

Tuesday 27th September 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been lovely watching the children settle back into school and display such enthusiasm towards their learning. We have sky-high expectations of them and they have responded brilliantly by demonstrating respectful behaviour towards each other and their teachers, moving calmly and sensibly around the school and showing a real readiness for learning in their classrooms. We call this **'The Atlas Way'** as it is very much the culture of our school and it is something we are extremely proud of. We look forward to welcoming you into school soon so that you can see it for yourselves!

Dame Rose Winterton

On Friday last week we were honoured to welcome Dame Rosie Winterton, the Member of Parliament for Doncaster Central and Deputy Speaker, to school. Dame Rosie met some of our Pupil School Improvers and spoke with them about her experiences of being an MP for the past 25 years. The children were intrigued to hear her accounts of being at the late Queen's funeral and King Charles III's accession proclamation last week, as well as being entertained by her stories of former Prime Minister, Boris Johnson! We hope that Dame Rosie's visit has inspired our pupil leaders to consider ways in which they can demonstrate service to their local community, as well as giving them real aspirations for their own futures. You can see some of the photographs from Dame Rosie's visit to Atlas on our school Twitter account, @AtlasAcademy1.

Our School Councillors visit to DGLAM

Last Tuesday our Year 5 and Year 6 School Councillors visited Doncaster Gallery, Library and Museum to sign the Book of Condolence for Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. The children all wrote very moving and thoughtful comments, and were excellent role-models for our school. As always, we were incredibly proud of them.

European Day of Languages

We are always looking for opportunities to celebrate the diversity and rich cultural heritage of our Atlas family and today we marked European Day of Languages with a special assembly. We had a whole school multi-lingual greeting to start proceedings before continuing with an enjoyable quiz where we had to guess the language for a range of different greetings from across Europe and around the world.

How many of these do you know?

1. Hola
2. Bonjour
3. Guten tag
4. Ahoj
5. Salve
6. Konnichiwa
7. Asalaam alaikum
8. Salut
9. Hej
10. Dobriy den

Attendance and Punctuality

At Atlas, we strive for the highest possible standard of education for all pupils. This can only be achieved by supporting and promoting excellent attendance and punctuality. Only by attending school regularly and on time will our pupils be able to make the most of the wonderful educational opportunities available for them. You play such an important role in making sure your children come to school regularly and arrive on time so that there is no lost learning.

School starts at **8:40am (Nursery, Reception and Year 1)** and **8:45am (Year 2 – Year 6)**. Don't be late through the gate!

If you need any help please do speak with Miss Thackeray (Attendance Officer), Mrs. Grant (Safeguarding Lead) or Mrs. Nicholson (Family Liaison and Nurture Lead).

Breakfast Club

Would you like your child to have a free breakfast at school? Our wonderful Atlas Breakfast Club currently has a limited number of spaces available. Breakfast Club starts at 8:10am each morning and your child would need to be able to attend 5 days a week. Please contact the School Office if you are interested. Places will be allocated on a first-come-first-served basis.

Important Dates

Monday 3rd October – Staff Training Day; School is **CLOSED** to all pupils

Monday 24th – Friday 28th October – Half-Term; School is **CLOSED** to all pupils

Monday 31st October – School re-opens for 2nd Half-Term

Tuesday 1st, Wednesday 2nd and Thursday 3rd November – Parents' Evenings, 3:30-5pm

Thank you for your continued support. **We are Atlas!**

Mr. Peter Sturgess
Principal