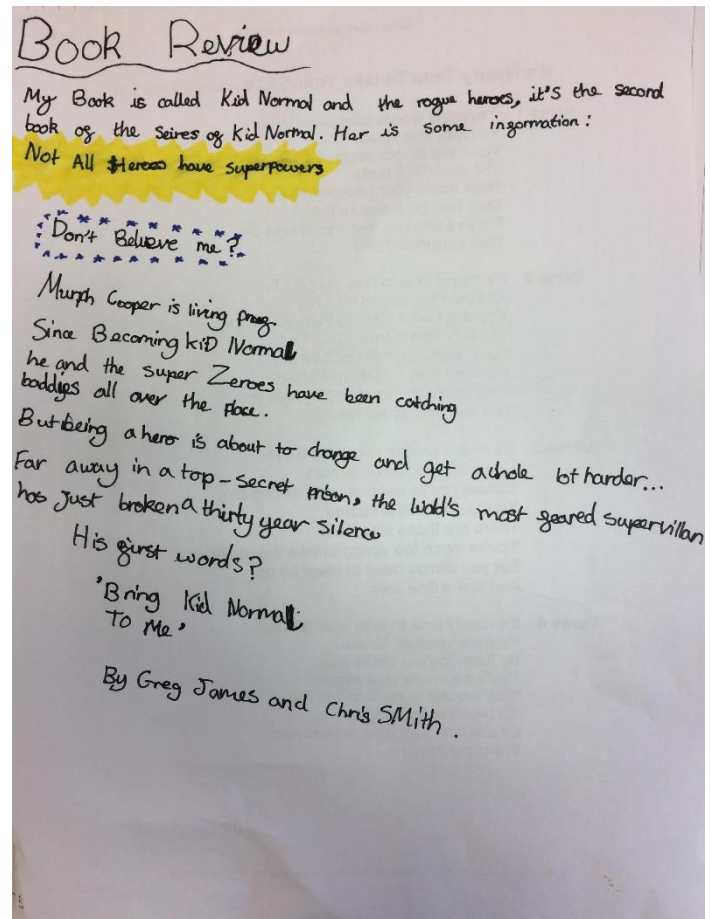
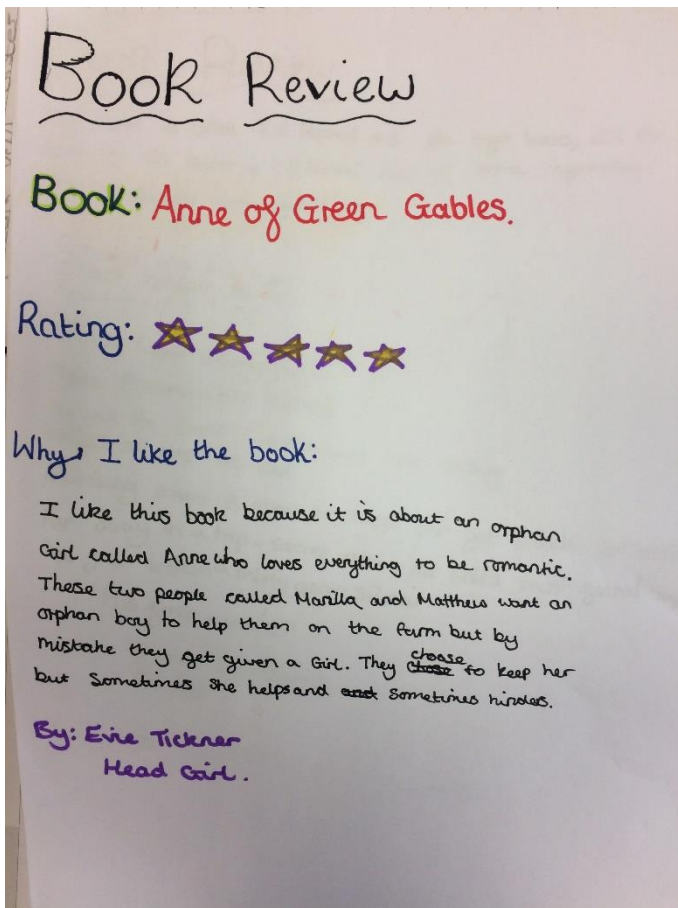




Dear Parents

Several children from Astbury School completed the library reading challenge over the summer holiday and have been proudly showing others their certificates and medals. It is great to hear children talking about books and authors as well as sharing their favourite book titles with one another. Two children in Y6 have written book reviews / recommendations for this newsletter:



Please help your child by supporting with their learning at home as much as you can. There are still many children not completing their reading diaries each week and not bringing them to school each day. Please remember that the diaries have a double page for one week. You can always split the reading rows into more rows if you read lots!

The majority of children in school are now completing homework and handing it in on time. Please remember, that with our new approach, this can be as much or as little as you feel is appropriate for your family, depending on how busy you are. The learning can even be completed as a discussion in the car if you are going away for the weekend and have not done the work by Friday. If you are unsure of what is expected, please read through the homework letter again and/or come and talk with your child's teacher.

We have been supporting our local community by joining in a litter pick last Friday afternoon. The children in Class Mary were expecting to find only a small amount of rubbish around the playground and the village hall. They were shocked to collect three bags full!

Pip Worswick

Macmillan coffee morning

You are invited into school tomorrow morning (9 – 10:20) to join in the biggest coffee morning. Your child brought a letter home that indicated their time slot for joining you in the hall.

Class Noah 9:10 – 9:30

Class Mary 9:40 – 10:00

Class Jacob 10:00 – 10:20

Each class will come to the hall for refreshments and children will be able to hand in their donations – please send them in a named envelope. To support this event, please also send in any cakes – homemade or bought – in the morning. Thank you.

Class Blogs

There are only a handful of parents currently registered for the class blogs. To keep up to date with what is going on in your child's class, please click on the front of the website on the class blogs and register. Your child's teacher will then authorise you as a user.

Celebrating our awards 14/09/2018

	Class Noah	Class Mary	Class Jacob
Caring sharing and learning	Ruby	Honey	Alyssa
Secrets of success – concentrate	Xander	Alisha N	Jasmine
Attendance	94.7%	98.9%	93.5%

Celebrating our awards 21/09/2018

	Class Noah	Class Mary	Class Jacob	
Caring sharing and learning	Mason	Zach B	Fahren, Emily, Evie	
Secrets of success – concentrate	Reuben	Sam J	Harry AW	
Attendance	94.9%	98.9%	89.4%	
Team Points	1st Place	2nd Place	3rd Place	4th Place
	St Andrew	St George	St David	St Patrick

Parents and Friends' Association

As a parent of a child at our school, you are automatically a member of the PFA. The new committee are looking for more of you to join in meetings to help and support at events for your children. After school meetings don't suit all, so by request, the next PFA meeting is at 7.30pm on Thursday October 25th in the Castle Inn. You are all very welcome to attend. The agenda will be to discuss the upcoming events and spending of funds on the children's learning. With National funding for schools so sparse, 'The PTA used to be the icing on the cake, now they are the cake' author unknown. Please support us!

Upcoming PFA events

Film night: Wednesday 10th October 3:20 – 5:15pm. Showing 2 films and serving hot dogs for tea. Help needed to do the register, sit in the room while the film is playing, prepare and serve hot dogs and tidy up at the end. See the slip at the end of the newsletter to sign your child up to attend. One film will be 'The Greatest Showman', this has a PG rating so please be aware of this if your child is attending. The other film is yet to be decided!

Joint May Day committee and PFA committee **family bingo night** in the village hall (venue TBC). Friday 16th November 6:00pm. This will be so much more than just a game of bingo – good fun for all the family! Specific roles for help as yet undefined!

Christmas Fair: Friday 30th November 3:30 – 6:00pm in school. Helpers needed to prepare items, dress the grotto, support Father Christmas, run games and stalls, serve turkey baps, sell raffle tickets etc.

St Marys Church – Radio Stoke

At 10am this Sunday, Radio Stoke are recording two half hour services, one to go out in October and the other in the New Year. Please do come and join in - we need all your voices as there are 10 songs / hymns and you get to hear Jeff preach two (very short) sermons. Tea and coffee afterwards will be available in the village hall.

Wednesday 3rd October – The brain and learning

At 6:00pm there will be an information evening in school on the brain and learning. The evening will be led by Kay Clarke, seconded to work for Cheshire East Special Educational Needs Team and she will be supported by Lesley Wrenshall who is currently supporting our school in SEN work. The evening will cover all children and their learning but will also have some specific content regarding different special educational needs that affect the brain and learning.

Please let us know if you plan to attend this evening by showing this on the event on Facebook or by completing and returning the slip at the end of this newsletter.

Tempest Photographs – Friday October 12th 2018

Tempest photographs will be in school to take individual and family group photos.

All children will be taken individually and with siblings in school.

If you would like other pre-school siblings taken with your children then this will be available from 8.30am. Proofs will be sent home with your child on Friday 12th Oct if you wish to purchase.

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. If you have a place at work or in the community where you could put up an A5 flier, then please ask us for one to put up to further advertise this event.

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/>

Please complete all three sections of this reply slip to give us valuable information for events we have planned and are planning! If you already have completed the first section then please leave this blank.

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: _____

PFA Film night permission slip (please complete and return to school)

On Wednesday 10th October the PFA will be holding a Film and Hotdog afternoon! Children will be able to stay after school until 5.15pm to watch a film with hotdogs, cakes and drinks to snack on.

The cost of this will be £7 per child and £5 per sibling thereafter.

Please fill in the attached slip and return with your child's £7 by Friday 5th October so we can get the hotdogs and cakes ordered.

Child's name.....

Child's class.....

Emergency contact name for Wed 10th

Emergency contact number for Wed 10th

Special dietary requirements.....

The brain and learning response slip (please complete and return to school)

Please tick to show your response.

- I am able to attend this information evening on Wed 3rd October
- I am not able to attend this information evening on Wed 3rd October

Name of child: _____

Signed: _____ (parent)

Diary Dates

Diary dates this time include the nativity – this is a whole school performance in church – all to attend. Also the date for parents’ meetings – please keep the dates in mind.

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
Wednesday 10 th October	PFA film night 3:20 – 5:15pm
Friday October 12th	Tempest in to take individual and family group photos. Start 8.30am
Monday October 15th	Chester Cathedral trip for year 5 – leaving the village hall at 8.30am.
Tuesday October 16th	Mad Science club starts after school – pre registration essential
Friday 19 th October	NSPCC workshop – whole school
Thursday October 25th	Violin/cello performance to parents 2.45pm
Friday October 26th	Last day before half term
Monday November 5th	INSET day
Friday November 9th	SENS and EHCP parents’ meetings 9:00 – 4:00pm
Friday November 9th	“Smokebusters” with Congleton Fire Station – Yr 5
Wednesday November 14th	Influenz nasal spray to Years Reception to Yr 5. Please return your school health form if you have not already done so.
Friday 16 th November	Family bingo in the village hall 6pm
Thursday 22 nd November	Bikeability day 1 for Yr 5
Friday 23 rd November	Bikeability day 2 for Yr 5
Tuesday 27th November	book fair
Friday 30 th November	Christmas Fair 3.30-6.00pm
Monday 3 rd December	Last swim for group 1
Tuesday 4 th December	Parents’ Evening 3:30 – 7:00
Wednesday 5 th December	Christmas lunch
Sunday 16 th December	Whole School Nativity in church 11:00am
Friday 21 st December	Last Day before Christmas holiday