

Friday 16th September 2022

Dear parents and carer,

This week the children have been working hard in class to ensure that their work is completed to the highest standard. Children have been learning to get to grips with their new class monitor roles. All children have been given a monitor role to develop their understanding of responsibilities. Please ask your child what their role is and what is expected of them.

REMINDER - Bank Holiday – Monday 19th September

The school is closed to all pupils on Monday 19th September. We will reopen again at 8.45am on Tuesday 20th.

REMINDER - INSET day

School is closed on Monday 3rd October for staff training. School will reopen on Tuesday 4th October at the usual time. For further information about INSET dates and school holidays please see the school calendar on the school website.

Mobile phones

Our school rules are that children must not bring their mobile phone to school unless they are in year 5/6 and have permission to walk home on their own. Mobile phones must be switched off and handed to the class teacher upon arrival. Any phones that are found on a pupil will be confiscated and only released when a parent/carer comes to collect it. There will be a consequence for any child found to be using a mobile phone in school and they will be banned from bringing it onto the school premises. Use of mobile phones during the school day is a serious breach of our school rules and is a safeguarding concern which will not be tolerated. To ensure the safety of all pupils, including your own, please speak to your child about the importance of this. If you would like support in how to talk to your child about this then please speak with a member of the pastoral team.

School Council

This week children applied for the position of school councillor. After our whole school assembly on democracy, the children have heard the manifestos of each candidate and have had the opportunity to vote for their councillor of choice.

Our new school council will be announced next week.

Meet the teacher/Learning Leaflets

Thank you to those who came to meet with their child's class teacher on Monday. Hopefully you found this a useful experience.

Learning Leaflets were sent home this week via the school APP. If you have not received a copy, they can be viewed on the school website in the learning section.

Homework

Over the next few weeks children will be sent some work to complete at home. Please support your child with this. Taking an interest in their homework will strengthen the relationship between home and school and give you some insight into your child's abilities.

Please ensure that you listen to your child read at home at least 4 times a week.

Uniform

Any shoes which are not black are not part of our school uniform policy. Please ensure that your child is wearing black school shoes when they return on Tuesday 20th September.

Coffee morning - RSE resources

Earlier this week I sent communication out about the coffee morning that will take place on Tuesday 20th at 9am. This is an opportunity for you to look at some of the resources we use and ask any questions about our curriculum coverage.

Sex education is taught in years 5 and 6. In year 5 children will learn about puberty and the changes to their body. In year 6 children will learn about conception. In year 4, children do learn about appropriate touch. In all year groups, children learn about what constitutes as a healthy relationship at an age appropriate level.

For further details please see the policy that was attached to the original letter.

I would also welcome your input into topics you would like us to cover which you think are pertinent to the local area in keeping all children safe. For example, you may be concerned about vaping and children not considering it dangerous like smoking. If you have concerns to share please speak with me on the playground or email the admin inbox at admin@astreathehill.org.

Attendance

Please ensure that your children are in school if they are well. They have just had 6 weeks off school and whilst I appreciate that the price of a holiday maybe cheaper in the first few weeks of September, children are missing a vital part of relationship building in the class and important topics



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that support future learning. For example, over the last few weeks children have been learning about place value and relationships between numbers in maths. These are the building blocks that support children with their understanding of number and ability to calculate effectively.

Children will need to catch up on missed learning so please speak with a class teacher if your child has missed any school so far this academic year so that they can support you to support your child at home.

Also, just to remind you that children do not have to stay off school if they have COVID-19 unless they are too unwell to come in.

Kindest regards,

Mrs E Cadman (Principal)