

Atlas Academy Newsletter – October 2023

Dear Parents,

How quickly time flies at Atlas! We are already into October and have had 4 weeks of fantastic learning from our children. Our main focus at the start of this term has been on excellent written presentation in our books and I have been delighted to see the pride and effort that so many of our wonderful pupils have been putting into all of their work. It is clear that they want to do their best at all times and we appreciate your support in continuing to encourage them to aim for excellence in everything they do, in school and at home. We look forward to sharing their work books with you at our upcoming Parents' Evenings later this month.

Thank you to all of our families who have attended our recent 'What are we learning?' workshops. We hope that this has provided you with some really useful information as we continue to work together to provide the very best support for our children.

Attendance

We have been delighted that so many of our children are attending school regularly this term. Good attendance ensures that they get the best opportunities to learn and make great progress, and we really appreciate the support that you are providing in this respect. We are continuing to provide regular rewards for children who attend school regularly. This includes free tickets to Doncaster Rovers FC and Doncaster Knights RUFC, as well as extra special treats from our weekly 'Attendanceopoly' game.

Our September attendance figures for your child's class:

FS1 Butterflies – 91%
FS2 Ladybirds – 90%
FS2 Fireflies – 92%
Y1 Bellatrix – 93%
Y1 Rigel – 97%
Y2 Mirfak – 94%
Y2 Polaris – 95%
Y3 Suhail – 95%
Y3 Sirius – 95%
Y4 Alnilam – 92%
Y4 Arneb – 94%
Y5 Alpheratz – 95%
Y5 Betelgeuse – 96%
Y6 Vega – 93%
Y6 Antares – 92%

Our aim is for every class to have an attendance of **95% or better**. Well done to Rigel, Polaris, Suhail, Sirius, Betelgeuse and Alpheratz for achieving this last month. Let's see even better attendance figures in October!

We Look #GREAT at Atlas

Thank you for continuing to ensure that your child wears full school uniform when they attend school. We want our children to be excellent in everything they do, and this includes looking smart at all times. We do have lots of jumpers, shirts, trousers, skirts and shoes available in school. If you need any items please speak with the School Office or Mrs. Grant from our Pastoral Team.



World Mental Health Day – Tuesday 10th October

World Mental Health Day is about raising awareness of mental health and driving positive change for everyone's mental health. We will be marking the day with a special assembly and by encouraging everyone to wear an item of yellow clothing such as a yellow t-shirt, a pair of yellow socks, or a yellow hairband, together with the rest of their normal school uniform.

After-School Clubs

A reminder that we have some fantastic after-school clubs running this term. We are always delighted to see our children taking part in these high-quality activities and spaces do remain for the clubs listed below if you haven't yet signed up your child. Please speak to the School Office for further details.

Club	Day	Year Group
Football	Monday	1, 2 and 3
Basketball	Tuesday	3, 4, 5 and 6
Dance	Tuesday	3, 4, 5 and 6
Science	Tuesday	3, 4, 5 and 6
Circuit Training	Wednesday	3, 4, 5 and 6

CU for Breakfast

Our very popular CU for Breakfast event with our friends from Doncaster Children's University continues to run **every Friday from 8:15-9:00am**. All Atlas families are warmly invited to join us for breakfast, fun games, prizes and more!

Important dates for the diary

4th Oct: Reception 'What are we learning?' Parent Meeting, 2:30pm

5th Oct: Y5 'What are we learning?' Parent Meeting, 2:30pm

10th Oct: World Mental Health Day – wear an item of yellow clothing

11th Oct: Y1 Parent Phonics Workshop, 2:30pm

12th Oct: Reception Parent Phonics Workshop, 2:30pm

20th October: End of half-term

30th October: School re-opens

Week Beginning 30th Oct: Parents Evenings – more details to follow

1st November: Y3-6 Arithmetic Expectations Parent Workshop, 2:30pm

22nd December: End of term

Thank you for your continued support. It is greatly appreciated by all of us.

Peter Sturgess
Principal