

## Newsletter

20th September 2024



### A HUGE ASTBURY WELCOME

Welcome to the new school year! We hope that everyone had a fantastic summer. A very warm welcome to all our new pupils and their families, we hope that they all settle quickly into school life and enjoy their time here at Astbury

Please remember that school opens at 8.45am, and ensure that your child is on time, so that lessons can commence promptly at 9am after registration.

All children, unless agreed otherwise, must enter school via the playground. Any children arriving to school after 9am, must come in through reception to ensure that they are signed in by a member of staff.

### YEAR 3 & 4 – STANDON BOWERS

Last Wednesday saw members of Class Mary embarking on their visit to Standon Bowers, an outdoor activity centre in Staffordshire. They were to spend two nights away from home, some children for the first time, having lots of fun while learning about themselves and developing many new skills.

Standon Bowers lies only 19 miles from Astbury, but its secluded, safe and rural location provided the perfect place for our children to experience a range of activities. Children slept in comfortable dormitories, having unpacked and then made their own beds. Each day was action-packed, with the emphasis on children pushing their own limits while building their self-confidence and teamwork.

The children tested themselves by caving, rock climbing, and negotiating a trail through the woods while unable to see. They learned how to build a shelter from natural materials, and stretched their self-confidence to the limit on a low ropes course which saw them moving over a number of obstacles without touching the ground. They worked together to solve physical problems, such as moving the team across the ground only using a few upturned milk crates.



Wednesday evening saw groups attempting to make a protective case to save a raw egg from a 4-metre drop to the ground, while Thursday evening was spent around a campfire toasting marshmallows to make s'mores. Children also had free time in a games room or out in the grounds. Each day was punctuated by meals and snacktimes- it's amazing how much they will eat after being on the go throughout the day! As if all the activities weren't enough, children also undertook chores such as vacuuming and table clearing- all skills which I'm sure will be useful at home...

When our time at Standon Bowers came to an end, children all stripped their own beds and repacked their bags. Repacking gave rise to our 'quote of the trip' from one pupil who shall remain nameless: "So that's where Mum packed my pants!" As we always say, learning can happen anywhere, any time...

Finally, the party returned to Astbury on Friday afternoon, tired but very, very happy. Our children surpassed themselves in their good behaviour, resilience, courage, cheerfulness and determination. They showed teamwork, care for each other and a love of life, and we are very proud of them.

Many thanks to parents for supporting their children in undertaking the trip, and thanks also to Mrs. Wade, Mrs. Bonney, Mrs. Kerins, Mrs. Lalkham, Miss Hughes and Mr. Davies who supported the children at various times during the visit.

## **CULTURAL DIVERSITY DAY AT CONGLETON HIGH SCHOOL**

Children in year 6 joined others from feeder primary schools at CHS for a day of cultural diversity. The children played wheelchair basketball and table tennis. In the South African workshop they learnt about African beading and made a fish. African drumming was great fun but LOUD! A favourite of the day which made everyone smile and laugh was Bollywood dancing. The children's behaviour was exemplary and they represented Astbury School really well.



## **HEALTHY SNACKS AND WATERBOTTLES**

As a healthy school, we try to encourage eating healthy. Could you please ensure that your child is bringing a healthy snack to school. Toast, crumpets or bagels can be pre ordered on ParentPay or we have seasonal fruit in school. Yogurts, bread sticks, fruit or cereal bars are all suitable but please no chocolate, crisps or sweets.

## **SOGGY BRITISH WEATHER**

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.

## **ATTENDANCE**

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: · £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days · £160 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. School holiday dates are available on the website..

## **CLASS WEB PAGES**

By now you should have been given the password to your child's class web page. This is where you will have access to see what the children are currently focusing on, along with any updates for their class.

If you haven't yet received this, please contact your child's class teacher.

**Reception** - [aarmitt@astbury.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:aarmitt@astbury.cheshire.sch.uk)

**Class Noah** - [bhodder@astbury.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:bhodder@astbury.cheshire.sch.uk)

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**Class Jacob** - [lgibbins@astbury.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:lgibbins@astbury.cheshire.sch.uk)

## **AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS**

Monday – Young Voices Practice Y3 – Y6 from 3.20pm – 4.15pm

Tuesday – Football Y4 – Y6 – Y3 will be able to join after Christmas. –  
From 3.20pm – 4.15pm

Wednesday – Spanish Y1 – Y6 – Please look out for more information

Thursday – Netball Y3 – Y6 from 3.20pm – 4.15pm

Friday KS1 sport Y1/2 from 3.20 – 4pm

Friday KS2 cookery (limited to very small numbers 5/6)– small charge will  
be required – From 3.20pm – 4.15pm

## **VILLAGE HALL CAR PARK**

Please can we show lots of consideration to ALL users of the village hall car park. A number of complaints have been made with regards to inconsiderate parking and blocking others in.

## **BIRTHDAYS**

If your child has a birthday – they are welcome to wear non uniform on that day! If it falls at a weekend or school holiday – they can wear non uniform on a day that is close.

## **COMMUNITY WORSHIP – WEDNESDAYS**

Please feel free to join us for community worship in school every Wednesday. The school gate will open at 2.40 pm for those that would like to come along,.

# PARENTPAY

Please can ALL parents please ensure that bookings are being made in advance for both lunches and snacks.

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.

There are still a number of children that don't have their lunches and snacks pre booked - please be aware that from next week no children will be able to order in registration without notice from parents of their bookings. Bookings must also be made for those in receipt of free school meals.

## CELEBRATIONS




Week beginning:	Walk in love	My happy mind	Attendance
03/09/2024			
Jonah	Bob	Whole Class	100%
Noah	Katelynn	Matthew	91.25%
Mary	Nikol	Harley	93.87%
Jacob	Thea	Archie	97.91%
Team points	St Andrew	St Patrick	St George
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Week beginning:	Walk in love	My happy mind	Attendance
09/09/2024			
Jonah	Daisy	Autumn	94.6%
Noah	Hattie	John	98%
Mary	-	-	93.2%
Jacob	Nancy	Annabelle	84.6%
Team points	St Andrew	St Patrick	St George
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# DIARY DATES

Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> September	Year 6 Bikeability – Children must attend school in their PE kits ( <b>NO SHORTS</b> ) and <b>MUST</b> bring their bikes, helmets, and a waterproof coat.
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 5 Bikeability – Children must attend school in their PE kits ( <b>NO SHORTS</b> ) and <b>MUST</b> bring their bikes, helmets, and a waterproof coat.
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> October	Individual School Photos – Families with younger siblings that are attending <b>MUST</b> be here for 9 am
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> October	Harvest Festival at Church from 2.45 pm – All welcome. Non-perishable donations are greatly appreciated.

# LIMITED PLACES AVAILABLE



**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"

# TIME OUT FOR PARENTS



## THE PRIMARY YEARS

Sessions for anyone parenting children aged 5 to 11

Date:  
Every Thursday, 9.30am - 11.30am  
7th November - 12th December

Venue:  
New Life Church, West Road Congleton CW12 4EY

Book Online:  
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Common-sense, jargon-free information  
and ideas to help you to engage with your  
children and boost your relationship