



Dear Parents

Thank you to everyone who was able to join in the school singing at the Congleton Christmas Light switch on last Saturday. It was great to be able to support the community by taking part.

Thank you to all the children who came to showcase the school at the open evening last week. All who came were a credit to the school.

I am extremely proud of all our young artists who won prizes in the Congleton Rotary art competition. Out of five hundred and eighty-four entries, Astbury School won many awards, including an amazing first prize. With a beautiful piece of art work showing her favourite season, Claire received a frame of her work and a prize. Evie H and Sid also won two runners up awards. What makes this award even more outstanding is that this is the second year running that a child from Astbury School has won first prize!



I look forward to seeing you at the Christmas Fair after school tomorrow night. There are many games, stalls and activities for you to take part in as a family and prices are really reasonable. It would be lovely if everyone could stay and be part of the fair – the children are really excited about it!

Remember to wear a Christmas jumper and bring a cake or two tomorrow!

Yours faithfully,

Pip Worswick



After School Clubs

Teacher run after school clubs will finish this week and recommence week beginning 28th January 2019. We will inform you about the new clubs that will start in January.

Please note: lunchtime chess will finish with Mr Blackburn on Tuesday 4th Dec.

Spanish club with Melena Bond will run until Wednesday Dec 19th

Coding club with Mr Bibby /Mrs Moore will run until Wednesday Dec 12th

Year 6 – Angels required for the Live Nativity!

The Live Nativity require some Year 6 children to volunteer to be angels. If your child would like to take part then please let school know, or contact Steph Morris directly. The Live nativity is on Monday 17th December and Tuesday 18th December, 6.30pm start.

Celebrating our awards 16/11/2018

	Class Noah	Class Mary	Class Jacob	
Caring sharing and learning	Toby	Rufus	Cody	
Secrets of success – Don't give up	Henry	Maisie	Ellie	
Attendance	94.3%	94%	93.9%	
Team Points	1st Place	2nd Place	3rd Place	4th Place
	St Andrew	St David	St Patrick	St George

Celebrating our awards 23/11/2018

	Class Noah	Class Mary	Class Jacob	
Caring sharing and learning	Josh B	Zach B	Rebecca C	
Secrets of success – Don't give up	Joshua P	Lucie	Harry A	
Attendance	95.5%	99.4%	96.8%	
Team Points	1st Place	2nd Place	3rd Place	4th Place
	St Patrick	St David	St Andrew	St George

PFA

Help needed for the Christmas Fair on Friday 30th November 3.30-6.00pm.

If you can help prepare, tidy up or during the event, please see Jo Boffey, Jane Moore or inform a member of staff. Help required from 2:00pm.

Friday 30th November – children can wear a Christmas jumper and bring in cakes.

Raffle tickets

Raffle Tickets for the Grand Draw will be coming home shortly.

Please sell as many of the raffle tickets as you can to friends and family.

All monies and stubs to be returned to school by Thursday December 13th.

First Prize: meal for two at Shrigley Hall and free tickets to George Michael tribute night

Second prize: Outdoor family photo shoot by Lovelucille photography (worth £150)

Third Prize: £ 50 cash

Fourth prize: afternoon tea for two at Pecks restaurant

Fifth prize: £30 M and S voucher

Also – 2 tickets to Winter Wonderland in Hanely and many more prizes.

Christmas Film night - Wednesday 13th December 3:20 – 5:30

As this is so close to Christmas to give parents the opportunity to do some shopping – the PFA are running this event as a cut price film night. Just £4 per child and £2 for a sibling. This price includes a hot dog, cake and sweets. There will be a choice of two films, both of these will be PG films 1) The Incredibles 2 and a Christmas film to be decided by the children. Letters will be sent home soon.

Clean air policy

Air pollution is becoming a big problem in England, with 36,000 premature deaths caused by air pollution every year, and most areas of the UK have illegal levels of air pollution, children being particularly vulnerable to this.

Sitting waiting with your car engine running **releases the equivalent of 150 balloons of chemical gasses per minute** into the air that we are breathing.

Can we please ask that you switch off your car engine when parking in Astbury as soon as possible, and help our children to be breathing cleaner air. At school we are going to be learning about air pollution and how to combat it.



Head Lice

There have been cases of head lice in schools in Cheshire East. The link below provides the most up to date information and links to information on treatment and control. There is no requirement for children with head lice to be excluded from school. Treatment is simple and can be done in 10 to 30 minutes with a 'nit comb' on (ideally) wet hair with conditioner, repeated every few days for 2 weeks. Medicated shampoos and sprays are only recommended if wet combing hasn't been effective. For more information visit: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>
It is imperative that ALL parents are proactive in this.

Parents' Evening Tuesday December 4th 2018 3.30pm and 6.50pm

Please indicate a preference of afternoon/evening and a time and return to us. Appointments are issued on a first come, first served basis. If you had an appointment and attended the parents' meetings on Friday 9th November then you do not need to attend on 4th Dec.

If you are not able to make this date please contact the school office or speak to your child's class teacher to try to make an alternative 10 minute appointment before or after school on a different day.

Name of child (ren) _____ Preferred time (s) _____

Appointments are to be ten minutes in length so that teachers are able to complete their schedule and give a reasonable amount of time to all parents. If you wish to discuss your child's progress in more detail than this time allows please arrange for another visit with the class teacher.

A text will be sent out to confirm your appointment time/s

Diary Dates

Friday 30 th November	Christmas Fair 3.30-6.00pm
Monday 3 rd December	Last swim for group 1 Last day for the book fair
Tuesday 4 th December	Parents' Evening 3:30 – 7:00 (6.50pm is the last appointment time)
Wednesday 5 th December	Christmas lunch for children, staff and governors
Monday 10 th December	Class Mary trip to The Imperial War Museum, Salford
Thursday 13 th December	PFA Christmas film night
Sunday 16 th December	Whole School Nativity in church 11:00am
Monday 17 th December	Live Nativity in Astbury Village 6.30pm
Tuesday 18 th December	Class Christmas parties - bring a change of clothes Live nativity in Astbury Village 6.30pm
Thursday 20 th December	Christingle 9:15am in church – all welcome
Friday 21 st December	Last Day before Christmas holiday