



Newsletter ~ June 14th 2018 Issue 17

Dear Parents

Children in years five and six had a brilliant start to this half term as they attended their residential. This was a fantastic opportunity for the children to develop resilience, find inner strength, fight their fears, have fun with friends, try new things and support one another as team. It was lovely to see each one grow in confidence as they created so many memories that will last a life time.

Last Friday, Mrs Wade announced to the children that the school council had won the social media safety competition as the best primary school. Five hundred schools were invited to participate and we were shortlisted to the final thirteen. The hard work of everyone has really paid off and we are delighted to have been so successful in promoting the important message of safety online as well as promoting our school. Well done to all the school council!

On Tuesday, Dave Cullen, from Astbury Golf Club, was invited into school to give children the opportunity to try a new sport – golf. We certainly have some budding golfers aspiring to be Justin Rose or Charley Hull in our midst! The children tried new skills and had mini tournaments. It was great to see such enthusiasm from the children as they watched, practised and tried to get better with every shot.

Staff from Chester Diocese Academy Trust (CDAT) continue to work closely with our school as we prepare for our conversion to become an academy. The education officer and I have continued to be focused on school improvement and staff have started to work together, receiving professional development through training and joint work with staff from other schools. Governors have a three-year strategic plan that forms the longer term vision for our school (this was included in a newsletter earlier this year) and further support for leadership and teaching staff is being provided by Sue Riley, head at Brereton and CDAT consultant.

Please remember to follow us on facebook and twitter as well as downloading the school App to keep up to date with important calendar events. If you are not sure how to get the school app, then please speak to Mrs Cameron.

Pip Worswick

Confirmation Service this Sunday

This Sunday, at 11:00, the Bishop of Chester is coming to St Mary's Astbury to conduct a confirmation service. Some of the older children in school have been attending the confirmation classes and we offer them our prayers as they go forward for confirmation this weekend. If you are able to attend to show your support you would be very welcome.

Astbury May Day

A huge thank you to Mrs Hocknell for chairing the May Day committee and leading the community in putting on this amazing traditional village day. She was supported by a really strong team who made the whole day possible.

Between £7,000 and £8,000 has been made in profit this year. The precise figure will be known soon. The school run stalls made approximately £1,000. Thank you to everyone who ran and helped with these stalls. Thank you to our parents as without your support the day wouldn't be able to go ahead. It was lovely to see more people getting involved. A large proportion of the money raised goes towards school enabling us to obtain valuable equipment for which our children will directly benefit from, as well as supporting local community groups and Astbury church.

If anyone wants to get more involved next year they are more than welcome, please get in touch as many hands make light work!

Sex and relationships education (SRE)

The theme this term for PSHCE (personal, social, health and citizenship education) lessons is changes. One strand of this is Sex and Relationships Education (SRE).

SRE is not just about reproduction and sexual health. Whilst these are important, it also takes account of sexuality, gender, roles and responsibilities. SRE is about enabling children to act responsibly in making and maintaining relationships with others to feel good about themselves and the choices they make. It is about developing assertiveness skills and the ability to respect themselves and others.

SRE involves providing information and knowledge, challenging beliefs, forming positive attitudes and values, developing sexual identity, promoting the skills necessary for effective communication and loving, caring and happy relationships and encouraging positive behaviour.

SRE is integrated into the whole curriculum as staff teach and model positive relationships and values on a daily basis, however as parents, you have the right to withdraw your child from sex and relationships education lessons if you consider them to be inappropriate for your child.

As part of the PSHCE curriculum this term the teachers will be using DVDs to support learning. The content of the DVD programmes have been shared with the teaching and learning committee of governors who have agreed for them to be used to teach SRE at Astbury School.

The programmes have been used at school for the last couple of years. Please see the outline of programme aims for the different year groups in school at the end of this letter. You are welcome to view the programmes in school, please ask if you wish to do so.

Date	Programme	Year groups	Teacher(s) delivering the lesson
Monday 18 th June	one	Reception and Y1	Mrs Hodder and Mrs Ainscough
Tuesday 19 th June	two	Y 2/3	Mrs Wade and Mrs Bonney
Tuesday 19 th June	three	Y 2/3	Mrs Wade and Mrs Bonney
Tuesday 19 th June	four	Y 4	Miss Hall and Miss Shaw
Monday 25 th June	five and six	Yr 5/6	Mr Stanlake, Mr Davies and Mrs Armitt
Wednesday 27 th June	seven and eight	Yr 5/6	Mr Stanlake, Mr Davies and Mrs Worwick

If you would like to discuss any element of the SRE curriculum planned for this term then please see your child's teacher.

DVD programme outline for sex and relationships education at Astbury St Mary's 2018

Programme	Year group	Aims
1 Differences	YR Y1	To introduce lifecycles To explain differences between male and female To enable children to reflect on differences, other than physical
2 How did I get here?	Y2 Y3	To explain that a baby develops inside its mother's womb and that both male and female sex parts are needed to make a baby To enable children to reflect on their development from babies To inform children about conception and the growth of a baby inside the womb.
3 Growing up	Y2 Y3	To show that we grow up and change as do all living things To show that some changes are social as we become more independent and able to think about others as well as ourselves To look at identity and self-esteem and reinforce the belief that we are all special
4 Changes	Y4	To introduce children to emotional and physical changes that occur during puberty To consider some of the changes that we have no control over and the choices we can make over those that we can control
5 Girl talk	Y5/6	To consider physical and emotional changes that take place as girls go through puberty To address the concerns and worries of young women To make boys more aware of the changes that occur as girls become young women

6 Boy talk	Y5/6	To consider physical and emotional changes that take place as boys go through puberty To address the concerns and worries of young men To make girls more aware of the changes that occur as boys become young men
7 How babies are made	Y5/6	To explain how babies are made To explore the idea of relationships, including friendships, parent –child and family relationships and adult sexual relationships
8 How babies are born	Y5/6	To explain how a baby develops in the womb during pregnancy and how babies are born To consider the needs of babies before and after birth To enable children to reflect on roles and relationships in the family

Y5/6 programmes: Viewed together then followed up in separate gender groups afterwards.

Sports’ Day – Tuesday June 19th 10.00am -12 noon

Weather permitting, our school Sports’ Day will be on Tuesday 19th June at 10.00am-12noon on the school field. The following days after this will be the reserve days if the 19th is wet.

Your child will be taking part in activities eg. egg and spoon, sprint, skipping, obstacle, javelin and bean bag races. You are very welcome to come along and watch your child participate. Please bring your own chair or rug to sit on as we cannot supply these. Your child will be participating in their team colour and winning points for their team. **Please can you send your child in a t- shirt of their team colour to wear for Sports’ Day and make sure they have their PE kit in school.**

After the races are over there will be a picnic lunch on the field. Alison will provide your child with a sandwich lunch if they require one. Parents / family members can also order a school packed lunch. If you would like this option, then please complete the slip below. Children do not need to fill in this slip as they will give in their orders on the morning of Sports’ Day. Requests must be ordered by Monday 18th so Alison prepare the extra packed lunches. Cost of a school packed lunch is £2.20.

SCHOOL PACKED LUNCH ORDER – Sports day 19th June

I _____ (name) would like to order a school packed lunch from Alison.

Choice **Ham/Cheese/Tuna** (please circle)

I enclose £2.20 (cash/cheque or online)

Registers – change to the time of the final closure

School registers are taken twice in each school day. Your child receives a morning and afternoon session mark. Our school day begins at 8.45am when registers are opened and a morning challenge starts in each class. The register closes at 9:00 and the first lesson of the day starts. The school gates are open from 8.45am onwards.

If your child arrives in class after the morning register is taken (after 9:00) then they are marked in with an “L” in the register and the amount of minutes that they are late are recorded. This currently continues until 9:30am when after that your child receives a ‘U’ mark in the register as an unauthorised absence.

The governors have discussed persistent lateness and the effects of this on all children due to disruption of lessons as children walk in late. They have agreed to bring the final closure of the register forwards to 9.05am. From Monday 18th June, if your child comes in after 9:05am then they will have a “U” in the register against their name. This is an unauthorised absence mark.

Registers provide the daily record of the attendance of all pupils in school and they are legal documents that may be required in a court of law, for example as evidence in prosecutions for non - attendance at school.

If your child is absent from school, then please contact school by phone or email before 9.05am when registers finally close. This must be done on the day of absence so that we know your child is safe. Please note that if you call before 8:30 am then your call is less likely to be answered, you can leave a message. If your child is off for any length of time e.g. due to illness, please keep us informed and a medical note is required on their return explaining the reason for absence.

School Dinners from September 2018

From the start of the Autumn term (September 4th 2018) the cost of school dinners will increase from £2.20 to £2.30 per meal. This is the first time that the meal price will have increased for more than three years. Despite rising food costs, governors are keen to keep prices as low as possible. We will continue to have our school meals cooked by Alison, managed by the Cheshire East Catering Team. If your child is in reception to Year 2 then they will continue to receive a free school meal if this is the required option. This is called a UIFSM (universal infant free school meal) and meals are free to all children in the UK that are in these school years.

Parents of children in Year 3-6 will be charged £2.30 per meal. If you receive certain benefits, then your child may be eligible for free school meals.

Please check out the webpage below https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schools/free_school_meals.aspx

If your child is in reception, year one or year two and you are receiving free school meals through the UIFSM and you are on certain benefits, please go online and claim your free school meals as school can access additional funding to support your child in their learning.

Mrs Ainscough

Mrs Ainscough, who works in Class Jonah will be taking early retirement at the end of this school term. Mrs Ainscough has worked at Astbury since September 2002. We wish her well in everything she does and thank her very much for all she has done for our school. Mrs Ainscough is looking forward to having more time to help out with her grandparent duties!

Thank you Mrs Ainscough and we will all miss you very much indeed.

Miss C. Hall, Mr Davies and Mrs Somers

Miss Hall, Mr Davies and Mrs Somers will leave Astbury School at the end of this term. Miss Hall has been covering maternity leave for Miss Lauren Hall, who is returning on Monday 16th July to spend some time getting to know the children and teaching alongside Miss Hall in class Mary for the last week of term. Mr Davies has taught year five on a short term supply since January and Mrs Somers has covered in Class Jonah.

We would like to thank them all for their contribution and wonderful enthusiasm that they shown in their time with us at Astbury School.

Astbury School PTA

As there has been little response to the PTA for offers of help, unfortunately the film night that was scheduled yesterday had to be cancelled. The Summer Fair on Friday July 6th has also been cancelled. The PTA disco on Thursday 12th July will possibly still go ahead for one hour after school and this will be the last event run by the PTA. We will keep you informed if this changes.

We hope in the future that the PTA will restart again and some parents may come forward and help to sustain it but as it is currently and due to the lack of support, we cannot do this. If you have any questions or if you feel that you could help the PTA in anyway then please speak to myself or Jo Boffey.

Thank you Steph Morris – PTA Committee

Message of thanks from the school

Thank you to the PTA for all your fundraising over the years. You have supported an enriched curriculum that has amongst other things, subsidised school visits, paid for visitors into school, paid for Y6 treat days and the recent purchase of an additional ten iPads for use in learning. The children will miss out on the fun activities that you run as well as them missing out on additional funding to enrich their learning. We do hope that additional parents will come forward to offer to help and support to run events.

Celebrating our awards 25/05/2018

Caring, sharing and learning awards w/e 25/05/2018	Class Jonah Jenson	Class Moses Year 2	Class Mary Annabelle	Class Jacob Theo
Team Points	1 st Place St Andrew	1 st Place St George	3 rd Place St David	4 th Place St Patrick

Secrets of Success (Understanding others) w/e 25/05/2018	Class Jonah	Class Moses	Class Mary	Class Jacob
	Class Jonah	Honey	Ed	Emily

Attendance	Class Jonah	Class Moses	Class Mary	Class Jacob
	88.9%	97.9%	94%	86.2%

Celebrating our awards 8/6/2018

Caring, sharing and learning awards w/e 8/6/2018	Class Jonah Lucas	Class Moses Courtney	Class Mary Jemimah	Class Jacob Residential Group
Team Points	1 st Place	2 nd Place	3 rd Place	4 th Place
	St Andrew	St George	St Patrick	St David

Secrets of Success (Understanding others) w/e 8/6/2018	Class Jonah	Class Moses	Class Mary	Class Jacob
	Ruby	Xander	Maisie	Fahren, Ryan, Willaim, Savannah, Freya John

Attendance	Class Jonah	Class Moses	Class Mary	Class Jacob
	90.6%	93.5%	94%	92.2%

Astbury Ants

Ants are the smallest creatures but banded together, they can do big things!

Astbury Ants is a confidential, small prayer group that has supported the school, staff and pupils for 10 years. We want to remind you that we are here for you - for anything you would like us, completely confidential to pray about - health matters, family concerns, school concerns. Anything that is worrying you!

Please text: Sue 07729161303 and if need be she can put you in touch with one of our lovely

Mums on the playground to go and speak to.

It can be anonymous if you just want to pop a request into an envelope marked Astbury Ants and hand it to the office. If you want to spend a bit longer talking, then let Sue know and she can arrange to meet at 9am at school or before 3pm.

Astonbury 2018

Live music, beer, food, family friendly festival will be at Glebe Farm on Friday 29th June and Saturday 30th June.

Fringe Friday Under Cover – Gates open at 5.30pm. Entry is free on Friday

- Ollly Flavell plus Will (great acoustic covers)
- The Prestige Sisters featuring Ben Gorb (their unique sound plus one of Cheshire's finest guitarists)
- Strung Out For Now (high octane Bluegrass, Irish, Folk and Blues)

Main Stage on Saturday – Gates open at 5.30pm

- Lucy Zirins and Pete Billington (fabulous singer/songwriter)
- The Roselleys (American, Country, Folk – Roots Fusion)
- The Four Right Cords (Energetic Party Band)

Tickets required for Saturday night from Glebe farm shop. Adults £12 and children under 16 £6. Family ticket £30. Tel: Glebe farm shop 01260 273916 www.ticketsource.co.uk All profits go to local charities.

World Cup Football Stickers

Linked to our World Cup topic, we are having a Friday “swap day” for the football stickers. If your child is collecting the world cup football stickers, then at morning break on each Friday they can spend time swapping their stickers with other children. Children are responsible for their own swapping of stickers and care of their sticker books.

Cheshire Cricket

Cheshire Cricket Board have a launched a new Summer Coaching Programme for 2018, with online booking and full details of our new pathway available here:

<http://www.cheshirecricketboard.co.uk/SummerCourses2018.html>

Our 2018 Summer Pathway features two brand new courses for primary age children. The **Mini Stars** courses (mornings only) cater for children in Reception, Y1 and Y2, while the **Super Strikers** sessions are geared at children in Y3 and above.

New Life Church Family Praise Party

Family Praise Party

featuring



Saturday 30th June

3:30-5pm

New Life Church, Congleton

A time for children and families to enjoy a fun filled time of praise and worship together with the Jellybeans band!

Aimed at 4-11 year olds and their families, however under 3s welcome (crèche available—pre booking essential). Unaccompanied children year 3 and above also welcome!

TICKETS — £2.50 each

Available online by clicking/copying the following secure link:

<http://bit.ly/2JOMOhF>



For more info contact Beth on: 01260 297961 or bethcosgrove@nlchurch.org.uk

Diary Dates

Monday 18 th June	"It's Your Move" – Year 6 to work with New Life Church
Tuesday 19 th June	Sports' Day 10am -12 noon
Wednesday 20 th June	Reserve day 1 Sports Day. Mr Stanlake will be showing the residential photos at 3.30pm in class Jacob
Thursday 21 st June	Reserve day 2 Sports Day
Tuesday 26 th June	Star Day – appointments for parents of SEN children
Thursday 28 th June	High School induction day for Year 6 (CHS and Eaton Bank) Move up Day – children will move into their September classes
Friday 29 th June	Induction day 2 for Yr 6 at Eaton Bank Astonbury 2018 Festival at Glebe Farm 5.30pm
Saturday 30 th June	Astonbury 2018 Festival at Glebe Farm 5.30pm
Monday 2 nd July	Last swim session for group 3
Thursday 5 th July	Diocese of Chester Leavers' Service for Yr 6 children Reports home to parents
Saturday 7 th July	Congleton Carnival – children involved in the procession
Sunday 8 th July	Class Jonah helping during Sunday service in Astbury Church – 11.00am
Monday 9 th July	Parents' evening 3.30-6.00pm. Appointments only to be made if parents wish to discuss their child's school report or assessments from summer term.
Wednesday 11 th July	Year 6 to CHS to watch "School of Rock" 1.30pm -3.00pm
Thursday 12 th July	PTA disco 3:20 - 4.30pm TBC
Friday 13 th July	9:15am End of year service in church – all welcome KS2 summer production at 1.30pm
Tuesday 17 th July	KS2 summer production at 6.00pm
Friday 20 th July	School closes for the summer holidays