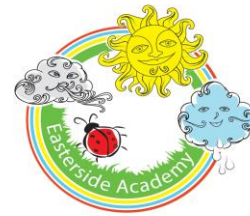




# The Head Teacher's Fortnightly Newsletter

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Easterside Academy  
Giving the chance to shine

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Dear Parents / Carers,

Our **School Council** have been very busy already this term, with the launch of our '**Science Trolley**' that will be making its way around all the classrooms this year; the '**Pocket Money Pop-Up Shop**' which opened for a day last half term in order to raise some funds for school; and also the introduction of an Easterside Academy '**Mascot**'. We decided that our mascot would be a British wild animal to go alongside our dedication to the outdoors and **outdoor learning**, and we gave children a choice of a possible six creatures. The School Council members then got each class to vote which resulted in a whole school decision that '**The Fox**' would be the **new Easterside Academy mascot!** Many of you will think of the 'fox' as being a cunning animal and a bit of a trickster, however the spiritual meaning for the fox also means it can also turn into a teacher providing guidance on swiftly finding your way around obstacles. If you follow the fox totem wisdom, you may be called to use or develop quick thinking and adaptability. Responsive, sometimes cunning, this power animal is a great guide when you are facing tricky situations.



Our new fox mascot has already been introduced to most of the children and will be situated near the main entrance so everyone can see him. There will be times when he is visiting classrooms to reward classes with **good attendance**; or out of school supporting our **sports teams!** We are also looking for a name for our fox mascot, so if you have any ideas please pass them on to your child.

Finally I would like to say congratulations to our **new Y5 Vice House Captains – Theo, Chantelle, Chloe and Ethan.** They will be joining me and the House Captains in my room this Friday for a hot chocolate and a chat about the coming year!

Best Wishes  
Mrs D Linacre

## Attendance

Week Beg: 16/10/17 and 30/10/17.

The information below tells you the attendance % for each class, for the last two weeks.

Class	%	%
2	94.4	95.0
3	98.2	92.8
4	95.5	99.1
5	99.2	94.5
6	98.7	99.1
7	96.5	97.4
8	87.5	91.2
9	97.2	97.2
10	93.2	87.5
11	97.2	95.6
12	95.6	93.4

The classes have been coded against the national average.

Red – Below  
Yellow – Borderline  
Green – Average or above

## Punctuality

The information below tells you how many times a child has been late at each Key Stage in the last two weeks.

Rec/KS1	KS2
19	30
24	14

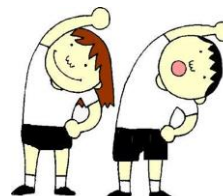
**Please make sure your child comes to school on time!**

The remaining PD days at Easterside Academy are:

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December and Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January

## REMEMBER YOUR PE KIT

It has been brought to my attention that despite reminders, there is a large number of children that are not remembering their PE kit on a regular basis. **PE is compulsory** and part of the National Curriculum. It is also essential for both physical and mental health and well-being. **Please make sure your child has their PE kit in school.** If children continue to not bring their kits in on a regular basis, unfortunately there will be consequences for these children and parents will be contacted. **Please support us in this matter.**



Christmas dates are all on the website and APP, however there will be a list of dates going out shortly.



Staff and governors are committed to the safeguarding and wellbeing of all the children in their care.

