



Aston Fence J&I School Newsletter May 2024



Welcome to our May newsletter. What a busy half term it has been in school! Our summer term topics are well under way and as always, children have been producing wonderful work in all areas of the curriculum.

FSM Entitlement - We have recently had a number of enquiries related to 'Free School Meal Entitlement'. If you would like to know more about this service, please follow this link – <https://www.rotherham.gov.uk/benefits/free-school-meals>

You can claim free school meals for a child who lives with you and who you are responsible for. Your claim will be automatically processed if you receive Housing Benefit or Council Tax Reduction and get any of the qualifying benefits.

Eligibility

Your child is eligible for Free School Meals if you get one or more of the following benefits:

- Income Support
- Income-based Job Seeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The Guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit. Provided you are not also entitled to Working Tax Credit, and have an annual gross income, of no more than £16,190 (as of 2014 financial year) as assessed by His Majesty's Revenue and Customs
- Working Tax Credit run-on. Paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit



Apply Online

Simply complete the form online:

Rotherham Schools at www.rotherham.gov.uk

Rotherham's Family Hubs

We have been asked to share the following information with you regarding Rotherham's Family Hub.

Rotherham has been successful in getting additional funding from the Government to support our work with children and families. Family Hubs operate in Rotherham Children's Centres and Early Help buildings. Local families can visit with their children and receive information, advice and support for all things related to raising a family.

Family Hubs bring lots of services together, to work with families from pregnancy and through childhood to the teenage years and up to 25 with special education needs and disabilities.

You can find out more about the hub by visiting - <https://www.rotherham.gov.uk/family-hubs>.



Mental Health Award

We are absolutely delighted to announce, that following a successful application, our school has been awarded the gold standard for our work on mental health and wellbeing by Leeds Carnegie Centre of Excellence for Mental Health in Schools.

Parking - Polite reminder

We appreciate that parking outside school is difficult, but in the interests of safety request that you do not leave your car at the end of Swallow Wood Road.



Parents from our school have permission to park in designated areas of Aldi's car park between the times of 8.30-9.10am and 2.45-3.15pm.

Any parent wishing to use Aldi's car park must clearly display a badge in their car window, indicating that they are involved in the scheme. Badges can be obtained through school. Please email the office with your name and car registration/s so that we can process your badge.

Parents, who are part of the scheme, must park within the designated bays which are situated to the front of the store (nearest the road) and the disabled bays to the side. Children must be supervised in the car park and on the journey to and from school.

Leave of Absence

We respectfully request that parents/carers are open and honest about any holidays taken during term time. Therefore, we would be grateful if you could complete a leave of absence form and we will respond accordingly. It is important that we are certain of the children's whereabouts for safeguarding reasons. Thank you for your co-operation with this matter.



Lateness and Absence

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. Pupils arriving after the registers have closed will receive a late mark.

If your child is ill, please inform the school office as soon as possible by telephoning us on 01142 692688 or email office@astonfence.org. If your child is attending a medical appointment, please inform the school by email or hospital letter, and let us know your child's lunch arrangements as soon as possible as meals need to be ordered before 9.30am. Our menu is available on the website

Safeguarding

Could we respectfully remind parents not to leave younger children in their car when dropping off or collecting older siblings? If you require assistance during these times, please contact the school office and we will be more than happy to help.

Lunch time Activities

We are looking to expand the types of activities that we offer pupils at lunch time. With this in mind, we would be most grateful for donations of any of the following items:

- picnic blankets
- small toy cars/vehicles
- dinosaurs
- dolls/action figures



Preloved/second hand items would be wonderful! We do not expect you to go out and buy new items. Thank you.



Dates for Your Diary

MAY

Mon 13-Fri 18	Y6 SATs week (and possibly the week after)
Mon 20	Y3 & Y4 Greek Day
Tue 21	Y5 Visit Clumber
Tue 21	Class Photographs
Thu 23	Y5 Family Learning – now full
Fri 24	Last day of half term

JUNE

Mon 3	Inset Day
Tue 4	School open
Tue 4	Y1 Visit Ecclesall Woods
Tue 4–Fri 14	Y4 Multiplication Check
Fri 7	Y4 Family Learning (details to follow)
Mon 10–Fri 14	Y1 Phonics Screening Week
Tue 11	Inclusion Coffee Morning 9.00-10.00am
Tue 18	Y6 Visit Graves Park
Fri 21	Sports Day 9.30-11.30am
Fri 28	Inset Day

JULY

Thu 11	Y6 Family Learning (details to follow)
Mon 15-Fri 19	Y5 Bikeability (details to follow)
Wed 17	Open Evening 3.15-5.30pm - no appointments required
Fri 19	Macmillan Coffee Morning 9.15-11.15am
Mon 22	Y6 Leavers' Assembly 9.15am
Mon 22	End of Year Disco 5.00-6.30pm – all pupils invited
Tue 23	Last day of term

2024/2025 – Inset days

Mon 2 September
Fri 4 October
Mon 24 February
Mon 2 June
Fri 27 June