



Athersley South Primary School

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Dear Parents,

I hope that you all had a relaxing half term holiday and were able to enjoy the much awaited sunshine. Here is this month's newsletter which we hope you find of use.

Beat the Street

It's back and we are SO excited!! This week your child should have brought home a Beat the Street fob or card. Beat the Street is a fun, free initiative that will see Barnsley transformed into a giant game! You may have previously played back in Summer 2019. The aim is to see how far you can walk, cycle, run, scoot and roll in just 6 weeks. There are great challenges to enjoy and prizes up for grabs. The game started YESTERDAY and ends on 22 July 2021. Be sure to register your card/fob on the website to ensure you choose our school to receive the points that will be added everytime you and/or your child scan their card or fob. Registering also ensures you are entered into the **regular prize draws**. All the information you need, as well as the leaderboards 😊, can be found on the Beat the Street website <https://www.beatthestreet.me/barnsley/> Our challenge is to beat our neighbouring schools, as well as other schools within the ECM Trust. You can even play on your journey to and from school each day 😊. Let's do this!

Eat Them to Defeat Them

The battle against the veg is back! The challenge is to chomp every carrot, bite the broccoli and more! In conjunction with Barnsley Catering Services, and in line with a national initiative, we will be promoting one vegetable each week in the dining room for the rest of this half term. This week it was tomatoes. The children will be encouraged to try the vegetable and will receive a sticker if they do so. We began a similar challenge last year, just before Covid caused the first national lockdown, and the children really enjoyed it. We look forward to more vegetable tasting in the coming weeks 😊. More information, links to games and downloads and a competition, as well as the national TV advert can be found on the following link <https://eatthemtodefearthem.com/>

Sports Days

Due to the ongoing restrictions and difficulties as a result of covid, we are unfortunately unable to hold a whole school Sports Day this year. Instead classes will be competing against each other on a smaller scale. Sadly, we will be unable to invite Parents and Carers to watch this year, hopefully next year things will be back to normal!

PE Kits

As we continue to hold many PE sessions outside, please can we politely remind you to ensure your child has an

appropriate PE kit in school, including appropriate footwear, on their PE days. Thank you.

Hot Weather

Now that the warmer weather has finally arrived, please can we ask that you ensure your child brings a water bottle to school. These can be refilled during the day at school. If your child has a hat we would also ask that they bring this to school to wear at break and lunchtime. We would also recommend applying suncream in a morning before school. Thank you.

Covid testing

If your child displays any covid-19 symptoms, please be aware that you must book a PCR test for your child at one of the mobile test sites, or order one for home delivery, and the whole household must isolate until such time as a negative result is received (usually within 24 hours). The guidance for schools is clear that we are unable to accept a negative result from a LFD home testing kit. We thank you in advance for your cooperation as we continue to seek to protect our whole school community.

Leave of Absence

Now that restrictions on travel and holidays are being lifted, we are aware that many of you are starting to plan family breaks. Please can we politely remind you that if these are to take place in term time, resulting in your child's absence from school, you will need to complete a form which can be obtained from the school office or sent home with your child if requested. It is essential that you complete the form for our safeguarding records. Please also be aware that, despite Covid-19, and the impact of the past year, the Government continues to dissuade holidays in term time due to the impact on your child's learning.

School Attendance

At Athersley South we have high expectations of all children in relation to punctuality and attendance, even during the Coronavirus pandemic! Please be aware, that absence that is Covid-19 related does not impact on your child's attendance percentage. Miss Crossland, our PSA and Mrs Stringer, our EWO continue to monitor attendance both daily and on a weekly basis. If you have any concerns about your child's time in school which could impact on their attendance, please get in touch. Both Miss Crossland and Mrs Stringer are here to support you and your child to achieve a good level of attendance. Please note that Mrs Fowler has now moved to a different role and so our new EWO is Mrs Stringer.

Dates for Your Diary

Friday 9th July – Children will spend the day in their new classes

Friday 16th July – Last day of term for all pupils

Monday 19th July – INSET day