



Dear Parents

On Friday 1st February we are joining Chester Diocesan Academies Trust. Leaders, staff and children have already been involved in working with other schools in the Trust and we look forward to being part of a wider family of schools that support us in our vision and aims for education at Astbury. There will be no changes to the day to day running of the school. The educational vision of CDAT is outlined below.

CDAT will seek to be a successful family of schools providing distinctive and loving environments which ensure effective education for all children, through excellent teaching, innovation and the sharing of good practice as schools work together across the Trust. We will:

- build a thriving community of schools with common moral purpose rooted in Christian values and ambition for children, but encouraging each academy to develop in the best way to serve its community;
- provide a culture of healthy dialogue and listening between CDAT and its academies;
- provide mutual support and improvement to develop the practice of all our professional staff so that all can improve;
- empower effective school leaders and local governing bodies to take courageous decisions in the best interest of young people;
- provide systems and services that aim to reduce the administrative burden and support school leaders with the professional management of their academies;
- provide purposeful and supportive early intervention for academies that would benefit from accelerated school improvement.

CDAT will seek to provide the very best education for every child in its schools so that they succeed and are well prepared to move onto their next phase of education. Our strong Christian ethos will be the foundation of all we do and by guiding and informing the actions of children, staff and governors we will:

- ensure that all children achieve their full potential – making at least the expected level of progress and with many exceeding;
- value and respect children from all faiths and beliefs – and taking into account their beliefs when planning for their learning and the learning of others;
- provide a curriculum that is broad, rich and balanced; focused on developing knowledge and skills; and meeting the needs of each child;
- provide learning opportunities that are inclusive, engaging and challenging for every child;
- create a learning environment within which children are happy and motivated learner;
- support our leaders to be highly effective in leading school improvements;
- support our teachers and support staff to be outstanding practitioners – providing high quality teaching so that every child learns;
- listen to the children and taking their views into account;
- work with parents to enable them to contribute to their children's learning;
- work with other schools and the wider community to ensure that we maximise on the learning opportunities that they can provide for our children and staff.

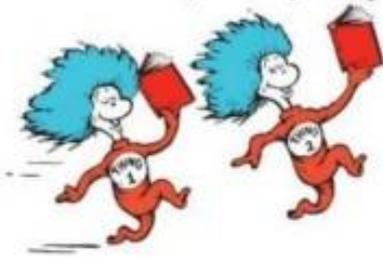
Friday 1st February is also the first event of May Day for the year. It is a non-uniform day to raise funds for the May Day raffle and it is the day that the May Queen and retinue will be drawn from the top hat. The ceremony will take place during worship at 2:45pm – you are welcome to come in to school to watch the draw!

Well done to the Y5/6 cross country teams and the Y5/6 indoor athletics team who both competed last week. The cross country race was incredibly gruelling in the fog, cold and damp but all persevered and crossed the finishing line.

Have a look at these book reviews from Courtney and Katie W. Please remember to encourage your child to recommend good books to friends.

Yours faithfully
Pip Worswick

The MORE
that you read,
the MORE things
you will know.
The MORE that you
Learn,
the MORE places you'll go.



12/01/19
Matilda
Road Dahl

★★★★★

I would give this book to girls in year 3, 4, 5 and 6. I think this book was good because Matilda had a very beautiful bedroom. My mum liked it as well.

The Twits by Roald Dahl

The main characters are
Mr Twit

Mrs Twit

The Holy Polybird

The Muggle Wump Monkeys

★★★★★

The Twits is about
Two people called Mr and Mrs Twit that hate each other and play mean tricks on each other.
Mr Twit has got some African monkeys in his garden. He was very kind to them and made them sit on each other's heads. One day the monkeys and the holy poly bird got to their back and for all.
My favourite part was when the monkeys could go to their real home.
I would recommend this to a friend.

lovely book review! (RTP)

After School Clubs

After school clubs commence next week.

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

Day	Lunch Time Clubs	After School Clubs	Start Date
Monday		Drama Years 3-6	28/01/2019
Tuesday	Child led drama club YR – Y6	Netball Years 3-6 (up until Easter break) Football Years 3-6 (after Easter break)	29/01/2019 TBC
Wednesday		Coding club (10 max) Years 4-6. If your child did not attend the club last term they will be given priority into this club this term. Please return your slip promptly to avoid disappointment! Others who did attend last term are welcome to put their names down and may be able to come to teach, dependent on the numbers of responses.	30/01/2019
Thursday		Ministry4sport – Sports Club (Years Rec - Year 3). Focus on Fundamental skills. NB – this could change to Wednesdays	31/01/2019
Friday	Choir Years R - 6	Eco Club (Years R - 6)	01/02/2019

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

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

	Clubs	Name of child/ren
Monday		
Tuesday		
Wednesday		
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.

Please note: If you would like to speak to Milena Bond regarding Spanish Club then please contact Milena on 07776254492 or milena.bond@hotmail.com. Milena can offer a free taster session, if we have enough interest.

Celebrating our awards 11/01/2019

	Class Noah	Class Mary	Class Jacob
Caring sharing and learning	Tyrese	Ava	Amelia
Secrets of success – Work hard	Harrison	Sam A	Charlotte
Attendance	96.4%	100%	88.2%
Team Points	1 st St Patrick	2 nd St Andrew	3 rd St George

Celebrating our awards 18/01 /2019

	Class Noah	Class Mary	Class Jacob
Caring sharing and learning	Henry	Rufus	Ed
Secrets of success – Work hard	Leo	Maisie	Amelia
Attendance	94%	99.4%	94%
Team Points	1 st St Andrew	2 nd St George	3 rd St Patrick

Re: OurSchoolsApp

OurSchoolsApp is a personalised app for our school and will allow us to keep you all updated with school information, news, calendar events and contact information.

If you have a smartphone (Android or iPhone) you can download OurSchoolsApp from Google Play Android or the Apple Store for FREE. Access is also available on a tablet and iPad by following the same download process.

When we update OurSchoolsApp with new information or news about the school, a push message notification will automatically be sent to your device to inform you of this update. You can then view the notification which will then take you directly to our app.

Instructions for download:

1. Using your device (iPad, iPhone, smart pad, tablet or android phone), visit the relevant marketplace for your product (Apple Store or Google Play).
2. Search for '**OurSchoolsApp**' and download the app.
3. Once downloaded, use the search bar within the app and enter the postcode or the name of the school.
4. Hit the search button.
5. Once you see the school name displayed, just touch the screen on the school name.
6. Confirm your choice by pressing 'OK'.
7. You will now be presented with the correct app for your chosen school which contains news, information, calendar events, contacts and any other relevant details.

Unauthorised absence

Fixed Penalty Notices - any requests made for a leave of absence to be taken in this academic year or thereafter which is not considered by the Head teacher to be exceptional circumstances (as per the attendance policy on the school website) 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:

<https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/pdf/taking-children-on-holiday-during-term-time.pdf>

Merekats

We are delighted to have renewed our licence with Merekats, a valued part of our school, providing excellent care both before and after school for our children. 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 their 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

Celebrating 700 years of Congleton Mayoralty

Celebrating 700 years of Congleton's Mayoralty with a popular orchestral concert
Sunday, 24th February 2019 at 7.30 pm at Congleton Town Hall

On behalf of the Town Mayor's charities
Ruby's Fund and the LOL Foundation

DVORAK
'New World' Symphony No 9

TCHAIKOVSKY Fantasy Overture, Romeo & Juliet
ROSSINI Overture: William Tell

BILL CONNOR
A Celebration of Congleton PREMIERE

TICKETS
Adult £12, Under 18 £2.50
From Congleton Tourist Information Centre
Town Hall, High Street, Congleton CW12 1BN
Tel 01260 271098
A & A Music, 12 High Street, Congleton CW12 1BL

KEMS
KING EDWARD MEMORIAL SOCIETY
OF BUCKLEFIELD
www.kems.org.uk

Young People's Trust
Rotary

KEMS Orchestra
Conductor **Anthony Houghton**



Guitar Lessons

Steve Proctor has some availability for guitar lessons on Thursdays (during the school day). He can be contacted on: 01260 272474. Please make arrangements directly with Mr Proctor if you wish for your child to have guitar lessons.

Diary Dates

Friday 25 th January	Mrs Hodder finishes 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
Friday 1 st February	Non-uniform day for May Day funds. 2:45pm May Queen draw
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. "Astbury Angels" team entering the swimathon.
Thursday 14 th February	Last Day before Half Term
Friday 16 th February	Inset Day
Monday 25 th February	School Opens
Tuesday 26 th February	Silk FM – recording school of the week
Tuesday 5 th March	Star Day - SEN parents' appointments
Tuesday 26 th March	Travelling Books – Book Fair delivered
Monday 1 st April	Last day for the Book Fair
Friday 5 th April	Last Day before Easter break
Tuesday 23 rd April	School back in after Easter Holidays