



Dear Parents

Happy New Year!

We have had an exciting beginning to the year, starting our new maths scheme of work – Power Maths. Children have been keen to receive their new maths books and to explore learning together. The maths lessons and resources will further develop your child as a mathematician. The new scheme continues to improve our maths teaching as it supports mastery of mathematics as well as challenging more able pupils to explore concepts and understanding at greater depth.

We have also signed up to one month free trial of Times Table Rock Stars. We would encourage all children to log on at home on a phone, iPad, computer or other device and challenge themselves to progress as a rock star as well as challenge others to a battle of the bands. We have only started to introduce this this week but all children have log in details in their diaries, It is lovely to hear the children (and staff) so enthused about their scores and challenges and being so keen to have a go and speed up their recall of times tables to 12 x 12.

On 25th January, Mrs Hodder will be starting her maternity leave and Mrs Stevens will return to teach class Noah. We wish Mrs Hodder all the best as she prepares for the birth of her baby. Mrs Stevens has had many keeping in touch days and has been in to get to know the children and work with Mrs Hodder to ensure a smooth transition. This week, we have welcomed Mr Davies back in to school to work with the year six children and class Jacob.

It is now two years since our OFSTED inspection and all the targets set out in the report have been worked on with a wealth of evidence and improvements in all areas. The Local Authority are conducting a whole school review to support us in our preparation for our next OFSTED. This will be on Wed 23rd January. Reviewers will be in school for the day and may wish to speak with parents on the playground in the morning or after school. We are pleased to have been given this opportunity to have an independent evaluation of our work.

Yours faithfully
Pip Worswick

After School Clubs

After school clubs commence week beginning 28th January 2019. We will inform you soon about the new clubs that will start.

Please note: Spanish club with Melena Bond will run on Wed 16th January 2019 from 3.20-3.50pm. If your child would like to have a free Spanish taster session with Milena then please contact her on 07776254492 or milena.bond@hotmail.com to book a place.

Celebrating our awards 14/12/2018

	Class Noah	Class Mary	Class Jacob
Caring sharing and learning	Finley	Zachary	Rosie
Secrets of success – Don't give up	All Class	Katie W	Ed
Attendance	85.2%	99.4%	94.4%

Celebrating our awards 21/12/2018

	Class Noah	Class Mary	Class Jacob
Caring sharing and learning	Reuben	Sophie	All Class
Secrets of success – Don't give up	Claire	Courtney	All Class
Attendance	96%	96.9%	88.6%

Merekats

Astbury Merekats have places available in both breakfast and after school club and during the school holidays, on a regular and adhoc basis, for further information please visit our website www.astburymerekats.co.uk or call 07748 699352.



February Holiday Club 2019

Friday 15th February (Inset day)

Papier mache masks (am)

Messy play (pm)

Monday 18th February

Cookery morning (am)

Baking cookies and treats (pm)

Tuesday 19th February

Clay modelling (am)

*Paint a ceramic plate (pm)

Wednesday 20th February

Chocolate playdough (am)

*Trip to Ten Pin Bowling (pm)

Thursday 21st February

Recycling crafts (am)

Finishing off crafts (pm)

Friday 22nd February

Muddy walk (am)

Balloon volleyball & balloon games (pm)

For a booking form visit www.astburymerekats.co.uk or contact us via email on astburymerekats@btinternet.com or call 07748 699352.

Prices

Full Day (8am-6pm) £24.00

Half Day (8am-1pm) or (1pm-6pm) £14.00

Additional Breakfast Club (7.30am-8.00am) £2.00

We offer a 10% second child discount

*Extra charge

Singfest – Crewe

In conjunction with Love Music Trust, the choir are taking part in the Singfest competition. The next rehearsal will be at Eaton Bank Academy on Monday 21st January 12.45-2.45pm. Your child should have received a letter regarding this. The actual choir concert will take place on Tuesday 19th March 2019, at 10.00am at the Crewe Lyceum. More information to follow nearer the time.

Church

Class Noah will be helping during the service this Sunday at 11.00am. A tractor and plough will be at church and children can bring along their own toy tractor to the service, if they have one.

Diary Dates

Thursday 10 th January	Cross Country at Eaton Bank Year 5/6 – letters have gone out to those children selected
Sunday 13 th January	Class Noah helping in church 11.00am.
Monday 14 th January	Half a day Hinduism Workshop Year 3/4/5/6 Children can bring in £2.00 to purchase a decorative clay diva from India as a momento of the day.
Wednesday 16 th January	SATs information evening for Year 6 Parents in school 3.30-4.00pm
Wednesday 16 th January	Sports hall Athletics at CHS 3.30pm Year 5/6
Wednesday 16 th January	May Day meeting at The Egerton 7.30pm
Monday 21 st January	Choir to Eaton Bank Academy 12.45-2.45pm
Wednesday 23 rd January	Whole School Review Day
Friday 25 th January	Mrs Hodder finishes today to go on maternity leave
Monday 28 th January	After school clubs start
Wednesday 30 th January	Mrs Stevens returns following her maternity leave Amaven PE day – please make sure PE kits are in school
Wednesday 6 th February	School Health in – Reception children hearing and vision checks
Friday 8 th February	Swimathon sponsored by Congleton Rotary Club - 5pm start
Thursday 14 th February	Last Day before Half Term
Friday 16 th February	Inset Day
Monday 25 th February	School Opens