

## Atlas Academy Newsletter – May 2023

Dear Parents,

I would like to begin by congratulating our Year 6 pupils on their fantastic attitude towards their SATs tests last week. We were so pleased with their commitment and the mature approach they took towards each test. SATs week is always a challenging time for Year 6 children but the resilience that our wonderful group of learners demonstrated made us so very proud of them. They are all #GREAT!

This week our Year 2 pupils are taking their SATs tests. They have been working really hard all year and we know that they will do their very best. Go well Year 2!

### Spring Term Parent Survey Outcomes

Thank you again to everyone who completed a parent survey at our Spring Term Parents Evenings. Your feedback is so important to us and helps us to make Atlas an even better place for our children to learn. We have shared the results again below, together with a selection of comments you made.

	Yes	No	Not Sure
<b>My child is happy</b>	100%		
<b>My child feels safe</b>	92.5%	1.25%	6.25%
<b>My child is learning</b>	91.25%	1.25%	7.5%

### What are we doing well?

- X builds her confidence and learns a lot of things about life in general
- Good teaching
- Multi-cultural and respect all religions
- Helping my child to enjoy learning
- Everything doing well, thank you
- I think everything is perfect at school
- X's teacher keeps us updated and from what X tells us at home, the teachers' dedication and friendly, caring nature comes through
- X is very happy at school. She wants to come to school every day and that is a good sign to me that you are doing everything absolutely amazingly. Thank you
- Teaching children writing and how to speak English
- Good support and teachers make me safe
- Better communication between school and parents
- Teaching children to be good and kind
- Lots of positive encouragement
- I really like the way how children learning. They like learn new things without pressure. X knows many things in every subject and I'm grateful for that, thank you
- Good communication, teaching reading
- Listening to the community
- You are doing very good jobs, thank you for everything
- X struggles to read so the school and his teachers are doing a good job teaching him how to read and also write

**What could we do better?**

- Communicate events further in advance to help with work commitments
- Do more activities for the children
- Practise writing with my child
- Give children a report every month about what they have done in school. If a club gets cancelled you should contact us on time please
- Give extra homework on paper, not on apps such as Sumdog
- More school trips
- More communication

We do listen to your feedback and take it very seriously. You told us that you would like to know about school events further in advance so to help with this we will continue to show the termly diary on all newsletters moving forward to help you with planning.

**Bikes and Scooters**

I would like to remind you that the use of bikes and scooters on school grounds is not permitted. The safety of our Atlas community is, as ever, our utmost priority and we ask for your full support with this matter.

**Reporting to Parents**

Later this term you will receive your child's annual school report which will provide information on their progress and achievements this year, together with their areas for further improvement. This year our school reports will be produced electronically and will be available for download from the 'My Child At School' app. We know that many of you are now using the app regularly, particularly to help register your child in after-school clubs, but if you are not yet signed up, please do speak with Miss Crookes in the Main Office and she will help to get you connected.

**Important dates for the diary****May**

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May: Year 2 SATs week

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May – Ladybird class visit to Wentworth Garden Centre

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May: School closes for half-term holiday

**June**

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June: All pupils return to school

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June: Year 5 visit to Danum Museum and Gallery for poetry workshop

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June: Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June: Year 1 Phonics Screening Check

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> June: Year 3 at Doncaster Storytelling Festival Live, Cast Theatre

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June – Year 2 at Yolanda's Band Jam at Cast Theatre

**July**

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July: EYFS Sports Day (am)

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July: KS1 Sports Day (am) and KS2 Sports Day (pm)

W/C Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July: Annual reports to parents

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July: Transition Days

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July: End of term

Thank you for your continued support. It is greatly appreciated.

**Peter Sturgess**  
**Principal**