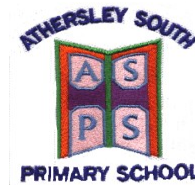


# FS2 Newsletter

Issue 1

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to take this opportunity to wish all our returning and new families and their little ones a warm welcome to Athersley South Primary School. Settling into full time school is not always easy and the children have all done such an amazing job so far.

We have two new members of staff joining our team and would like to welcome Miss. Lavery, who will be working between F1 and F2 throughout the year and Ms. Hayward, who will be working with us in F2 this term.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns please speak to a member of staff who will be happy to help.

**The F2 Team**

## Our Learning

Over the last few weeks we have been talking about making new friends, learning our routines and how to use our different areas of provision and understanding our Athersley Stars as well as Dr Tim values. We will be reading lots of stories about friendship, being resilient and emotions this half term. If you would like to revisit any stories at home please have a look on our website to see which stories we have enjoyed sharing. We have loved reading 'The Dot' this week — a story all about having a try and being creative. The children have made some amazing artwork; experimenting and exploring colour and size and are proudly on display.

We have introduced Read Write Inc. to the class, they have loved meeting Fred the Frog and learning about different letters and the sounds they make. Your child will be bringing home Fred's Challenge on a Friday, these are QR codes of the sounds they have been learning in school. If you would like more information on Read Write Inc. please scan the QR Codes below:



What is RWI Phonics?



Understanding Phonics



How to say the sounds

## Website

We update our website at least every half term to share all the amazing things that we do in F2.

We want to ensure that we have all Parent's/Carer's permission to use your child's photograph on our website. If you do not want your child's photograph on our school website please can you notify Miss Pell or Miss Reynolds as soon as possible.

### Reminders

- Please remember water bottles should be filled with water, not juice.
- If your child has a packed lunch please make sure grapes are cut in half, lengthways, as they are a choking hazard when not cut.
- Please check any items of uniform/water bottles that your child has taken home as they could belong to someone else. Please return any items to school and we will return them to the right child. We ask that you clearly label your child's clothing to avoid any future mix ups.
- The F2 doors open at 8:45am and will close at 8:55am. If you arrive after this time then please go to the main School Office so your child can be signed in and their dinner ordered.
- Please can you return your child's home details form as soon as possible, we need to ensure we have the correct contact numbers and updated information about your child. This includes any allergies or medication they are on. If you require another contact details or medication form, please ask a member of staff and they will provide you with a copy.
- Our school library will be open every Thursday after school (3:20pm) for our families to spend quality time together reading a story. Please note that books cannot be taken out of the school library.

### Home-School Communication

We use Tapestry as a way of sending 'snapshots' of your child's learning every half term/term. To access this, alongside other school communications, please can you make sure you have returned your home details form with the correct email address. We will be sending a 'how to' document to our new parents in due course. This platform also allows you to share your child's fantastic adventures and activities outside of school, which we love seeing and sharing with all the children.

### PE

Our PE days with Mr. Gorner, our Sports Coach, will be on a Wednesday. Due to having a large class, we will be taking half the class one week (the children that leave via the main door) and the other half (children that leave via the side door) the alternate week. The children have already had a visit to the Hall and met Mr. Gorner. Your child will need their PE kits at school from:

#### Wednesday 27th September.

Please can we remind you to remove any earrings on your child's PE day. If they are not taken out, they will not be able to join in with their PE session.

Please see below when your child will need their PE kit.

Miss Reynolds / Mrs Ayling	Miss Pell / Miss Lavery
Wednesday 27th September	Wednesday 4th October
Wednesday 11th October	Wednesday 18th October
Wednesday 25th October	Wednesday 8th November
Wednesday 15th November	Wednesday 22nd November