



WE CARE about Excellence

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Friday 25th October 2019

What a start to life at the new Attenborough!

This half-term has flown by and as we approach our first school break, I reflect with great pride, future ambition and a clear purpose. Our WE CARE values are firmly established as the spine in our school culture and their presence will only develop further when house and prefect initiatives are launched over the next half term across our school. Our curriculum design is attracting much attention from leading UK Schools and significant UK educational leaders and we are looking forward to engaging with all to make our curriculum innovative and world class. See-Saw has allowed our teaching teams to share and celebrate the learning of our incredible students and we appreciate your feedback and engagement with this form of home-school partnership working in regards to student learning.

As time passes, our identity and effectiveness will grow stronger and stronger. We have numerous exciting uniform ideas (including school blazers) to ensure all aspects of Attenborough life represent excellence and the highest standards. In addition, our extra-curricular provision will begin from November and run through the remainder of the academic year in set blocks, I'm sure the students will find this rewarding and enjoyable.

The success of our first half-term together has been achieved through your support; the hard work and engagement of our students and the professionalism and commitment of our fantastic teaching and administrative teams in school. I would like to thank the Attenborough team for inspiring, empowering and supporting each other, and myself, in such an impressive manner. I look forward to our future together which I'm sure will be exciting, rewarding and successful for all! Thank you for your support on our journey to excellence to date and I wish you all a safe and enjoyable half-term break. See you again on Monday 4th November.



Flu vaccinations will be taking place in school on Monday 4th November. Only children for whom the Medical Centre have received completed returns from parents will be vaccinated. All enquiries should be directed through Karen Oliveira, Primary Care Nurse, Community

Midwife, Health Protection Lead: **Tel: + 49 521 9254 3131 and Mobile +49 15730883856**

Scheduled Events

**Monday 28th October –
Friday 1st November**
Half-term holidays

Monday 4th November
Flu Vaccinations in school

Wednesday 6th November
**Poppy Family Fun Run
Padre Poppy Assembly**

**Tuesday 12th and
Wednesday 13th November**
Parent/Teacher meetings

Tuesday 10th December
**Anglo-German Christingle
Service**
(Abdinghof Church)

Wednesday 11th December
**Christmas Nativity
Performance**

Friday 13th December
Christmas Lunch

Monday 16th December
**Carols by the Christmas
Tree event**

Tuesday 17th December
**1300hrs – School closes for
Christmas holidays**

Farewell and good luck

Over the coming days, we will be saying farewell and good luck to our caretaking team - Mr Bailey and Mr Hughes.



Both Mr Bailey and Mr Hughes have been a tremendous support in establishing the new 'Attenborough' and our vision of excellence. Prior to this September, both Mr Bailey and Mr Hughes have dedicated many years of excellent service to MOD Schools across the former British Forces Germany. We would like to wish them both the best of luck in their next adventure. Mr Way will be taking on the responsibility of supporting site maintenance. He was instrumental in creating and maintaining an impressive school site at Bishopspark School from 2016 onward so our school campus is in very safe hands moving forward.



Moving forward together- Parental Support

We are very keen to welcome into our school, volunteers that feel that they can contribute, in some way to our wonderful new curriculum. You will now be aware of our 'Big Six Curriculum Drivers' that were shared with you last week. We may be a smaller community but we're acutely aware of the fact that collectively, we will have parent experts out there who can support us in school with their skills and knowledge. If you are one of these people, please do get in touch and let us know about your hidden talents! A letter detailing how you can contribute to our school will follow with more details... Please also remember, we are really keen to listen and incorporate your ideas into our curriculum planning. Please do continue to return your ideas vis the main school office.

After School Activities

We are very excited to now be in a position to be able to offer a range of afterschool clubs. The clubs will begin from **18th November** for a three-week period leading up to the Christmas leave break (18th November – 4th December). Dates for a further five-week period of clubs will be confirmed in the New Year. The clubs will be led and organised by our teachers and support staff and will be available on **Mondays and Wednesdays, from 1515 – 1615hrs**. You will receive a 'Clubs' application letter from Mr McCarthy shortly but below are some details of the after-school activities we are able to offer our students after the half term break:

	Monday	Wednesday
Club:	Science (20 places)	Photography (10 places)
Lead:	Mr Wallace	Mr Parkinson
Club:	Baking/cooking (15 places)	ICT club (15 places)
Lead:	Mrs Kearns	Mrs Cunningham
Club:	Movie Club (20 places)	Football (20 places)
Lead:	Miss Blair	Mr Chapman
Club:	Reading & Storytime (20 places)	Indoor sports (20 places)
Lead:	Mr McCarthy	Mr Sherwin



October's Bookflix Review of the Month Competition
Congratulations to Rania Manzoor (Dortmund Class)
our KS2 winner and Emily Tuivonovono (Hameln Class)
our KS1 winner. Both received a £10 Amazon Gift
voucher in today's Achievement Assembly

Full merits were awarded to Keira Durbridge
(Bielefeld); Aiden Smit (Hameln); Nikita Smit
(Dortmund) and Lucas Glad-Hughes (Berlin) for
excellent entries also.



We are very pleased to welcome, **Attenborough Early Years Nursery setting to our learning campus.** On 30th September, the setting successfully gained its registration. From Tuesday 1st October, the nursery has found its home in our EYFS building in Attenborough School. We look forward to future collaboration and shared learning opportunities.

Attenborough Early Years Nursery

Attenborough School have welcomed the nursery into the school life; we are pleased to say that the nursery is committed to following the school's ethos of "WE CARE".

Meet the team:

Nursery Manager Lynne Green; **Deputy Manager** Laura Gladman,
Room leader Veena Thakur and **Nursery Practitioners** Fay Eyles and Teresia Turuva.

Our aims:

Within our nursery we will focus on providing play opportunities to support Physical Development, Personal social and emotional development and Communication and Language. To work with our parents and their child's interests combined with our knowledge of child development to create play opportunities which will support each child's individual development and the transition into Attenborough School Foundation Stage 1.



What have we been doing?

We have been on an autumn leave walk; to look at the colours, listen to the sounds of the leaves beneath our feet.

This week the children have been developing their pincher grips, to support emergent writing skills, by dribbling glue and making spider webs. We have continued the getting messy theme with making cotton-wool ghosts



Looking forward:

Our aim during next term (spring) is to develop the nursery by creating a nursery garden and growing our own snacks, and possibly other vegetables.

Also, we are aiming to work with the school and spend sometime in the Forest School.



We look forward to welcoming new children to our setting, please look out for our stay and play sessions.

Continued School Communication of Excellence and Success

We will continue to communicate whole school events or messages using our Facebook page. On our Twitter platform, we will continue to share daily and weekly learning milestones.

Both can be accessed using the links/details below.



<https://www.facebook.com/groups/770605503085893/>



@AttenboroughSc1 <https://twitter.com/AttenboroughSc1>

Deployment – We want to support you...



We are aware that some families within our community may be experiencing or about to experience deployment of a loved one. If this is the case, as a school we believe it's vital for us to support our children and families during such times. If, as a family you are currently, or about to experience deployment, please may we kindly ask you to share this information with us. We can then consider the best next steps in supporting all during such periods of change.

WE CARE - Headteacher Award Winners

Congratulations to the following learners for winning our **WE CARE Headteacher Award**

Friday 18th October

Scarlet Blasko, Tilly Shaw, Caitlynn Edmeades, Finlay Gilbride, Nikita Smit and Lucas Glad-Hughes

Friday 25th October

Teddy Allnut, Inoke Baleiwasawasa, Nia Evans, Ryan Bell and Leni Kopp



Kingfisher Award for outstanding conduct during break and lunchtimes:

Friday 18th October: Well done to Keira Durbridge (Bielefeld) and Kyle Alcock (Hannover)

Friday 25th October: Well done to Freya Young (Hameln) and Joshua Kirkham (Dortmund)



Well done to everyone – our whole school attendance for the first half of the Autumn term is 96.70%

Class Attendance Awards

Well done to the following classes for winning our Attendance Awards in recent weeks...



Bielefeld



Dortmund



Detmold



Paderborn



Hannover



Berlin

Have a lovely half-term break and thank you for your continued support of our incredible school.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "A. Chapman".

Mr. Chapman
Headteacher