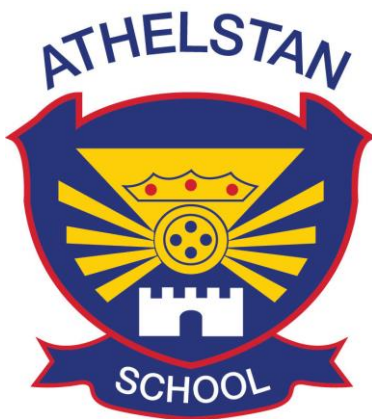


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Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to the new school year, it has been an unusual and unique start to the new term for all of us. I know that families will appreciate that the only way that school was able to open this week at all for the children was because of the hard work and dedication of the staff of this school. Who not only worked extremely long hours in the last weeks of their holidays, but sacrificed precious time with their families, which they were not paid to do.

It was wonderful to greet the children back to school and they have been so excited getting to know their new building and all the new routines that we are developing in and around school. We are also getting very fit walking around school and up and down stairs. As with all change it will be a little while until everyone is fully 'in the swing' of all the new systems and we really do appreciate how many of you have been very understanding and supportive of the situation we are managing.

There are one or two points that we would like to remind parents about.

Entry into school for all (except Raindrops and Puddles) is currently **ONLY** via the Highfields' entrance.

KS2 classes (that is Y3-Y6) start school at 8.40am, their classes will be collected from the playground at 8:30am to enable them to be in class ready to start by 8:40am. KS2 children arriving at the Highfields' entrance at or after 8:30am will be late for school.

KS1 classes (Y1-Y2) start school at 8:50am

Y2 are collected from the playground at 8:40am

Y1 doors open into their classes at 8:40am

Over the next few weeks there will be more and more of the school opened up to us as it is completed. We are currently looking at a final completion date after the October half term holidays.

Next week we are looking forward to welcoming back the Y1 children, we will also have the Sunshines and Y1 playgrounds ready and we are hopefully that we will have the activity playground ready for the older children if not at the start of the week then certainly by Wednesday. I know the children have been watching with great interest as the new activity equipment has been installed and are very excited about being able to play on it.

Dates for this term

When	What is going on	Who is this for
6-14 th September	Bikeability	Y6 children
14/09/17	Meet the teacher and school tour	Y1-Y6 parents
14/09/17	School tour	Sunshine parents
19/09/17	Individual school photographs	Sunshine –Y6
19/09/17	Masai warriors visiting school	
19/09/17	Phonics meeting 3:15pm	Y1 parents
20/09/17	Phonics meeting	Sunshine parents
21/09/17	Phonics Meeting 6pm	Y1 parents
26/09/17	Spanish Day	KS2
26/09/17	Parents spelling and reading meeting 3:15pm or 6pm	KS1 & KS2 parents
27/09/17	Spanish day	KS1
06/10/17	Class assembly	Mr Tucker's class
10+15/10/17	Parents evening	Y1-Y6
9-12/10/17	Book fair	Whole school
13/10/17	Class assembly	Mr Ivel's class
17/10/17	SATs meeting 3:15pm	Y2 parents
19/10/17	SATs meeting 6pm	Y2 parents
20/10/17	Class assembly	Mrs Barton/Miss Middlebrook
20/10/17	Break up for half term	Whole school
30/10/17	Back to school	Whole school
31/10/17	Open class	Miss Pugh's class
03/11/17	Class assembly	Miss Town's class
07/11/17	Open class	Miss Mc Crea's class
10/11/17	Class assembly	Mrs Whelerton's class
24/11/17	Class assembly	Miss Frampton's class

12/12/17	Panto visit	Y2-Y6 children
12/12/17	Christmas production	Sunshine parents
13/12/17	Christmas production	Y1 parents
14/12/17	Christmas production	Y2 parents
15/12/17	Christmas dinner	Whole school
wc 18/12/17	Christmas parties	Whole school
22/12/17	Break up for Christmas	Whole school
09/01/18	Back to school	Whole school

Uniform prices

Unfortunately, we have had to increase our uniform prices slightly.

School clubs letter will be sent home on Monday as not all children are in school at the moment

School Meal charges

Please note as of the start of term new school meal charges came into place, this is the first increase in school meals for 4 years.

The new charge is £2:20 and £1:90 for children in Puddles Nursery. Please ensure all meals are paid for in advance via Parent Pay.

Yours sincerely

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