



## Athersley South Primary School

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Class 9 Group 1 Parents ONLY

24<sup>th</sup> April 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. All our Y5 children have now accessed and enjoyed their sessions and the Y6 children in Class 8 have had their transition sessions. It is now the turn of Class 9 children, who will be split into two groups to access the programme during the next term.

We are particularly pleased that Michelle and George 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, use LFD covid test kits twice weekly in line with school staff and are very familiar with both covid and other safeguarding measures.

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. A similar, but shorter and condensed programme that ran in school last year was successful, but we are excited that Michelle and George will have more time in school with all our Y5 and Y6 children this year.

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/ysT7CPzUHy> 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. Any data that you submit will only be held by Ad Astra for the duration of the project.

We very much look forward to continuing our work with Michelle and George again next half term. 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 26<sup>th</sup> April  
Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May  
Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> May  
Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May  
Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> May  
Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June

We would appreciate it if you could complete the form, via the link above, by the end of Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> April. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact school.

Kind regards

The Year 5/6 Team