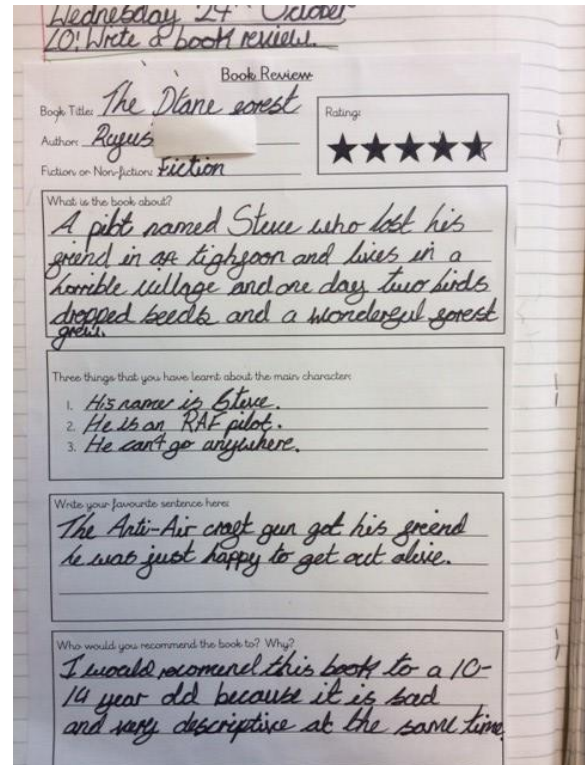
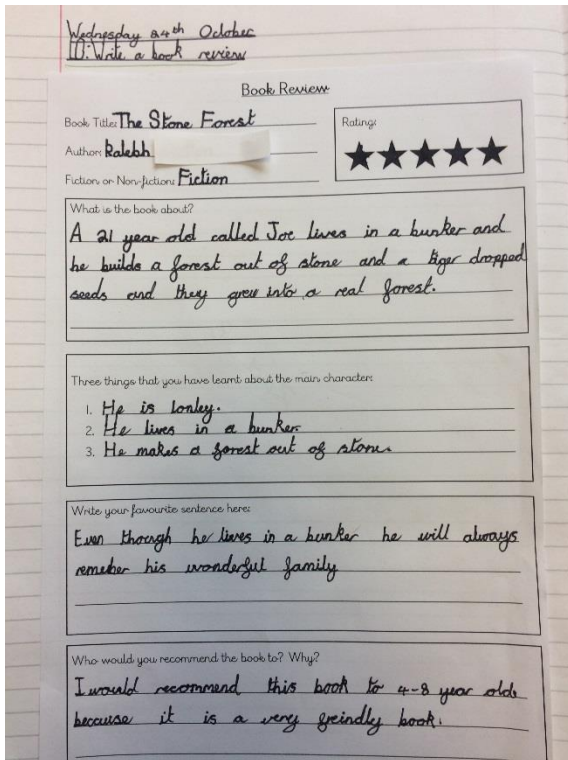




Dear Parents

It was lovely to see many parents sharing their child's story together in Class Mary yesterday. The language the children had used and the ideas in their stories show great creativity. Maisie and Zach have reviewed Kalebh and Rufus's stories from class Mary and have written book reviews for the newsletter this week – why not pop into class Mary and have a read of the stories they have recommended?



There will be an opportunity for parents of children in class Jacob to share their work based around their text 'Can we save the Tiger?' on Thursday 8th November 8:45 – 9:15am.

On Tuesday 20th November we will be holding an open evening for parents of children due to start school in reception 2019. In order to showcase the variety of learning that takes place in school we would like some of the children to come and be involved in activities planned by the adults in school. You would need to drop your child off at school at 6:00pm and collect them again at 7:00pm. Please let us know if your child can be involved by completing the slip attached to the end of the newsletter.

Have a lovely half term break!

Yours faithfully, Pip Worswick

Celebrating our awards 12/10/2018

	Class Noah	Class Mary	Class Jacob	
Caring sharing and learning	Peter	Ava	Savannah	
Secrets of success – concentrate	Harrison	Sophie	Nathan	
Attendance	84.1%	96%	94%	
Team Points	1st Place	2nd Place	3rd Place	4th Place
	St Patrick	St David	St George	St Andrew

Celebrating our awards 19/10/2018

	Class Noah	Class Mary	Class Jacob	
Caring sharing and learning	Leo	Alesha	Year 5	
Secrets of success – concentrate	Pippa	Gabe	Issac	
Attendance	95.5%	98.2%	90.4%	
Team Points	1 st Place	2 nd Place	3 rd Place	4 th Place
	St Andrew	St Patrick	St George	St David

This afternoon

If your child is learning the violin or cello with Music for Life, then there will be a performance for parents and friends this afternoon at 2.45pm. Please use the entrance to school from the rectory path. You are welcome to come along and watch your child take part in the performance and see what they have learnt over the last few weeks.

Tonight! PFA meeting

At the request of parents for an evening meeting, there will be a PFA meeting tonight at 7:30pm in the Castle Inn. Please come along and see how you can be involved.

Operation Christmas Child

All children received a leaflet about how to support this charity by donating items or by making a complete shoe box. The last day for bringing your items or shoe box to school is Friday 16th November. Mrs Armitt set us a target of twenty five boxes!

PFA dates for your diary

Joint May Day committee and PFA committee family bingo night in the village hall Friday 16th November 6:00pm. This will be so much more than just a game of bingo – good fun for all the family! If you are able to volunteer to run a tuck stall then please come forward. **We also require donations of small raffle prizes. A few items have started to arrive in school – please send in anything you are willing to donate in the first week back after the half term holiday.** Thank you.



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.

New Lunchtime Menu

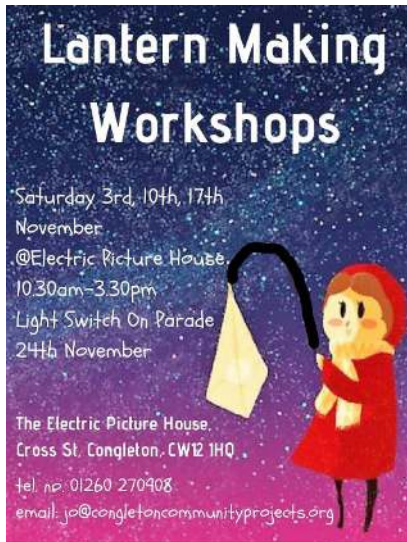
A new lunchtime menu will be introduced from November 5th 2018. Please follow the link below.
<https://astburyschool.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/Astbury-menu-Nov-18.pdf>

Music for Life – the date has passed for this!

Learning a musical instrument brings so many benefits to a child's overall development as well as developing a skill and interest that a child can have for life. Music for Life is a not-for-profit music service working in partnership with schools which currently arranges lessons for more than 4,000 young people across our area. The deadline for booking a new course to start after half term is **29th October**, subject to a final confirmation from the tutor that the extra course can be accommodated. You can find out more and book online here: www.musicforlife.org.uk/apply-now. Payment for courses can be made using almost any debit or credit card and can be spread over several months (typically £24.50 per month for a shared lesson or £37 per month for a one-to-one lesson) or paid in full in advance on booking if you wish. Financial support with the cost of lessons

may be available in cases of hardship; please contact Music for Life before booking if you would like to discuss this. All new courses enjoy a 12 week "taster" period, so when you book you are only committed to 12 lessons to see how things go. After that time, a report on progress will be sent and you can then decide to continue with lessons, cancel further lessons or change the course. Some other links you may find helpful in learning more about the work of Music for Life are: FACEBOOK: [facebook.com/Musicforlife1234](https://www.facebook.com/Musicforlife1234) TWITTER: twitter.com/MusicforLifeSCH VIDEOS: musicforlife.org.uk/videos

Lantern Making Workshops



The Electric Picture House, Cross Street, Congleton, CW12 1HQ

Congleton Community projects and the Electric Picture House have organised free art workshops for young people in Congleton.

The traditional free lantern making workshops on Saturdays 3rd, 10th and 17th November at the Electric Picture House. The workshops are open to everyone to make a lantern to carry in the Christmas Parade at the Congleton Lights Switch on event on Saturday 24th November. These are family workshops and all children must be accompanied.

Oliver

Congleton Amateur Youth Theatre are performing "Oliver" on Wednesday November 14th to Saturday Nov 17th at 7.30pm. There is also a Saturday matinee at 2.30pm on Nov 17th.

The performances will be at The Daneside Theatre, Congleton and tickets are available from Congleton Tourist Information Centre 01260271095 or Sue Beech 01260280417

Spanish Lessons

El Club Espanol will be running a FREE taster session for children that would like to learn Spanish through actions, games, stories and rhymes.

The free session will be on Wednesday November 14th at 3.20-3.50pm. This dynamic approach to Spanish will make learning fun and stimulating to young minds and encourage them to learn a second language effortlessly. The tutor will hand out some more information at the taster session if you wish to sign your child up to the programme.

Astbury School Open Evening – Tuesday 20th November

My child/ren _____ will be able to come to the open evening and help show activities in the classrooms.

I can drop them off at school at 6:00pm and collect them at 7:00pm.

Signed: _____

Diary Dates

Thursday October 25th	Violin/cello performance to parents 2.45pm PFA meeting in the Castle Inn 7.30pm
Friday October 26th	Last day before half term
Monday November 5th	INSET day
Wednesday 7 th November	Y3/4 cross country race – letters given to children in the team
Friday November 9th	SENS and EHCP parents' meetings 8:30 – 3:00pm
Friday November 9th	"Smokebusters" with Congleton Fire Station – Yr 5
Sunday 11 th November 10:50am	Class Jacob leading parts of the service in Astbury Church for remembrance
Wednesday November 14th	Influenza nasal spray to Years Reception to Yr 5. Please return your school health form if you have not already done so.
Wednesday 14 th November	Free taster Spanish lesson 3:20 – 3:50pm
Friday 16 th November 2:45pm	Bible Explorer presentation for parents of Y5/6 children
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 27 th November	Scholastic book fair for 5 nights after school until Mon 3 rd
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
Monday 17 th December	Live Nativity in Astbury village.6pm for a 6.30pm start. Tickets will be available nearer the time at Glebe Farm Shop.
Tuesday 18 th December	Live Nativity in Astbury Village
Friday 21 st December	Last Day before Christmas holiday