WELCOME BACK!
A very warm welcome back to Aston Hall Junior and Infant School! I hope you all had a super summer break and are all set for an amazing new school year with lots of exciting learning opportunities.

Over the holiday, school has once again been a hive of activity, with teachers dedicating time and care to ensure that classrooms are creative, organised and exciting places to learn. It has been fantastic to see how well the children have settled to their learning and have given me big smiles all week!

OUR MISSION STATEMENT
“Our pupils are the beating heart of our school. We nurture the development of knowledge, confidence, creativity, skills and understanding to help our children develop into happy, healthy, caring and successful local, national and global citizens. We do this in a safe, inclusive, democratic and positive learning environment where every individual is valued, self-belief is encouraged and each individual is able to achieve their full potential.”

OUR VALUES
Our values revolve around ‘The Aston Hall Way’, which outlines the key tenets of the school’s ethos. These will be used in assemblies to celebrate children who have demonstrated them. They will join our new honors board as a superstar! We are also hoping to have special certificates to take home too!

OUR VISION STATEMENT
Believe, achieve, succeed

SAVE THE DATE!

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INSET DAYS
Monday 3rd September 2018
Thursday 2nd May 2019
Monday 22nd July 2019
Please note - we have two remaining INSET days to set and this will be allocated in response to staff training needs, future polling days etc.

Autumn Half Term
Friday 26th October 2018
Monday 5th November 2018

Christmas
Friday 21st December 2018 at 2pm
Monday 7th January 2019

Spring Half Term
Friday 15th February 2019
Monday 25th February 2019

Easter
Friday 12th April 2019 at 2pm
Monday 29th April 2019

May Day
Friday 3rd May 2019
Tuesday 8th May 2019

Summer Half term
Friday 24th May 2019
Monday 3rd June 2019

Summer
Friday 19th July 2019 at 2pm

OUR SCHOOL IN 2018/2019
We are really happy to welcome several new members of staff to our school, including our new additional Assistant Headteacher, Mrs J. Heydon who will be leading KS1, Miss B. Leary, Mr C. Marshall and Mrs K. Woodcock.

FS2L Miss K Lapping
FS2D Mrs G. Ditchburn
Y1AP Miss A. Poole
Y1/2JH Mrs J. Heydon
Y2BL Miss B. Leary
Y3KW Mrs K. Woodcock
Y3/4BT Mrs L. Thompson/Mrs L. Booth
Y4AC Miss A. Cochrane
Y5CM Mr C. Marshall
Y5/6KH Miss K. Hanley
Y5/6LB Mrs L. Lester-Binney

Mrs O’Daly will continue her post as Assistant Head and SEND Leader, and will also be supporting teaching and learning in Upper Keystage 2.
ENRICHMENT
We are committed to ensuring our children have the best possible experiences and outcomes at Aston Hall, and our work with Wickersley Partnership Trust helps us to enrich our curriculum and provision as we are able to access specialist facilities and staff. For example, this year we will continue to have a specialist Modern Foreign Languages teacher and a specialist Music teacher. We also have a specialist PE teacher to support the continued development of sports and wellbeing in school.

FRIENDS OF ASTON HALL UPDATE
The Friends of Aston Hall would like to invite you to “The Worlds Biggest Coffee Morning 2018” in association with Macmillan cancer support on Friday 28th September, in the Breakfast Club, 9-10am. The Breakfast Club gates will be open for this particular event to access the room.

Everybody welcome! Please come along and enjoy some delicious cake, a hot cuppa and a little natter all while raising money for this amazing charity.

TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!
We try and keep fundraising practical and manageable by spreading events across the school year, and believe that Aston Hall children can make a real difference both to our community and also the wider world! This term we have chosen to do simple fundraising activities such as bring a £1 to support Jeans for Genes Day/Genetic Disorders UK on 21.9.18. Donations can be made in class by the children during the morning.

MEET THE TEACHER
On Wednesday 12th September, as noted in the last newsletter, there will be an informal opportunity to meet the teacher. Classrooms will be open from 3:10pm, and you are invited to pop in at any point from then until 4pm to say hello, share the classroom environment with your child and look at some of their early work! There will also be handouts containing information about topics and novel studies, the structure of the school day as well as information around PE days and homework expectations. A formal parents evening will be offered later in the term to discuss how your child has settled into their new class and outline their learning profile thus far (see dates above).

Year 5/6KH and Year 5/6LB are working closely together in an exciting format this year, and their slot will involve a presentation to parents on some of the elements particular to these classes beginning at 3:30pm. We look forward to meeting you! This will give parents with children in other classes time to go there first we hope!

Foundation Stage children completed their meet the teacher before the summer break, so this does not apply to them! A formal parents evening will be offered later in the term (see dates) as with the rest of school.

Further updates around class organisation are often made on Classdojo, so please check your class page regularly! Thankyou!

Information on School Routines
The school doors are opened daily at 8:35am. Staff welcome children into classrooms and carefully supervise external classroom doors each morning to ensure children are safe and happy on their arrival into the classroom. Please note - the school gate and playground areas are not supervised before the start of school. To ensure upper KS2 children arrive at school safely when walking to school alone, we politely ask them to arrive on the school site after 8:30am.

If your child is ill or absent from school for any reason, please leave a message with the school office by 9am, if possible, so we know your child is safe when not present at registration. Our office staff will ring home after this time if the reason for absence is unknown, again to ensure children’s safety and wellbeing, which is of the highest importance to us.

Children in FS2 and KS1 need to be collected from their classroom doors at 2:55pm by a parent/carer please. In KS2, children are developing in independence and are dismissed from their classroom at 3:05pm to meet parents/carers at an agreed point on the yard. We have staff supervising the gated entrance to ensure children only leave site with you, unless your child is in upper KS2 and we have received written permission from yourself to say you wish them to walk home unsupervised. Please inform your child's class teacher if you give your permission for your child to go home with another named adult.

As we continue to grow in size, the path outside school can become extremely busy at hometime which can cause difficulty for children and pushchairs to walk safely on the pavement. To help ensure children are able to leave the school site safely with their adult and avoid congestion on the path outside school, may we politely ask KS2 parents to arrange to meet children inside the school grounds rather than outside the school gates wherever possible.

Please also be considerate of parking outside school at busy times. No cars should be parked on the marked area outside school and we would ask that parents are also mindful of residents with driveways leading onto Church Lane.

Many thanks for your understanding and support to help keep our children happy and safe.