



## Atlas Academy Newsletter – December 2023

As we come towards the end of what has been a fantastic term in school we would like to share with you some important information.

### INSET Days – Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> and Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January

In an update to our published 2023-24 school calendar please note that school **will be closed to all pupils on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> and Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January** to allow staff to attend important training sessions. We will **re-open to all pupils on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January**.

### Festive Performances

All of our children have been excitedly preparing festive performances to share with you before the end of term. We warmly invite you to attend the following performances:

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 2:30pm** – Reception performance for parents

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 11am and 2:45pm** – Nursery performances for parents

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm** – KS1 performance for Year 1 parents

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 2:30pm** – Year 3 and Year 4 performance for parents

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm** – KS1 performance for Year 2 parents

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December at 2:30pm** – Year 5 and Year 6 performance for parents



### Attendance

We are delighted that we are currently in third place across all Astrea primary schools with an overall attendance of **94.8%** so far this year, compared with **92%** at the same time last year. This represents a fantastic and really important achievement as it means that more Atlas children are attending school on a regular basis and are able to make progress with their learning. Thank you for everything you continue to do to ensure that your child comes to school every day and arrives on time.

Please remember that school starts at **8:40am**. It is vitally important that your child is in school at that point so that they can have a really strong start to the day and not miss out on any learning time. **Please don't be late for the gate!**



### November 2023 Attendance Figures by Class

1. Year 5 Betelgeuse – 98%
2. Year 5 Alpheratz, Year 2 Polaris and Year 2 Mirfak – 97%
5. Year 1 Bellatrix, Year 3 Sirius, Year 4 Alnilam – 96%
8. Year 3 Suhail and Year 4 Arneb – 95%
10. Year 6 Antares and Year 6 Vega – 94%
12. Ladybird and Fireflies – 92%
14. Year 1 Rigel – 91%
15. Butterflies – 89%
16. Alpha – 83%

**Attendance of 95% and above is what we expect all children at Atlas to aim for. Well done to all classes who achieved this in November.**

## **Christmas Lunch and Festive Jumper Day – Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December**

All of our children are warmly invited to join us for a Christmas Party Lunch on **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December**. We also encourage all children to wear a festive jumper to school on this day, together with their rest of their normal school uniform.

## **Poppy Appeal 2023**

We recently raised the fantastic total of £599.44 towards the Royal British Legion's 2023 Poppy Appeal. Thank you so much for your generosity.

## **Important dates for the diary**

### **December**

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> - Reception-Y3 trip to the Pantomime at Cast Theatre

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> – Reception performance for parents at 2:30pm

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> – Nursery performances for parents at 11am and 2:45pm

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> – KS1 performance for Y1 parents at 2pm

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> – Y3 and Y4 performance to parents at 2:30pm

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> – Y4-Y6 trip to the Pantomime at Cast Theatre

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> – KS1 performance to Y2 parents at 2pm

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> – Christmas Party Lunch and Festive Jumper Day

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> – Y5 and Y6 performance to parents at 2:30pm

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> – End of Term

### **January**

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> – Start of Spring Term

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> – Y6 SATs Parent Meeting, 2:30pm

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> and Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> – INSET Days School **closed** to all pupils

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January – School **open** to all pupils

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January – Y4 Multiplication Check Parent Meeting, 2:30pm

### **February**

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> – Year 1 Phonics Parent Workshop, 2:30pm

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> – Reception Phonics Parent Workshop, 2:30pm

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> – Monday 19<sup>th</sup> – Half-term School **closed** to all pupils

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> – School **open** to all pupils

W/B Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February – Parents Evenings

School closes for the Christmas Holiday on **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December** and we re-open on **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024**.

On behalf of the pupils and staff I would like to take the opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a peaceful and prosperous 2024. We look forward to continuing a successful partnership with you in the coming year to ensure that your children get the very best learning opportunities at Atlas.

**Peter Sturgess**  
**Principal**

