



Athersley South Primary School

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Class 8 Y5 Parents ONLY

12th December 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are delighted to be able to share with you the news that, for the second year in succession, thanks to the Local Area Council, Ad Astra have been commissioned 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 George and a colleague 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.

George will be in school every Tuesday afternoon from 2.30pm and their work with our children will include an hour after school, until 4.30pm, which we would strongly encourage your child to attend. At the end of the school day the children will be given light refreshments. The programme that ran in school last year was very successful and the children enjoyed themselves.

All children will access the session from 2.30-3.20pm, but in order for your child to stay for the after-school session from 3.20-4.30pm we would kindly ask that you complete the permissions form using this link

<https://forms.office.com/r/QguuFEx0w3>

Due to the dark evenings, ALL children must be collected from the main school entrance at 4.30pm.

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 one half term each during this school year. Your child will attend on the following dates:

Tuesday 10th January 2023

Tuesday 17th January 2023

Tuesday 24th January 2023

Tuesday 31st January 2023

Tuesday 7th February 2023

We would appreciate it if you could complete the form, via the link above, by the end of Thursday 15th December. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact school.

Kind regards

The Year 5/6 Team