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Y5 & Y6 Parents ONLY

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 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.

We are particularly pleased that Michelle and George from Ad Astra will be leading the projects because as well as having many years 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 and how lovely the pupils at ASPS are. All members of the project are fully DBS checked, use LFD covid test kits twice weekly in line with school staff and are very familiar with our covid-19 risk assessments and their roles within this.

As part of the project, Michelle and George will be in school every Tuesday afternoon from 2pm and their work with our children will include an hour after school, until 4pm, which we would strongly encourage your child to attend. At the end of the school day the children will be given light refreshments. The project was due to start in January but due to Lockdown was delayed, so in order to ensure all children have the opportunity to participate, each group of children will have three weeks working with the team (see dates for children below). It is also hoped that they will return next academic year to complete further work with our current Y5 children.

All children will access the session from 2-3pm, but in order for your child to stay for the after-school session from 3.05-4.00pm we would kindly ask that you complete the permissions form using this link https://forms.office.com/r/6De1yVmPje. 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 their normal classroom door.

We are very much looking forward to working with Michelle and George and over the coming weeks 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 😊. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact school.

Class/Group	Dates
Class 8 **Y5** children	Tuesday 20th April, Tuesday 27th April, Tuesday 4th May
Class 7	Tuesday 11th May, Tuesday 18th May, Tuesday 25th May
Class 8 **Y6** children	Tuesday 8th June, Tuesday 15th June, Tuesday 22nd June
Class 9	Tuesday 29th July, Tuesday 6th July, Tuesday 13th July

Kind regards

The Year 5/6 Team