

Asterdale Primary School

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Staffing

Mrs Sheard

Our year 5 teacher Mrs Sheard will be leaving us in April – 2 weeks after the Easter holidays after a long service of 20 years at Asterdale. I wish to extend my thanks for her dedication and I am sure that you join me in wishing her well with her new career. We have already begun the recruitment process for a replacement teacher which is proving very popular!

Miss Ford

I am delighted to inform you that our Year 3 teacher Miss Ford visited us the week before we broke up with her beautiful daughter Olivia who was born on 14th January. She will be spending the next few months with her new family before she returns after Christmas.

Annual Trust Employee Award

At our Trust Inset day on the last day of last half term – our school attended Derbyshire cricket ground with all employees of our Trust. It was the first year that each school nominated a member of staff who had gone above and beyond – for pupils, staff and the community. All school staff voted and I am delighted to announce that for our school, Amy Harrold won the award! Congratulations Amy!

Dates for your Diary:

Year 5 taster day at West Park – Thursday 14th March

Comic Relief Crazy hair day – Friday 15th March

Year 2 trip – Derby Museum – Thursday 21st March

There will be an Easter church visit to St. Werburghs on Friday 22nd – Service begins 1:45pm – all welcome!

Break up for Easter – Thursday 28th March

This Terms Events

World Book Week March 4th

This half term will begin with a series of exciting events in order to celebrate World Book Day and our school's continued commitment to reading.

On Monday 4th All parents are invited to a reading breakfast in the school hall at 8:45AM – join us for a croissant and a cuppa!

Our school library will be open at lunchtime all week for children to access.

On Friday the children and staff have the opportunity to dress up as a book character, genre, famous author, a word or in readiness for listening to a story (pyjamas). There will be a 50 word or less short story competition across the school. (Prize per class

Science Week: March 11th

The theme this year is 'Time' there will be a family quiz, a poster competition and a visit to school by animals from White Post farm!

February Non-Uniform Day

Thank you for donating your money for non-uniform day on the last Thursday of half term. The money raised is being used to support forest school activities over the next few months.

PTFA

Our wonderful PTFA will be organising a fantastic raffle at the end of World Book week – themed around Willy Wonka!

SCHOOL MEALS

Our 'EAT THEM TO DEFEAT THEM' school meals initiative begins next week encouraging our pupils to eat healthily and munch extra veg! – so look out for the award stickers they earn!

INSET days for 2024:

Monday 17th June

Monday 22nd July

Tuesday 23rd July