

Newsletter

20th October 2023



WELCOME

We would like to give a huge welcome to Mila who joined us in Class Noah last week. Thank you to all those that have helped her settle in and made her feel so welcome here at Astbury.



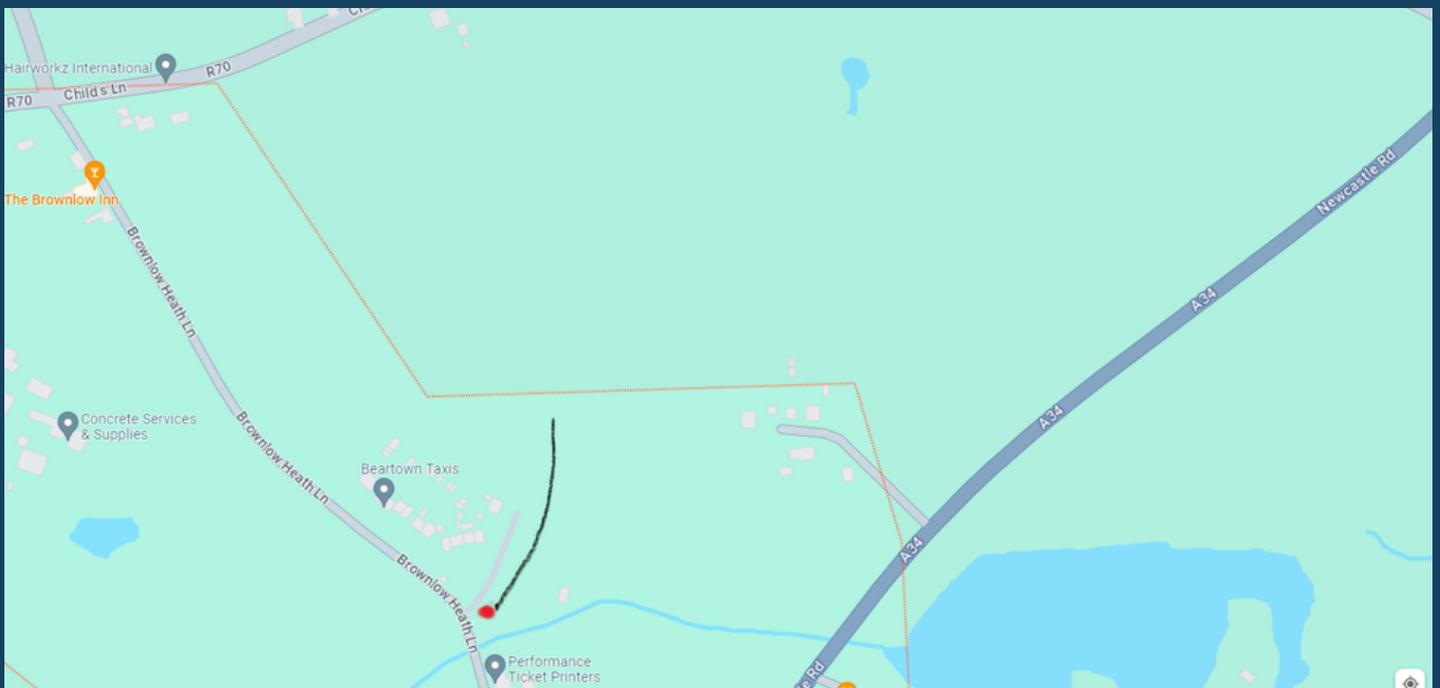
CLASS NOAH – KNOWSLEY SAFARI PARK

Both Mrs Hodder and Mrs Jackson are extremely proud of how Class Noah were on Wednesday during their trip to the Safari Park. They represented our school beautifully and listened superbly to the tour guide Ann. Well done Class Noah.

BULB PLANTING

We have been asked by the Parish Council to get involved with the local community. After school on Wednesday 1st November 3:30 – 4pm, you are invited to go with your child to the Parish Common Land – near the Brownlow Inn to plant daffodil bulbs. Parking is at the end of the unadopted road, just 2 minutes from school, as shown on the map and the land is along the bridleway on the RHS. Wellies or stout shoes are suggested and school has trowels and gloves for children as needed. Please let us know if you are able to join us!

Please park at the spot that's marked in red and then walk up the marked path up to the common land.



PFA AGM

Tuesday 31st October 3:30pm in school. The annual Parents and Friends AGM will be taking place. Roles and responsibilities for the next year will be discussed alongside plans for fundraising for the Autumn term. Please come along and show your support for the school discos, film nights and Christmas activities. As the meeting is after school, children are welcome to come into the classroom whilst the meeting takes place.

TEA TOWELS

Your child/children have been busy drawing wonderful pictures of themselves for inclusion on a 2023 school tea towel.

This is a fundraiser to raise money for the school and local charities and will make lovely gifts for Christmas!

The tea towels are £5 each and if you would like to place an order, please complete the order form which was emailed to you and return along with the correct cash amount by Friday 3 November 2023.

Many thanks,
Astbury 2023 May Queen and King
Elsie and Riley

ROAD CROSSING AFTER CHURCH

After church on a Wednesday, there are two school adults who provide safe road crossing from church to the carpark. It has been drawn to our attention that several families are using the back steps which lead directly onto a blind bend. This is not a safe place to be crossing with your child, please use the safety of the stopped traffic and cross by the pub.

HARVEST

Thank you to everyone for your generous donations to the local food bank. Supporting local charities is one way that our school can live out its mission statement "Walk in Love as Christ Loves you"

SCHOOL COUNCILS

In the first week after half term, children from Year 3 to Year 5 will have the opportunity to put themselves forward to be on one of our school councils.

School Council –

Usually involved with fundraising and serving at coffee afternoons (need to be extra polite and keen to speak to adults)

Safety Council –

Listens to children's views and presents safety information to the whole school (children need to be keen to get involved in presenting at the front of school)

Ethos Council –

Focus is on our Christian distinctiveness and sometimes goes out to other schools for training (children need to be keen to work with children from other school and to speak their ideas and listen to others in a group situation).

Your child will need to prepare a short speech as to why they should be nominated for their year group – they will give their speech in front of their class. Please talk to you child about these councils and if they would like to be involved, please help them to prepare their speech in their own words.

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DANCE FESTIVAL Y3–Y5

The dance rehearsals are going great! Tickets will be available for all parents to purchase soon. An email will be sent out to inform you once they go on sale.

COATS

Please always have a coat or a waterproof in a school bag. We do play outside if it is drizzling and soggy children find it difficult to concentrate in class.

CONGRATULATIONS

Mrs Wade gave birth to a beautiful baby girl, mum and baby are both doing well.



SCHOOL SPIDER APP

As a parent in our school, you can now login via our School Spider app. You can download the app for free from Google Play or Apple App Store by searching School Spider.

You will now be able to do the following in your parents' area:

- Book parents' evenings
- Receive smartphone messages and updates
- Complete online surveys and forms (these could include school trip/club bookings)

You will receive an email when there is something you need to complete, if you are logged into the app you will also receive notifications on your smartphone.

Using the app

When you download the app, you will need to create your account on the app using your email address and select Astbury St Mary's as your school. You will then receive a link to your email giving you your login details.

If you have more than one child at the school, click on the child's name and it will show all other children in the school so you can switch accounts.

You will receive notifications informing you what you need to complete, use the icons on the bottom row to respond.

You can watch this YouTube tutorial on the app for more information <https://youtu.be/jPmH-CEhLc>

Please ensure once you have logged in that you have notifications turned on. School Spider will use this to replace text messaging so it's important you do this.

Any questions or you are having trouble using the app, please contact the office.

PARENTPAY

Please can all parents please ensure that bookings are being made correctly for snacks and lunches, we have had a number of children missed from the snack list due to incorrect bookings. We do appreciate that there are little glitches every now and again, however if you do experience any problems, please just give the office a call or speak to staff on the playground. Bookings must also be made for those in receipt of free school meals.

ROTARY- CONGLETON YOUNG PHOTOGRAPHER COMPETITION 2023

We are both excited and pleased to let you know that our school has opted to join the Young Photographer Competition. The good news is that the process has been simplified and you no longer need to complete an entry form. I have listed below the extra details that you need to know.

- Any digital camera or smartphone can be used.
- The digital photograph should be a minimum of 1500 pixels on the long side. The file size should be no more than 5MB.

Please note:

- Entries should include the name of the entrant, their age, and the school.
- Only one entry is allowed per person.
- A digital copy of the photo should be submitted via email to your class teacher.
- Entries can also be sent via 'We Transfer' if the file is too large

Please see teacher email addresses below

aarmitt@astbury.cheshire.sch.uk – Class Jonah/Astbury Acorns

bhodder@astbury.cheshire.sch.uk – Class Noah

vjackson@astbury.cheshire.sch.uk – Class Noah

myates@astbury.cheshire.sch.uk – Class Mary

cdavies@astbury.cheshire.sch.uk – Class Mary

bsambrook@astbury.cheshire.sch.uk – Class Jacob

The closing date for entries is 18th November 2023. By entering the competition, you agree that Rotary-Congleton can use the images and that winners will be photographed at a presentation to receive their prizes.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Monday – Coding Club Y4 – Y6 – to start on the 6th Nov until 11th Dec 3.20pm – 4.15pm

Thursday – Y3-Y5 Dance Rehearsals Thurs 2nd Nov TBC 3.20pm – 4.15pm

Friday – Korfball Y3- Y6 please note that this club will end at 4pm – Children will need to bring kits to change into

Please email the office to secure your child's place.

SEN MEETINGS

Parents with children on an SEN plan should have received and email from their class teacher to organise this term's review of targets and to discuss progress. If you have not received this email, please be in touch with the Assistant SENDCo, Mrs Lalkham sendco@astbury.cheshire.sch.uk.

ATTENDANCE

After the half term, the school is having an attendance audit with the Cheshire East attendance officer. Any child with an attendance below 96% will be discussed and questions will be asked. Targets will be set to seek to improve attendance. Letters will be sent to those families, as requested by the officer, for whom this is applicable.

Absence from school has a detrimental impact on your child's learning – every lesson counts.

School holiday dates are available on the website. Please ensure you only take your child on holiday during the school holidays. Any absence for a holiday during term time will be unauthorised unless it is for an exceptional circumstance. Please note that 10 unauthorised sessions will lead to a fine.

The Penalty Notice fine would be:

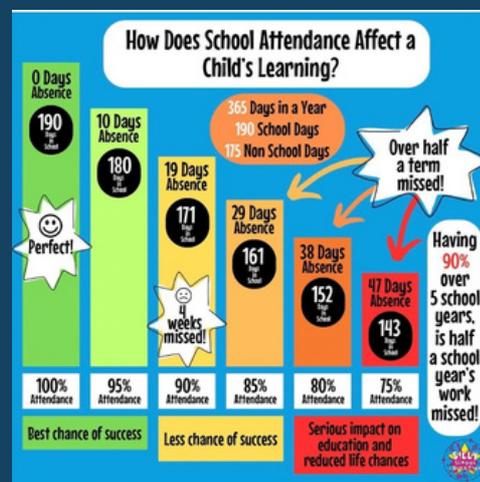
- £60 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days
- £120 per parent, per child if paid between 21-28 days.
- If the fine is not paid within 28 days, you may be prosecuted under S444.1 of the Education Act 1996.

SHOE BOXES

Please can all shoe boxes be back at school by Monday 6th November

BAGS2SCHOOL

Thank you to all those that gave to Bags2School, as a school we raised £95.00. This money is the PFA and is used to subsidise school trips and for resources for classrooms.



CELEBRATIONS



Week beginning:	Walk in love	My happy mind	Attendance
06/10/2023			
Jonah	Holly	Freddie	92.6%
Noah	Georgia	Eva	97.1%
Mary	Ted	Thea	94.4%
Jacob	Leo	Claire	97.75%
Team points	St Andrew	St Patrick	St George
	90	114	90
			St David
			88

Week beginning:	Walk in love	My happy mind	Attendance
13/10/2023			
Jonah	Charlotte	Daisy	80%
Noah	Grayson	Elsie	93%
Mary	Riley	Noah	98.15%
Jacob	Alisha	Elsie	94%
Team points	St Andrew	St Patrick	St George
	55	55	58
			St David
			69

DIARY DATES



Friday 20 th October	3.20pm School closes for half term
Tuesday 31 st October	School opens for second half and the Autumn term
Wednesday 1 st November	Open Morning – 9.30am – 11.30am Bulb Planting 3.30pm – 4pm on the
Thursday 9 th November	1.45pm – 4.30pm Y3-Y5 Dance Rehearsal at Eaton Bank Academy – Children need to be collected at 4.30pm from Eaton Bank. All children involved in the Dance need to be back Eaton Bank by 6.30pm
Friday 10 th November	All children involved in the Dance need to be back Eaton Bank by 6.30pm
Wednesday 29 th November and Friday 1 st December	Two afternoons in school, Class Mary will be working with Cloner Opera
Tuesday 5 th December	09.30am Pantomime in the Village Hall.
Sunday 10 th December	Nativity in Church 11am – Exact date to be confirmed
Wednesday 13 th December	Christingle 2.45 in Church – All welcome and children must make their own Christingle
Wednesday 13 th December	Alison's Christmas Lunch
Friday 22 nd December	3.20pm School closes for Christmas

Congleton Library

Crafts and story with
children's writer

Bethan Clarke

25th October

at 10.30

Featuring her book

Holey Moley

**HOLEY
MOLEY**

**FREE drop-in
all ages**



Bethan Clarke

Anders Frang

Astbury Acorns



Pre-School



at Astbury St Mary's C of E Primary School



"A nurturing school family"

"A fun and caring environment full of warmth and kindness"

"A family feel from day one, treating everyone as individuals"



Astbury St Mary's Primary School

This is a **GOOD** school

'Leaders have high expectations. Pupils behave well around school and work hard in lessons. The curriculum is ambitious and well thought out from early years to Year 6.'



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