



Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been like summer again this week! We have enjoyed PE lessons and Golden Time outside. I listened to FS 2 children tell the story of The Three Little Pigs which was a wonderful experience.

We are going paperless!

We will be going paperless from Monday October 8<sup>th</sup>. This will help to protect the environment and save the school a significant amount of money each month. All letters and this newsletter will continue to be added to our website each week and a link added to MyEd. We also encourage parents to register for Parent Pay as we will be using this to collect payments and also record your consent to school trips etc. We will also continue to add the newsletter to the school noticeboards.



**Talk 4 Writing**

Talk for Writing

We have seen some great progress in writing since the launch of our Talk for Writing initiative. Please follow the link to our website to find out more. <https://www.astreacastle.org/learning/curriculum/>

Reading Challenge.

Each Thursday children will add a star to the Golden Book, be recognised in our special assembly and have their name added to the prize draw. At the end of each term we will pull out 2 names so the more you read the more chance you have of winning!

This week's total- we have 47 stars in our book which means that 33% of children recorded that they had read 4 times this week. You all earn a Team Point.

Attendance

Well done Jaguars class for the best attendance this week with 98.7%. A great 4/6 classes got to school on time every day!

Overall attendance is 95.1%. This is an increase on last week's figure. Our target is 97%

Remember- any class managing 100% attendance all week will be able to have a non-uniform day on the Friday of that week. We are also holding a 100% attendance tea party at the end of each full term.

I hope you have a good weekend.

*Ann-Marie Mason*  
Principal

French of the week.

In our French lesson this week KS 2 children have been practising how to ask and answer the following questions:

How old are you? I am.... Years old.

Astrea Promise.

We are beginning to incorporate the Astrea Promise across the school. As part of this work we will be developing our after school provision. As part of the promise the children have to be involved in activities which show their contribution to the community. Within the school curriculum we will be working on this by involving children in our teams, the School Council and roles of responsibility.

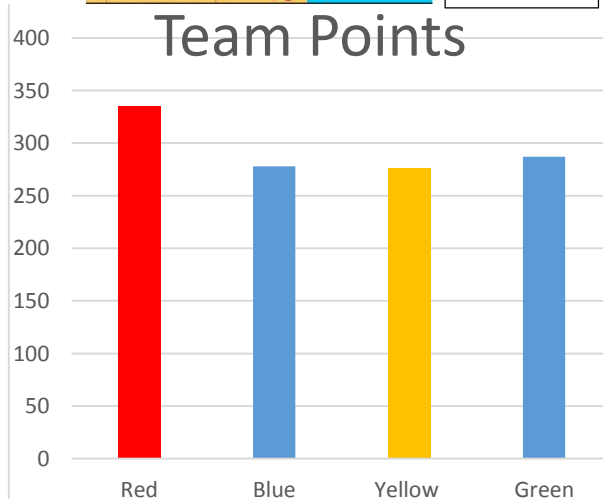
For our KS 2 children we are extending this by organising after school clubs. We will be writing out to you about this very soon.

At Team Point assembly this week we reminded children to count the points carefully so that we made sure the challenge was fair.

**Red team won this week**



We also talked about a map of France and how we can get there.



Well done to the following children who were awarded certificates in assembly this week.

Year Group	Name	Reason
Lynx	Ellis Freddie	Great improvement in his letter formation. Building a super house for the Little Pigs.
Tigers	Freya Lexi	Being a role model to other children. Excellent effort in all areas.
Leopards	Libby Alfie	For excellent imaginative and independent writing. For excellent effort and contributions in maths
Jaguars	Holly Daniel	For displaying a great learning attitude. For being an enthusiastic and confident learner.
Cougars	Fraser Morgan	For applying skills during Talk 4 Writing. For displaying a fantastic attitude to learning.
Pumas	Lexi Mae Sophie	For her enthusiasm to learning across all subjects. For producing a fantastic persuasive letter.

#### Golden Time

Below is a breakdown of how many children earned the full 50 minutes last week.

Thank you for maintaining your support of the strategy.

Week	Lynx	Tigers	Leopards	Jaguars	Cougars	Pumas	School Total
17 <sup>th</sup> September	94%	91%	86%	70%	93%	89%	86%

Don't forget the 100% challenge!

Dates for your diary- **dates in red are new**

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> October School Census day- please make sure your child attends on this day. Our school funding is based upon numbers of children. This will be an American Themed day with chances to win! – More to follow.

The children have asked for a non- uniform day so Thursday October 4<sup>th</sup> will be a chance to wear something different- you could see if you have anything in red, white or blue!

**Monday October 8<sup>th</sup> 3.15 pm Macmillian Coffee afternoon**

Thursday October 25<sup>th</sup> Halloween Disco- tickets available soon

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October Harvest Festival- 2pm – all welcome. More information to follow.**

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October- Parents meetings. The PTA will be organising refreshments for a small donation.

#### **Advance warning**

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October School closes for the half term.

School reopens on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November.

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November 5pm PTA meeting - new members welcome.

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December 5pm PTA meeting- new members welcome.

**Letters this week.**  
**You should have received:**  
Y5/6 Young Voices  
Firefighter charity leaflet

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