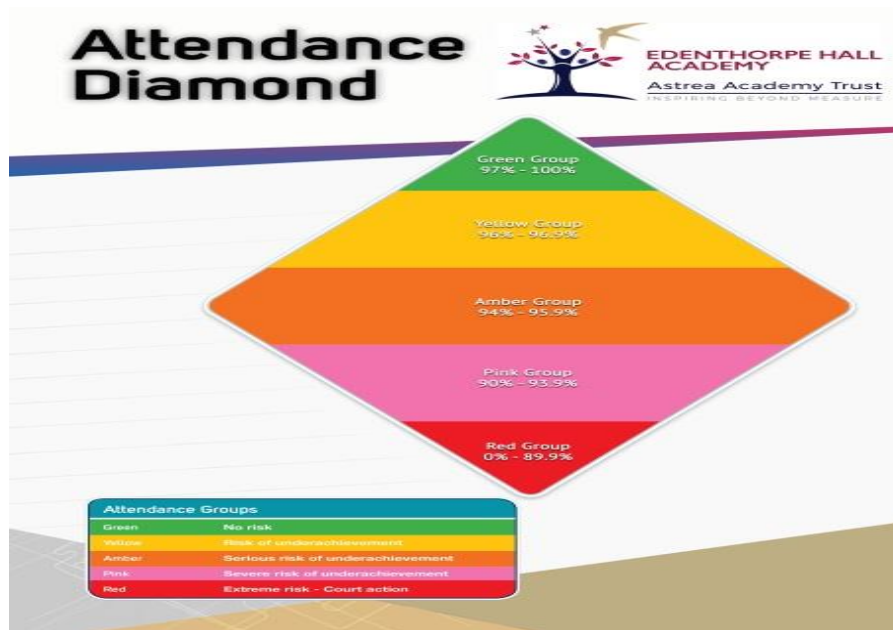
This half term we will be engaging in the topic 'Street Detectives'. We will be learning all about Edenthorpe, houses in the past and talking about how shops and businesses have changed. Children will go on a village walk to see all the different buildings and sights near to school. We will then make a map and mark the different things we saw on our walk.

In Maths we will look at addition, subtraction, telling the time and also measuring.

We will be pushing reading even further this half term as we start moving into guided reading and working on comprehension skills. Please ensure children have their reading books and diaries in school every day. Reading at home will be rewarded. This can be a couple of pages of their book with questions about what is read.

Any question or more information on how to support learning at home, please do not hesitate to ask

## 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 14 the attendance hit 96.6% which is below our target. For each class:

**Supernova (Y6) – 98.1%**  
**Shooting Stars (Y3) – 97.4%**  
Superstars (Y2) – 96.6%  
Starlight (Y4/5) – 96.2%  
Star Makers (Y4/5) – 96.2%  
Starlets (FS2) - 96.1%  
Starburst (Y1) – 95.3%

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 98.09%. they are followed by Y3 on 97%, Y5 are in third place on 96.85% and Y2 on 96.33%. The year groups giving us most concern in terms of attendance are FS2 on 95.58%, Y4 on 95.41% and Y1 on 95.37%.

At the moment boys are beating girls in terms of attendance. Boys currently stand at 96.68% against the girls on 96.24% (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.

## Let's Celebrate

### **Pupils Of the Term**

In our final assembly of the term certificates were presented to the two children from each class who had been nominated by their class teachers as Pupils of the Term. Teachers had a difficult decision to make but took into account achievement, effort, showing our core values and dispositions, involvement in the wider life of the school and attendance and punctuality. As well as receiving their certificates the children also had the opportunity to select a book award. Moving forward we will be choosing another two per class in the Spring and Summer terms. For Autumn 2017:

Starlets: Charlie Thompson and Sophie Barley  
Starburst: Zuzanna Lichota and Rory Smith  
Superstars: Jorja Ward and Elizabeth Adamsons  
Shooting Stars: Charlotte Richardson and Kai Greenwood  
Star Makers: Isabelle Ward and Grace Peers  
Starlight: Saffron Whittaker and James Collis  
Super Nova: Mia Lane and Matthew Musson



### **Bronze Awards – 50 smiles**

Our new rewards system is proving popular with the children. They are awarded smiles for a variety of reasons – effort, attainment, showing the values and dispositions consistently, attendance and punctuality, involvement in the wider life of the school and making positive contributions. Once they have achieved 50 smiles they gain their Bronze certificate and sticker and choose a prize from the box in my office. They're a third of the way there then to their Gold Award for 150 smiles. We have a special day trip planned on 17<sup>th</sup> July for all of our Gold award winners. Please note that any children joining part way through the year will have to reach a suitable proportion of smiles dependent on when they started to achieve their Gold.

Well done to the latest Bronze award winners: Liam Cresswell, Grace Whiteley, Poppy Scott, Mason Swinney, Austin Smith, Olivia Mainprize, Millie Turner, Jorja Ward, Charlotte Peat, Finlay Soffe, Millie Hadfield, Zahra Robinson and Nazanin Ehsani.



100% attendance winners

## **Let's Celebrate – Attendance**

In our final assembly of the Autumn term we gave recognition to good and outstanding attendance as part of our big drive around this. In terms of classes the attendance for the Autumn term was:

### **Super Nova (Y6) – 98.1%**

Shooting Stars (Y3) – 96.9%

Superstars (Y2) – 96.3%

Starlight (Y4/5) – 96.2%

Star Makers (Y4/5) – 96.2%

Starlets (FS2) – 95.6%

Starburst (Y1) – 95.2%

Attendance across school for the Autumn term was a little below our target at 96.4%.

### **100% Attendance Awards – Autumn Term**

Well done to the following 54 children who achieved 100% attendance for the Autumn term and received their certificates: James Allan, Jake Allen, Thomas Barley, Jessica Bowles, Alice Briggs, Seth Brooke, Lucas Carnegie, James Collis, Thomas Davies, Ethan Farrington, Harley Fawley, George Fleming, Isla Frith, Lewie Gale, Seren Garfield, Beatrice Green, Kai Greenwood, Millie Hadfield, Muhammad Hamid, Brooke Harvey, Lucas Harvey, Alfred Hoo, Lara Ibrahim, Indiya Johnston, Anthony Jones, Luckveer Kaur, Sukhjot Kaur, Evie Keenan, Sherzmeen Khan, Ava Lane, Katie Liddle, Matilda Lofty-Duke, Lucas Nowell, Henry O'Keeffe, Imogen O'Keeffe, Cameron Perkins, Charlotte Richardson, Alice Rowley, Gabrielle Savage, Lexi Savage, Austin Smith, Mason Swinney, Maja Szpak, Alfie Taylor, Charlie Thompson, Molly Thompson, Scott Turner, Georgia Vallow, Mollie Vallow, Blake Venus, Isabelle Ward, Alfie Williams, Finn Williams and Bryony Woodhouse.

### **Excellent Attendance Awards – Autumn Term**

Well done to the following 56 children who achieved 97% or better attendance in the Autumn term. This means that 63% of our children hit or exceeded our target in the first term. These children received their certificates to recognise this: Elliott Noble, Neve Quinn, Isabelle Richardson, Dylan Rooke, Kate Collis, Elsa Cottingham, Nazanin Ehsani, Maisie Higham, Amber Manning, Rory Smith, Edward Southgate, Elizabeth Adamsons, Harrison Buckley, Jannah Hamid, Sara Pardyka, Katelynn Peat, Luke Spink, Molly Taylor, James Thompson, Millie Turner, Jorja Ward, Ali Ehsani, Phoebe Fitzpatrick, Frederick Gale, Evelyn Broughton, Goktan Dursun, Kearan Hood, Ruby Keenan, Sophie Miller, Charlotte Peat, Lucas Robinson, Vale Rotherforth, Caitlin Scott, Sam Stevenson, Jack Turner, Alex Brown, Brandon Higham, Mason Lister, Charlie Mangham, Micheala Peat, Matthew Pender, Oliver Pender, Lola Robinson, Zahra Robinson, Finlay Soffe, Luca Zurek, William Briggs, Elivia Chattin, Olivia Cottingham, Bradley Davies, Ella Doran, Mia Lane, Keaton Mills, Mohamad Mirza, Matthew Musson and Belle Norman.

A special mention also to four children who have not been with us all term but who have attended every day since they arrived: Olivia Harrison, Drew Moss-Stitt, Joshua Hynes and Bethany Oliver.