

ASKAM VILLAGE SCHOOL

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Newsletter January 2023

Dear Askam families,

January has flown by and we're nearly in February as I write this newsletter.

School Comms app

As you will be aware, we now have the 'School Comms' app up-and-running, and parents/carers should have received a separate letter explaining the next stages in transferring over to the app. We will be moving the booking of breakfast and after school club to the app from 1st February. Parents/carers will need to book 48 hours in advance through the app. Bookings will not be taken via e-mail from 1st February. Other after-school activities will also be booked through the app going forwards. If you have any difficulties accessing/using the app, please do get in contact with the school office.



Mrs. Hopkins

Mrs. Hopkins, who has worked as a Senior Teaching Assistant at the school for 30+ years, is retiring at February half-term. I'm sure parents/carers will join me in wishing Mrs. Hopkins all the very best for her retirement and thank her for all the support and encouragement she has given children in those many years.

Mrs. Patterson – returning from maternity leave.

It's lovely to have Mrs. Patterson back in school following her maternity leave. Ms. Anderson has now moved to share the teaching responsibility in Year 2 with Mrs. McCormick. Many parents will have met Mrs. Patterson when dropping off children in the mornings.

SCARF

Our unit of P.S.H.E. (Personal, Social, Health Education) for this half-term is 'Keeping Safe'. I have introduced the theme during assemblies and we have talked about who our safe people are. There are further details included in the planning overview sent out at the beginning of term. Lessons are age-appropriate to the subject, and during this term range from Nursery children learning about people who keep me safe/what's safe to go in my body, up to Year 6's work which includes smoking/vaping, staying safe online, taking risks and different dilemmas and possible outcomes.



Children's Mental Health Week

This year, Children's Mental Health Week runs from 6th – 12th February 2023. This year's theme is 'Let's Connect'. During that week children will take part in some lessons related to the theme as well as assemblies.



NEU strike action

Our school will not be affected by the strike action. School will be open and children should attend as usual please.



Askam Village School PTA

Our PTA have set up an account which you can use when shopping on Amazon. AmazonSmile will donate to Askam Village School PTA who in turn support school fundraising.

We had another successful PTA meeting earlier on in the month with lots of plans going forwards. The first event is the **'Valentine's Disco', to be held on 14th February.** Times for the disco: **Reception, Year 1 and Year 2: 5.30pm-6.30pm** and **Years 3, 4, 5 and 6: 6.45pm-8pm.** Children should enter via the Key Stage 2 entrance around the side of school as you go into the playground, and parents should collect from this entrance too please and then exit via the front door.

The PTA hire a DJ and there is a small tuck shop available for the children.

We ask for a donation of £1 entry which helps cover the cost of the DJ and a suggestion of £1 for tuckshop. This year, if younger children (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2) bring £1 they are able to buy a drink, pack of crisps and sweets with help from a PTA member. Older children can choose their items at the tuck shop.

Parking

Please can I remind parents/carers not to stop to drop off/collect children on the zig-zag lines or in front of the school gates. This is for the safety of all the children and community. Thank you for your co-operation.

Please find dates below which I hope parents/carers will find useful.

ASKAM VILLAGE SCHOOL **SPRING TERM 2023**

Friday 27 th January 2023	1.45-3.15pm Y6 Dodgeball @DASH
Monday 30 th January 2023	Young Voices
Tuesday 31 st January 2023	9.15am Police visit to Nursery and Reception class
Friday 3 rd February 2023	3.45-4.45pm Y2 Indoor Athletics DASH
Monday 6 th February 2023	Year 6 Dental survey
Tuesday 14 th February 2023	Reception vision checks
Monday 20 th February to Friday 24 th February 2023 Half-term	
Thursday 2 nd March 2023	World Book Day – further information to follow
Week beginning 6 th March 2023	Parental Consultations to be held this week
Friday 17 th March 2023	Red Nose Day 1.45-3pm Y1 Fun Event (Sports – Dowdales)
Week beginning 20 th March 2023	Feet First Week
Friday 24 th March 2023	3.40-4.55pm Y5/6 Netball @DASH
Wednesday 29 th March 2023	9.15am-11.15am Y3/4 boys and Y5/6 girls football @Dowdales
Thursday 30 th March 2023	Easter Egg Competition
Friday 31 st March 2023	Break up for Easter hols

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