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## **SEPTEMBER 2019**

Firstly, a warm welcome back to everyone and especially to all the new children joining us in our Nursery and Reception classes. Class-teachers will shortly be sending home their first termly class letter; please do come and speak to the staff if you have any questions.

### **Mile-a-Day**

You will remember last year we raised money through children being sponsored to complete a mile a day. The money has now all been counted and I want to say a big thank you to everyone who contributed to the amazing £2,743 raised. Half of this money is being given to the Mind in Furness charity and half the money school are to use to contribute towards new playground equipment.

### **Playground equipment**

Money from our mile-a-day, together with contributions from PTA (Summer Fayre) and other school funds are being put towards new fixed playground climbing equipment. We gathered five different quotes for the equipment and the children then voted for their favourite, with the design by Playdale receiving the most votes. The playground equipment will be installed during October half-term holiday. There's a sneaky peek below of what it will look like when completed.



### **School Games Award - Gold**

Once again school has been awarded with a gold School Games Award. This once again recognises the high proportion of children participating in sporting activities, including competition and the provision at Askam Village School. A big thank you to Mr. Cairns who not only leads P.E. and sport in school and provides many of the opportunities for the children, but also completed the application for the award.

### **Uniform**

The children look very smart on arrival back to school. Smart uniform and pride in appearance help to set the tone for our expectations regarding learning and behaviour in school. I would like to take this opportunity to remind parents of a few of the features of the uniform policy here at Askam Village School.

- Children should wear plain black shoes (unless there is a medical reason). If for some reason your child cannot wear their black shoes, please send in a note. If children come to school in any other footwear, they will be asked to change into their P.E. pumps during the school day, or alternatively wear a spare pair from school.



- If children have their ears pierced, earrings should be a single stud. Children should be able to take their own earrings out for P.E. (they cannot be taped over)
- Long hair needs to be tied back. Children should not have their hair shaved with patterns/pictures.
- Children should not wear nail varnish and/or make-up for school, and they will be asked to remove it if they come to school wearing either.
- PE Kit consists of burgundy shorts and t-shirt, with plimsolls and/or trainers. Occasionally, if activities are taking place outside in winter and it is very cold, pupils can wear additional clothing suited to the activity. Normally, however, they should just wear their PE Kit.

Each year we end up with an enormous pile of lost property which must cost parents hundreds of pounds.

**Please make sure your child's uniform is labelled with their name making it much easier for us to return it.**

### Can you spare some time?

If anyone has a spare morning/afternoon they could come and volunteer in school, we would be very grateful. This might involve listening to readers, an art activity with a group, helping with computers or perhaps baking. If you are interested, please speak to a member of staff. Where volunteers work with children, we would require an enhanced DBS check.

Best Wishes,

F Newton

Mrs. Fiona Newton Headteacher

See below for dates for the first half term

### Dates for the Autumn Term 2019

Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> September	Children back to school (Reception to Year 6). Nursery children will have staggered start dates.
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>Years 5 &amp; 6</b> Swimming (Week 1 of 10) – See separate letter for more info.
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> September	PTA Meeting 7pm. New members and ideas welcome.
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> September	Years 5 & 6 Swimming (Week 2 of 10)
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> September	Years 5 & 6 Swimming (Week 3 of 10)
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> September	Provisional - Macmillan Coffee Morning.
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October	Years 5 & 6 Swimming (Week 4 of 10)
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> October	School Photographs.
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> October	Years 5 & 6 Swimming (Week 5 of 10)
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> October	Years 5 & 6 Swimming (Week 6 of 10)
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> October	Harvest 2pm
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> October – Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>Half Term</b>

Please see next page for a handy year planner and term dates.



## September 2019 to July 2020

Wednesday 4 September 2019	Autumn Term Begins
Monday 21 October 2019 to Friday 25 October 2019	Autumn Half Term Holiday
Friday 20 December 2019	Autumn Term Ends
Tuesday 7 January 2020	Spring Term Begins
Monday 17 February 2020 to Friday 21 February 2020	Spring Half Term Holiday
Friday 27 March 2020	Spring Term Ends
Monday 13 April 2020	Easter Monday
Tuesday 14 April 2020	Summer Term Begins
Friday 8 May 2020	May Day
Monday 25 May 2020 to Friday 29 May 2020	Summer Half Term Holiday
Friday 17 July 2020	Summer Term Ends

## Academic Year Planner 2019-2020

	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T					
<b>Sep</b>						1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
<b>Oct</b>	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	<b>Half Term</b>			25	26	27	28	29	30	31					
<b>Nov</b>				1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30		
<b>Dec</b>					1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	<b>Christmas Holidays</b>			29	30	31			
<b>Jan</b>		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31			
<b>Feb</b>				1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	<b>Half Term</b>			28	29				
<b>Mar</b>				1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	
<b>Apr</b>		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30				
<b>May</b>				1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	
<b>Jun</b>	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30					
<b>Jul</b>		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	<b>Summer Holidays</b>		

