



**ATLAS ACADEMY**

**Astrea Academy Trust**

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Dear Parents/Carers,

As the end of the Autumn term approaches, I wanted to take the time to reflect on the school year so far. We have had a very successful term, with pupils working hard and producing some great work. The school has raised almost £1000 for Children in Need and Remembrance Day, as well as money for school funds through the winter fair. Thank you for your generous contributions and support for our children.

Atlas was inspected in October and was judged to be Good in all areas, for the 1<sup>st</sup> time in the school's history. We are very pleased to be recognised for the excellent work of staff and pupils.

This term we have had a number of exciting things happen in school. We have had Stone Age day visitors, swimming lessons, a visit from our MP and concert performances to name just a few. We are looking forward to more enjoyable things in 2025.

We know that some of our events have come up at the last minute and we are committed to communicating with parents and carers and getting information to you, as much in advance as possible. Please be as patient as you can be whilst we set systems up to improve communications.

As many of you will know, my role is Regional Director for the trust, and I have stepped in to be principal of Atlas between Mr Sturgess leaving and the new principal joining. I am pleased to say that we have appointed a new principal, Mrs Trotman, who will join school in January. She has been a headteacher for a number of years and is looking forward to joining school. She has been in school this week and has met lots of the children already. She will be introducing herself to you formally, in the new year. I will continue to be the school's Director and so I will be in school lots in January and then regularly through the rest of the year. I will still be contactable if you would like to speak to me about anything and I will work very closely with Mrs Trotman.

It has been a pleasure and a privilege to work with your children over the last term and a half and to get to know the families of Atlas in more detail. Thank you for again for your support to staff and to your children.

Have a wonderful Christmas holiday and we will see you on the 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025.

Yours faithfully

Andrew Crossley