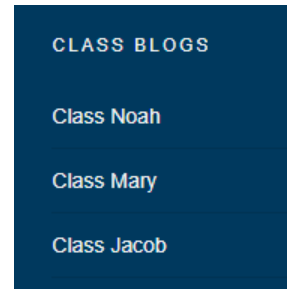




Dear Parents

Exciting news – **each class is blogging** to share learning with you! Please register on our school website to be authorised to view the blog for your child's class. <https://astburyschool.org.uk/> The link to the blogs can be found at the bottom of the front page of the site.



NOT GOT A LOGIN?

If you would like to register for a login to the site to see the content. Please **CLICK HERE**

Click on the class that you want to register for and then click on the 'if you would like to register . . . Please **CLICK HERE**'

Please choose a username (only lowercase a-z and numbers) Once you have registered, your child's teacher will authorise you to view the blog – once registered, you will receive notifications when the blog is updated to keep up to date with learning that is going on in your child's class.

If you have family members or Godparents etc. that would like to be authorised to see the blog too then please pass on this information to them. We might not recognise their name so please let us know who to look out for so we can authorise access for them. If you have a child in another class – or you want a look at what goes on in another class – then once you are registered with one class, we can authorise you access to other classes.

If you have any problems with accessing the blogs, please let us know.

The routines of the term are starting; reading was last week and spelling was set on Monday. Other homework has been set yesterday for the half term – please check your child's bag and read the letter in the front of their book. The curriculum plan for this term for their class is being given to children today and will shortly be on the website.

Please read this to support learning in the conversations you have about the day in the car or around the tea table.

Staff are keen to plan **information meetings / workshops for parents** - such as the class welcome meetings, helping your child in reading, how we teach maths, residential meetings, keeping your child safe online etc. I would be grateful if you would complete the short survey at the end of this letter regarding days / times that you could work around to attend a meeting in school so that when we plan for this year we can bear this in mind.

Democracy has been exercised during this week on several occasions. Classes have voted for pupil council members and yesterday, the whole school listened to speeches and voted for Head Girl and Head Boy leadership positions.

The councils and roles will be in the next newsletter – many congratulations to all who were elected and well done to all who took the time to prepare their speech and put themselves forward.

Finally, I will be teaching in class Jacob and class Noah on Wednesdays, my focus will be on the children in these classes unless there is an emergency! Please be aware of this if you need to contact me.

Pip Worswick

School open morning

On Tuesday 9th October (9:15am – 12:15pm) we will be holding an open morning for anyone wanting a place at our school, whether for Sept 2019 or for families moving in to Congleton. Please share our Facebook event and inform any parents / grandparents who you are in contact with – it will be advertised in the Chronicle next week.

Celebrating our awards 07/09/2018

	Class Noah	Class Mary	Class Jacob	
Caring sharing and learning	All class	Lucie	Annabelle	
Secrets of success – concentrate	Henry, Harrison, Reuben	Jimmy	Alfie	
Attendance	94.7%	96.3%	91.4%	
Team Points	1st Place	2nd Place	2nd Place	3rd Place
	St Andrew	St George	St David	St Patrick

May Day

At the May Day meeting last week, it was agreed that the school would receive £5400 from the monies raised. We are so thankful to everyone on the May Day committee and to the parents who helped and came on the day to spend your money! This money will be used to purchase visualisers for each class and to extend the school reading scheme beyond Year two with the real books to go alongside the e-books on Bug Club.

The committee are looking for a parent from the school community to volunteer to support with advertising the event next year – someone with a flair for Facebook and social media. If you are able to work alongside the advertising team and support in this area, please let Claire Hocknell or Mrs Worswick know asap.

The committee are also looking for someone to coordinate the health and safety for the event. This involves contacting Amberon re the road closure and St John's Ambulance re first aid on the day. It also involves being at May Day to oversee health and safety on the day. If you are able to volunteer for this role, then please let Claire Hocknell or Mrs Worswick know asap.

Mrs Hodder

We are delighted to share with you that Mrs Hodder is expecting a baby. We anticipate that Mrs Stevens will return to school to overlap with Mrs Hodder starting her maternity leave ensuring continuity in class Noah.

Unauthorised absence

Fixed Penalty Notices - any requests made for a holiday to be taken in the academic year 18/19 or thereafter which is not considered by the Head teacher to be exceptional circumstances (as per the attendance policy), will be recorded as unauthorised and a fixed penalty notice will be issued by the Local Authority. Please follow the link below for information about Cheshire East Council's code of conduct on penalty notices:

www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schools/parents/education_welfare_service/school_attendance.aspx
<https://astburyschool.org.uk/our-school/school-policies/>

Programme for St Marys Astbury during the Congleton Heritage Fortnight

15 th September	Brides and Bouquets. A display of vintage wedding dresses and bouquets. The church will be open from 12.00 until 5.00pm
16 th September	Murdered Anthems and Improper Psalms? 2.30pm until 5.00pm. A West Gallery Music Workshop for singers and instrumentalists. Entry £4 including music in aid of the organ fund. Booking needed. Contact Sally drage sally@drage.me.uk or see the church website www.astbury.org.uk
18 th September	Music for a Tuesday afternoon at 2.00pm. A short recital by piano and trombone followed by tea with cream scones. Entry is free, donations to the organ fund will be welcomed and more details on the website www.astburychurch.org.uk
Church Open Days	Church will be open: 15 th Sept 12.00-5.00pm, 16 th Sept 12.00-5.00pm, 18 th Sept 1.30 onwards

Operation Encompass letter

Dear Parent

I am writing to let you know about a project that a number of schools in Halton, Warrington, Cheshire West & Chester and Cheshire East are participating in. The project, called Operation Encompass, is being run in partnership with Cheshire Police. The project aims to support children who are affected by domestic abuse. Following a domestic abuse incident, the Police will make contact with the school and communicate relevant information to nominated school staff, to ensure that the school are made aware early enough to support children and young people in a way that means they feel safe and included.

Each school has a member of staff (key adult) who is trained to liaise with the police, when required, whilst ensuring support is available to the child. We are committed to working in partnership, to safeguard and protect children across Cheshire and provide the best possible care and support for our pupils. In the meantime, if you would like to speak to someone further about the project or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs P Worswick.

You can also find out more about Operation Encompass via the following we site:

<http://www.operationencompass.org/>

School Clubs from September 2018

After school clubs start at 3.20pm and finish at 4.15pm.

Day	Lunch Time Clubs	After School Clubs	Start Date
Tuesday		Netball Club (Years 3-6)	18/09/2018
		Construction Club (Rec – Yr2)	18/09/2018
		Mad Science club – You must register and pay for your child to attend before the club starts. https://afterschool.madsciencenw.com/	16/10/2018
Thursday		KS2 Football club (Years 3-5) Ministry4sport – Sports' Club (Years Rec - Year 3). Focus on Fundamental skills.	20/09/2018
Friday	Choir	Eco Club (all Years)	21/09/2018

Forms must be signed and returned before your child stays for an after school club.

In addition to the clubs above, we have been offered an after school Spanish club – there would be a weekly cost to your child attending this club (£5.95) if you would be interested then please indicate on the clubs permission form below.

The lady who would run the club has given the following information.

Spanish fun for Children

Would your child like to learn Spanish? El Club Espanol is part of the LCF clubs with over 1000 centres established in the UK. LCF offers a structured and proven course designed to stimulate children's natural enthusiasm for language and communication. Club membership includes CDs stickers, books plus free access to LCF babel zone.

To find out more, log onto www.lcfclubs.com or email admin@lcfclubs.com

After school clubs and permission form (please complete and return to school)

	Clubs	Name of child/ren
Tuesday		
Thursday		
Friday		

I give permission for my child to attend lunchtime/after school clubs as outlined above.

I will make arrangements to collect my child after the later school clubs have finished

If your child is unable to stay for an after school club that they are signed up to then please inform school so an absent mark can be added beside their name on the register.

I am interested in an after school Spanish Club for my child – please tick YES or NO

Name of child: _____

Signature of parent: _____

Parent / school information meetings / workshops (please complete and return to school)

On which day would you be most able to attend an information meeting / workshop at school?

Day	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Please tick all that apply					

At which time would you be most able to attend?

Time	3:30pm	6:00pm	6:30pm	7:00pm	7:30pm	8:00pm
Please tick all that apply						

Your child's name: _____

Diary Dates

Friday September 14th	Cultural Diversity Day at CHS – Yr 6 “Open The Book” starts for the infants
Monday September 17th	Swimming starts for group one – letters to follow
Friday September 21st	Community litter pick in partnership with Radio Stoke. 1.00-2.00pm
Monday September 24 th	Singfest rehearsal for choir children 12.45-2.45pm
Thursday September 27th	Year 5/6 Open Evening at CHS at 6.30pm
Friday September 28th	MacMillan Coffee Morning – all welcome 9.00am
Wednesday 3 rd October 6:00pm	Parents’ information workshop on the brain, how we learn and how to support your child’s learning – led by a visiting speaker Kay Clarke – Cheshire East
Thursday October 4th	Bible Explorer – Yr 5/6
Friday October 12th	Tempest in to take individual and family group photos. Start 8.30am
Monday October 15th	Chester Cathedral trip for year 5
Friday 19 th October	NSPCC workshop – whole school
Monday 5 th November	INSET day
Thursday 22 nd November	Bikeability day 1 for Yr 5
Friday 23 rd November	Bikeability day 2 for Yr 5
Tuesday 27 th November	Scholastic book fair
Monday 3 rd December	Last swim for group 1
Friday 21 st December	Last Day before Christmas holiday