



Athersley South Primary School

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Class 8 Y5 Parents ONLY

11th September 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are delighted to be able to share with you the news that, thanks to the Local Area Council, Ad Astra have been commissioned to continue to deliver a programme for children and young people in the St. Helen's Ward to support positive well-being. In practice this will mean that 2 members of the Ad Astra team will work with our Y5 children on a 'Buddy Training Programme' and with our Y6 children to support their transition to secondary school later in the school year.

We are particularly pleased that colleagues from Ad Astra will continue to lead the project as along with their experience working in schools, they are also based at the New Lodge Community Centre and so they are already familiar with some of our children, including those they met last year. All members of the project are fully DBS checked and are aware of safeguarding measures.

Our Adastra colleagues will be in school every Tuesday to run an after school club from 3.15-4.45pm which we would strongly encourage your child to attend. There will be six sessions in total and the dates are shown at the bottom of this letter. As part of their session, the children will be given light refreshments. The programme that ran in school last year was very successful and the children enjoyed themselves.

In order for your child to stay for the after-school club until 4.45pm we would kindly ask that you complete the permissions form using this link

<https://forms.office.com/e/m4paSaG2eH>

It is particularly important that you indicate if your child will be walking home alone or if your child will be collected from school at the main entrance.

We very much look forward to continuing our work with Ad Astra. We know that our Y5 and Y6 children will develop lots of new skills and grow in confidence to help both themselves and others, as well as having lots of fun along the way 😊.

Please note that there will be a maximum number of 15 children per group and each group will attend for six sessions each during this school year. Your child will attend on the following dates:

Tuesday 12th September
Tuesday 19th September
Tuesday 26th September
Tuesday 3rd October
Tuesday 10th October
Tuesday 17th October

We would appreciate it if you could complete the form, via the link above, by the end of Monday 11th September. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact school.

We apologise for the late notice, but this is due to arrangements only being finalised at the end of last week.

Kind regards

The Year 5/6 Team