



Astley Primary School

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Dear Parents/carers



Welcome to Tigers Class and a new term at Astley!



I hope that you and your child have had a good summer break and are looking forward to a fantastic year ahead with lots of opportunities to learn and develop greater understanding in the many different curriculum areas. I am very excited to be your child's class teacher this year and this letter is just to let you know what our class will be focusing on in lessons over the next term and additional information to help with a smooth start to the year.

The following adults (and Tigers) will be helping and supporting your child within the class:



Miss Wreford
Class Teacher
Every day



Mrs Herring
Teaching assistant
Every day



Mr Sayer
Sports Apprentice/TA
Every day (Except Fridays)



Todd and Tiger Cub
Mascot
Every day

Drop-off and Pick-up times:

Please be aware of the following key timings and ensure that you are on the playground ready to collect your child at the end of the day. If for any unavoidable reason you are unable to arrive at school on time, please contact the office as soon as possible.

Class	DROP OFF	PICK UP
Tiger Class	8:15-8:45 am	3 pm



Tiger class will enter the Hastings Building by going down Malley's Alley.



Tiger class will be handed over to parents through this gate at the end of the day.

Children can arrive through any gate when being dropped off in the morning. Once you have dropped your child off, please could you make your way off the school site to avoid any social distancing difficulties.

For pick-up, if you need to remain on the playground to wait for an older sibling, please ensure that your child/children remain with you and that you maintain a social distance from other waiting families. Please can we request that only one adult comes to collect your child.

Coronavirus:

Please ensure that your child has washed their hands prior to leaving home in the mornings and on arrival home after school each day. Your child will have regular opportunities to wash their hands throughout the day as recommended by the Government.

If your child is feeling unwell and has any of the symptoms of Coronavirus then they should not come into school and you should arrange to have your child tested. If your child becomes unwell while at school we will contact you and ask for you to come and collect your child (it is vital that we maintain an up to date record of your contact numbers to enable us to contact you during the school day). You will need to arrange for them to take a test. Once the results have been received, if this is negative and your child feels well then they may return to school. However, if your child tests positive, please inform the school and follow the necessary Government guidance.

As all children are 11 or under, they are ***not required or encouraged*** to wear face coverings at any time. If children choose to wear them on their way to school we will ask them to be removed once in school. Please can you share this video clip with your children showing them how to remove their mask.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NMSqc9SspbJc>

Curriculum:

The children will be following the National Curriculum for English and Maths. We will also be studying the following topics this term:

Subject	Area of study.	Subject	Area of study.
Science	Plants Everyday Materials	Music	Charanga Zoo time Harvest songs Christmas production and Carols.

Computing	E-Safety and Digital Literacy: E-Safety unit Blogging and podcasting	DT	Mechanisms Wheels and axles
History	Events Beyond Living Memory The Great Fire of London	Art	Drawing – Henri Rousseau
Geography	Local Geography: Why do we have cities?	PE	Real PE 6 (Social) Run, Jump and Throw/OAA Real PE 2 (Creative) Dance
Life Skills	Self Esteem Unit Basic first aid Anti-bullying Week NSPCC PANTS Afternoon	RE	Why is a synagogue important to Jewish people? (Judaism) How is the Passover celebrated? (Judaism)
Primary Languages	French Review and months Numbers 12-21 and Christmas		

What your Child needs to bring:

Your child should come in school uniform unless it is their PE day (see PE section for further information on this). There will be a hot dinner and a packed lunch option available but if your child would prefer a packed lunch from home, please send them in with this as well.

Children are encouraged to bring a water bottle into school so that they can keep hydrated and work even harder! Please ensure your child's bottle is named and that it contains water as outlined in our school policy.

PE:

PE is timetabled for a **Tuesday** and a **Thursday**. Your child should come to school in their PE kit on these days. This should be a plain white or house team coloured t shirt, dark shorts and trainers. There should be no big logos or emblems, and no football kits. Please ensure long hair is tied back and earrings are removed on these days. On colder days you may want your child to wear a warmer top and tracksuit bottoms over the top.

It would also be preferred if children could have a pair of trainers in school with them every day (even when they are not doing PE) for daily physical activity.

Reading and Homework:

All children in a **phonic group** will have a reading journal. They will have a Read Write Inc. Phonics book which will be changed weekly in their phonic group.

We are also launching a very exciting new reading scheme this half term and more information will be sent to you about this shortly.

In addition to this, children are expected to practice their 2, 5 and 10 times tables weekly. We will also send out an additional homework activity sheet for you to complete should you wish.

Home/school Contact:

Please send us a note or feel free to make an appointment at the office if you have any queries or would like to discuss any aspects of the curriculum or your child's education. Please could we ask that you do not enter the school buildings unless by prior appointment.

To find out more about what we have been up to in class, please follow us on Twitter @Astley_Primary2.

Our weekly Astley Advertiser also gives key dates and information about what is happening in school.

We cannot wait to see your child on Monday and look forward to hearing all about their summer holiday.

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely



Miss Wreford
Tigers Class Teacher



Tod and Cub
Class Mascot