



**ATLAS ACADEMY**

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## Atlas Academy Newsletter – June 2023

Dear Parents,

Our children are working so hard on their units of learning as we approach the final weeks of what has been a very exciting year at Atlas. I would like to say a huge well done to all of our Year 2 children who completed their SATs just before the recent half-term holiday, and to say how delighted I am with the #GREAT attitudes being shown by our Year 1 and Year 4 children whilst they take their phonics screening checks and multiplication tables checks this week. I know they will all do their very best and we look forward to sharing their successes with you soon.

We still have so much more to do this year and, as ever, it is so important that your child is in school every day to be able to access their learning. Please make sure that your child does not miss out on the trips, visits, sports days and the opportunity to meet their new teacher for next year!

### Attendance

We have seen some really great improvements across the school in terms of the number of children attending regularly. Last week our whole school attendance reached 95% which is very close to national average. This is an excellent achievement and our sincere thanks go to all of our families for their support in making sure that our children are in school every day and ready to learn. Well done everyone!

We want to continue this success and have launched some exciting attendance competitions for our children to take part during the next few weeks. All children who have an attendance of 96% or better from now until the end of the year will be entered into a draw for some wonderful prizes (last year's winner received a mountain bike), whilst we will also have weekly class winners for best attendance in both KS1 and KS2, with special treats given out on Friday afternoons.

We launched the competitions in assembly on Monday, and all of the children know that they have to be in school to have a chance of winning. You can help them by getting them to Atlas on time every day. Don't be late for the gate!



### Water bottles

We have recently seen an increase in the number of children not bringing proper water bottles to school. Please note that our healthy eating policy does not allow children to bring fizzy drinks, juices or flavoured water to school. Water should be brought in a proper water bottle, and not in a plastic bottle which has previously been used. **Please note that Prime bottles are not allowed in school.** Thank you for your support with this.

### Be Sun Safe

We are experiencing some lovely weather at the moment, but it is essential that we remember that the Sun's rays can be extremely harmful to all of us. Please help your child by ensuring that they bring a hat and water bottle to school every day, and apply some sunscreen before they leave in the morning. We do have plenty of cool, shady areas outside for the children to enjoy during their break and lunchtimes.

During this particularly warm weather, we are allowing the children to attend school in their school PE kits, rather than their normal uniform. Please note that our PE kit consists of a plain white t-shirt and black shorts only.



### **Your voice is heard!**

In our March parent survey you told us that you wanted the children to experience more trips and activities out of school. Since then our Year 4 children have attended a very special Earth Day event at Danum Library, our Year 3 and Year 5 children have attended special events to mark the Doncaster Storytelling Festival and Year 2 children will be visiting Cast Theatre for Yolanda's Band Jam musical activity at the end of this month. Our Nursery children recently visited Wentworth Garden Centre, whilst Year 1 will be going to Yorkshire Wildlife Park next month, and Year 5 and 6 will be heading off to Gulliver's Valley to finish the year in style! There is always so many exciting things taking place at Atlas – please do check our Facebook page and our Twitter account (@AtlasAcademy1) to see what we are doing next.

### **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**

#### **June**

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

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

#### **July**

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July: Nursery Sports Day (am)

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

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July: KS1 and KS2 Sports Day (am) **\*This is now a combined KS1 and KS2 event**

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

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July: Year 1 visit to Yorkshire Wildlife Park

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

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July: Year 5 and Year 6 visit to Gulliver's Valley

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



#### **September**

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September: Return to school for Academic Year 2023-24

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

**Peter Sturgess**  
**Principal**