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Dear Parents

Arts Award

Today children in Y5 were presented with their Arts Explore Awards; the children completed this work whilst in Y4.

Arts Award Explore is an Entry Level (Entry 3) qualification on the Regulated Qualifications Framework (RQF).

To achieve an Arts Award Explore, children and young people collect evidence in an individual arts log of their experiences of:

- taking part in a range of arts activities, including a personal response about what has inspired them about taking part
- the work of artists and craftspeople and arts organisations
- creating a piece of art work
- sharing with others what they have enjoyed and/or achieved through completing their Arts Award

We are very proud of all the children who achieved this national award, this additional award is part of the school's on going commitments to the arts.

STAR of the month for September

This month our STAR is Connor Liddle in Y5.

Parents Meetings

We have recently held the following meetings for parents and carers

- Families with children in Sunshines – about phonics and reading.
- Families with children in Y1- phonics and reading.
- A catch up meeting for new families about spelling in school.

If you have missed any of these meetings please speak to your child's class teacher.

Annual School Census

Athelstan School, along with every other school in the country, must provide the DfE with data in relation to the pupils attending the school on Thursday October 4th. It is very important that this information is accurate and up to date. Please can you ensure that the details we currently hold are accurate this includes:

- Pupil name and address
- Parent name and address
- Medical Information
- Contact numbers
- Email address

Therefore, if you have moved house or changed your name and phone number please advise the school office.

Pupil Premium

The way that school receive their funding has changed we, like all other schools, no longer receive all our income solely based on the number of children attending school. School funding can also be generated by children in receipt of pupil premium. The Government has greatly increased the amount of money it gives to schools via this funding stream. The amount of money that can be allocated to schools is £1320 per eligible pupil; this funding is called the 'Pupil Premium Grant' and is linked to those families in receipt of following benefits:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit, provided they are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income (as assessed by HM Revenue & Customs) that does not exceed £16,190
- Working Tax Credit 'run-on' - the payment someone may receive for a further four weeks after they stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit.

We need to ensure that all the Pupil Premium money we could claim is received by school, otherwise in real terms we are losing funding. We can only do this if families who know or believe they are entitled complete and return the Pupil Premium Application Form. Pupil Premium Funding has already had a big impact on our school budget and we really need to ensure that this money continues to be generated. Please contact the school office for a claim form or down load a form from the link below.

If your child is, or maybe eligible to receive Pupil Premium then please complete the forms

as soon as possible if not before the October 4th (which would be fantastic) but at the latest by January 17th 2019 as well as being a very valuable source of income for schools, it also entitles you to additional benefits from school – help with uniform/trips etc.

Please also see the separate letter in relation to Pupil Premium Adopted form care funding.

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Friends of Athelstan

Mrs Hunter, Chair of the Friends of Athelstan, is very keen to have more people involved with the Friends. The next meeting will be on Tuesday 9th October at 8pm at the Elmet Kitchen. Subsequent meetings will be held at the school. Mrs Hunter is keen to organise some fundraising events and plan the Christmas Fair and Christmas raffle. Please do go along if you can, this is open to parents, grandparents or any adult associated with school. Please note this is a rearranged date

Parents Evening Reminder

Parents Evening will be held on **Tuesday October 16th and Wednesday October 17th**. Bookings should be made via the online booking system

www.parents-booking.co.uk/Athelstan

School Photos 28th September

Reminder about the School Photo day procedure

Individual and sibling photos have been taken today. Proofs have been sent home with the children. If you have not received your proof then this will be sent home on Monday 1st October. Please don't worry if you did not receive one today we have had a lot of photographs to process.

School Uniform

Please can we ask parents to name **ALL ITEMS OF CLOTHING**. We already have an overflowing lost property box with many, many items being unnamed. Please look tonight and write your child's name in jumpers, trousers, skirts, coats hats, etc. If they are named, they will make their way back to the rightful owner. Thankyou.

A reminder to all parents that leggings and jogging bottoms are not part of the school uniform for Y1 –Y6. They are part of the EYFS uniform but have never been part of the uniform for the main school. Everyone can wear trousers but they should be traditional school trousers.

Dinner money

Please can we ask parents to ensure that meal payments are up to date. We do once again seem to have a large number of families in arrears. Meals cannot be provided without payment, please log onto Parent Pay and update your account to ensure that there is sufficient credit for meals taken.

If you think, your child/children be eligible to receive a Free School Meal then please complete the claim form below and return to the address shown, or return to the school office. Even if your child is in Sunshines or Y1 and Y2 and receives a Universal Free School Meal please still complete and return the forms as there are many other benefits from claiming a Free School Meal.

Children in nursery may be eligible for a Free School Meal if they stay for a full day (both a morning and afternoon session), please use form 1

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If your application for Free School Meals/Pupil Premium is successful as well as generated funds for school your family will be able to access:

- Support for school visits – including residential visits
- Support with group music lessons – including the loan of instruments
- Support with the cost of after school clubs –including clubs run by outside providers
- Support with access to holiday club events- including whole family trips
- Pupil Premium Families will receive from school a £30 voucher, per child, for school uniform and/or bags sold in school.

School Disco

The school disco will be held on Tuesday October 23rd. Please see information posters around school. Disco tickets will be on sale from the school office from Friday October 5th.

Tuesday October 9th

Flu Vaccinations Reception to Year 5 pupils from September 2018.

The national vaccination programme is in place to help protect your child against developing flu. Flu can be an unpleasant illness and sometimes causes serious complications. Vaccinating your child will also help protect more vulnerable friends and family by preventing the spread of flu. The vaccination is free and recommended for young children, and is administered by a quick, painless and simple spray up the nose. Please go to the website <https://www.hdft.nhs.uk/services/childrens-services/vaccs-imms-yorks/childhood-flu-programme/> which includes details about the small number of children for whom the nasal vaccine is not appropriate. Please ensure you read and understand the information before completing the online form. If you have any queries please contact the Childhood Immunisation Team on 01423 542360

To consent for your child to receive their flu vaccine this year please complete the online consent form by the end of September, to ensure we can vaccinate your child in school on the 9th of October.

www.hdft.nhs.uk/flu-consent

You will be asked to enter a secure school code: **EAPDF**

Please enter the year group your child is in and your class teacher's name.

Yours sincerely Miss Karen O'Donnell