

## Newsletter

4th October 2024



### CROSS COUNTRY – EATON BANK ACADEMY



**Year 3 & 4, Wednesday 9th October** – Please arrive at Eaton Bank no earlier than 4pm otherwise you will not be able to park.

**Year 5 & 6** – A new date for this is to be arranged.

### HARVEST



Next Wednesday (9th October) is our annual celebration of the harvest. We will be celebrating in church from 2:45pm and all are welcome. As part of this church service, we will be making donations to the local food bank – The Storehouse. It would be great if everyone could bring a food item, a bag of food items or a box of food items – non-perishable – for this part of the service. In past years some boxes have been decorated and these do make a great display in church! Our giving is part of our school vision as we ‘walk in love as Christ loves you’ – we show His love through the giving of our gifts to help others.

The children have been learning a couple of songs and we will have some readings and some prayers about harvest too.

Please do try to join us to celebrate together.

## MENTAL HEALTH DAY

Thursday 10th October is World Mental Health Day. We understand the importance of positive mental health and want to encourage Astbury children to understand what mental health is and develop strategies to support and develop positive mental health. On Thursday, we will be discussing and completing age-appropriate activities with our classes.

Also, we would like to encourage your child/children to wear SOMETHING THAT MAKES THEM FEEL GOOD! The possibilities are (almost) endless: pyjamas, onesies, comfy jumpers, shirt and braces, pretty dresses... BUT, the items worn must be appropriate for the school environment and not affect learning.

We always want Astbury children to feel empowered, supported and know how important they are. And Thursday will be a wonderful celebration of this!

## NHS FLU VACCINE

If you would like your child/ren to receive their NHS FLU Vaccine, please complete the online form if you have not already do so. The school nursing team will be in school on Wednesday 23rd October. Any questions in the meantime, please give the office a call.

## HEALTHY SNACKS AND WATERBOTTLES

As a healthy school, we try to encourage eating healthily. 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 **DO NOT** send your child to school with chocolate, crisps or sweets.



## **HALLOWEEN**



Halloween is All Hallows' Eve, which falls on 31st October and refers to the day before All Saints' Day (November 1st). For many years in the northern hemisphere, many different festivals have been associated with gathering in the harvest, preparing for winter, remembering loved ones who have died, and preparing for longer nights and winter cold.

Halloween celebrations are increasingly becoming part of British/Western secular culture. However, many Christian groups, including churches and individual parents/carers do not agree with any involvement by adults or children in Halloween celebrations.

Our considered school approach is not to engage with Halloween based activities in our community. At the same time, we do not actively discourage children's involvement in such activities.

All Saints' Day is a major Christian festival within the Anglican tradition and we recognise and may celebrate this in school. We aim to emphasise the positive celebration of these two days rather than the recognition of Halloween.

We hope that this statement is clear and we welcome any queries or concerns to be raised with us at the earliest opportunity.

## **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.

## **PARENT GOVERNOR VACANCY**

Miss Blythe sent an email out on Monday regarding Parent Governor vacancies. If you have any questions about being a Governor please ask the staff. Closing day for applications is Monday 14th October.

## **SIAMS INSPECTION**

An email was sent on Thursday regarding our up coming SIAMS inspection. The inspector will be around on the playground on Wednesday 8th October, please feel free to say hello. She would also like to meet a group of parents around 2pm for 20 minutes.

## **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.

## **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

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

Friday KS1 sport Y1/2 from 3.20 - 4pm

Friday KS2 cookery (**THIS CLUB IS NOW FULL** - **To  
join the waiting list, please contact the office**)-  
small charge will be required - From 3.20pm - 4.15pm

## **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..

# CELEBRATIONS



Week beginning:	Walk in love	My happy mind	Attendance	
16/09/2024				
Jonah	Evie	Bradley	94.6%	
Noah	Meadow	Isabelle	98%	
Mary	Tilly	Joseph	93.2%	
Jacob	Flo	Seren	84.6%	
Team points	St Andrew	St Patrick	St George	St David
	143	170	132	167

Week beginning:	Walk in love	My happy mind	Attendance	
23/09/2024				
Jonah	Eliza	Isla	100%	
Noah	Bernie	Lilly	95%	
Mary	Lucian	Arthur	95.85%	
Jacob	Annabelle	Nancy	91%	
Team points	St Andrew	St Patrick	St George	St David
	55	96	69	51

## DIARY DATES



Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> October	Harvest Festival in Church from 2.45 pm – All welcome
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 3 and 4 Cross Country at Eaton Bank
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> October	World Mental Health Day
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> October – 3.20 pm	Class Jacob Residential Meeting
Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup> October 9 am-11 am	Astbury School Open Day
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	NHS Flu Vaccine – Please ensure you have completed the online permission form.





**ASTBURY ST MARY'S C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**WARMLY WELCOMES YOU TO OUR**

# **OPEN DAY**

**SATURDAY 19TH OCTOBER 2024**

**9:00am - 11:00am**

"A nurturing school family"

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LIMITED PLACES AVAILABLE



# Astbury Acorns

## Pre-School

at Astbury St Mary's C of E Primary School

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 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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