



Aston Fence J&I School Newsletter January 2024



Welcome

We are very much looking forward to the spring term and all of the exciting things we have planned. The children have already started learning about their new topics and last week, our first good work assembly of 2024 highlighted the wonderful work that is already happening in classrooms.

In order to ensure that children get the most out of their time in school every day, please try your best to ensure they are on time to school each morning. School starts for our FS2 pupils at 8.40am and for the other year groups at 8.45am. Morning activities begin very shortly after this so it is vital pupils are in school on time.

Thank you

Thank you for your contributions towards last year's Christmas Jumper Day. Children and staff raised £90.76. This, along with £110 from the Christmas Fair, will be donated to Sheffield Children's Hospital. Thank you for your support towards this worthy cause.

Snow/Bad Weather



As the weather turns colder, please ensure that your child comes to school in a coat. We still aim to get outside at break and lunch whenever we can.

The staff at Aston Fence work hard to ensure the school is open every day; however, we do have to prepare for the possibility of snow and ice disruption during the winter months.

Our key objective during the worst weather conditions is to open school on a site that is safe and adequately staffed. When we experience ice or snow, our first priority is to assess whether we can make the site safe enough for adults and children.

Although we keep up-to-date with forecasts and weather warnings, some snow and ice conditions can be quite localised. What appears to be 'slushy' snow at school, can be compacted very quickly on frozen ground when children are walking on it, or there may be severe snow around school but little where you live.

When there is a possibility that school may not be able to open we will assess the following criteria:

- Can the site be made safe?
- Will we have sufficient staff to meet appropriate adult:child ratios?

- Can we provide meals at lunchtime?

If you wish to find out whether the school is open or not on a day when the weather is bad, please check your emails, text messages and our **X** (Twitter) feed or tune in to Hallam FM where information will be broadcast. Alternatively, you can visit our website for closure information.

PLEASE UNDERSTAND THAT CLOSING A SCHOOL IS NEVER A DECISION THAT IS TAKEN LIGHTLY; WE WILL DO EVERYTHING WE CAN TO STAY OPEN.



Water Bottles

Could we respectfully remind parents that the water bottles pupils bring into school should be clear and contain only still water? Bottles can be purchased from the school office at a cost of £1.50 each. Thank you.

Absence - mobile no. 07494 245043

If you would like to text us rather than telephone when your child is absent, or going to be late for school, please use the above number. Alternatively, ring the school office on 0114 2692688 or email at office@astonfence.org. If your child is going to be late, please let the office know if they are bringing a packed lunch or their meal choice from the school menu, which can be viewed from the home page on our website. Thank you.

Safeguarding

Please let us know when...

- there has been a change in your contact details (phone number, email, address)
- there has been a change in medical needs for your child
- there has been a change in your circumstances which could affect your child. By us knowing, we will be able to monitor your child and help if required.



Dates for Your Diary

JANUARY 2024

Mon 8 School open
Mon 29 Y3 & Y4 Visit Creswell Craggs
Tue 30 Y5 Visit Murton Park

FEBRUARY

Tue 6 Inclusion/SEND Coffee Morning – 9.30-10.30am
Fri 9 Young Voices and **Last day of half term**
Mon 19 **Inset Day**
Tue 20 **School Open**
Tue 20 Open Evening 1.15 – 6.15pm
Tues 27 Y2 Visit Twycross Zoo

MARCH

Wed 20 Y2 Family Learning (details to follow)
Thu 28 **Last day of term – school closes for Easter**

APRIL

Mon 15 School open

MAY

Mon 6 **School closed - May Day**
w/c Mon 13 Y6 SATs week (and possibly the week after)
Tue 21 Class Photographs
Thu 23 Y5 Family Learning (details to follow)
Fri 24 **Last day of half term**

JUNE

Mon 3 **Inset Day**
Tue 4 **School open**
Fri 7 Y4 Family Learning (details to follow)
Fri 28 **Inset Day**

JULY

Thu 11 Y6 Family Learning (details to follow)
Mon 22 Y6 Leavers' Assembly (details to follow)
Mon 22 End of Year Disco – all pupils invited
Tue 23 **Last day of term**