



School Newsletter

25th March 2021

Celebrations

Our class awards:

Week beginning: 12 th March	Walk in love	Secrets of success - concentrate	Attendance (%)
Noah	Archie	Molly	98.4
Mary	Class Mary	Taylor	96.9
Jacob	Sam A	Danielle	100

Week beginning: 19 th March	Walk in love	Secrets of success - concentrate	Attendance (%)
Noah	Lily Lou	Henry P	98
Mary	Freya	Riley	100
Jacob	Jodie	Ella	99.5

Easter online

This afternoon, Class Jacob have taken part in an Easter lesson online. It was led by members of the Congleton Churches together children's team. The lesson was in a workshop style and had sections on

1. Crosses from around the world
2. The Easter story puzzle
3. 'I was there' - role play – meet the Roman soldier
4. What is Easter and what does it mean to us today?

The children engaged well with all the activities and had some great discussions about the Easter story. Class Jacob love a good debate and they have started to get into the role of the different characters from the story to debate the resurrection.

COVID-19 -Contact tracing

School have been asked to continue with contact tracing over Easter, similar to the arrangements over Christmas. Please inform the school of a positive case where the person developed symptoms **within 2 days** of being in their education setting.

Test and trace support payments for parents

Parents and carers of children who have been advised to self-isolate by their education setting or by NHS Test and Trace are now able to apply for a [Test and Trace Support Payment](#) or discretionary payment of £500, if they meet the eligibility criteria. The extension of the Test and Trace Support Payment scheme, which is administered by Cheshire East, ensures that parents receive the financial support they need if they are unable to attend work due to childcare responsibilities. This payment is available for isolations which began on or after 8th March. Parents have a window of 6 weeks in which to apply for the payment from the first day of isolation.

Parents and carers should apply to their local authority to receive a payment. Applications for the Test and Trace Support Payment scheme are made via the local authority in which the parent or carer resides, not the local authority where the setting is situated, if these are different.

To be eligible applicants must meet all of the criteria that:

they are the parent or guardian of a child or young person in the **same household** and need to take time off work to care for them while they self-isolate. This is limited to one parent or guardian per household for the child or young person's self-isolation period

they are employed or self-employed

they **cannot work from home** while undertaking caring responsibilities and will lose income as a result

they meet all the other **means-tested eligibility** criteria for a Test and Trace Support Payment or locally determined criteria for a discretionary payment

That their child or young person:

- **is aged 15 or under** (or 25 or under with an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHC)) and normally attends an education or childcare setting

has been told to self-isolate by NHS Test and Trace or by their education or childcare setting because they have been identified as a close contact of someone who has tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19)

Adjusting to the school routine

We are aware that eleven weeks of lockdown can be challenging to come out of, that we are still in a time of adjustment and that soon it will be the Easter break. Please help your child to be a successful learner by re-establishing or continuing those great routines and structures that you have for school. The support that you give at home really can make such a difference to your child's learning during the day.

Good bedtime routine – come away from screens, relax and go to bed at a suitable time to get 9 – 11 hours' sleep.

Complete reading, spelling and key maths recall activities at home, at least three times a week.

Eat breakfast before school.



Relationships and Sex Education and Health Education (RSHE)

Thank you to all parents who have responded to the RSHE consultation so far.

Just to remind you that the deadline for your response is Monday 29th March. RSHE is on the agenda for the Governors' meeting next Wednesday.

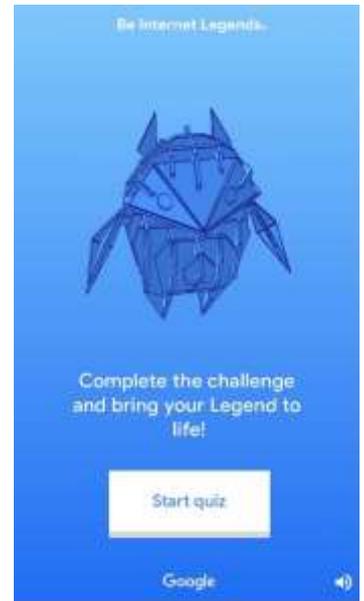
School uniform

Please ensure that your child is wearing the appropriate school uniform and PE kit (on their PE days). There are several children in trainers and without ties. Whilst a few parents have spoken to school staff about specific uniform items, we are also aware that shoe shopping is tricky at the moment due to non-essential shops being closed. Please try to source the correct school uniform as soon as possible.

There are also several children not in the correct PE kit for school. PE kit is navy and white. School uniform items are available from DP Sportswear on Bromley Road.

Be Internet Legends

We have successfully applied for, and been given, 3D Legend trophies from Google. These are for families to build together whilst completing online tasks to educate children on the importance of keeping safe online. To make the most of the internet, children need to make smart decisions. Be Internet Legends empowers younger children to use the web safely and wisely, so they can be confident explorers of the online world. Your child from Y2 – Y6 will have been given a cylinder with the resources to build their own legend. All you need to do is scan the code on the tube or type in the web address: [g.co/buildyourlegend](https://beinternetlegends.withgoogle.com/en_uk/buildyourlegend/) or https://beinternetlegends.withgoogle.com/en_uk/buildyourlegend/



COMPETITION TIME
NAME OUR NEW ECO-TRUCKS!
WE WANT THE PRIMARY SCHOOL CHILDREN OF CHESHIRE EAST TO NAME TWO OF OUR HYDROGEN FUELLED BIN TRUCKS!

As part of our journey to become carbon neutral, we are converting two of our Cheshire East bin trucks to run on hydrogen fuel. These environmentally friendly trucks run on clean and sustainable gases which means they are not as harmful to our planet!

To celebrate this exciting new project, we are calling on primary school children in Cheshire East to submit a name for one of the two bin trucks.

You must include a 'H' for hydrogen anywhere in your suggestion, so that we can create the chemical symbol 'H₂' - such as CHESHIRE or HYDROGEN.

The winning names will be displayed on the trucks and the winners will also receive a £50 Love2Shop voucher and a goodie bag!

Submit your entries to the email carbonneutral@cheshireeast.gov.uk by 12pm April 30 2021. One name per entry, per child.

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Name Cheshire East's new eco trucks

As part of Cheshire East Council's journey to become carbon neutral, they are converting two of their Cheshire bin trucks to run on hydrogen fuel - which means they are not as harmful to our planet. To celebrate this occasion, Cheshire East Council are calling on primary school children in Cheshire East to submit a name for one of the two trucks. The new names must include the letter H and entries are to be submitted to Carbonneutral@cheshireeast.gov.uk by 12pm on April the 30th. The winning names will be displayed on the trucks and the winners will receive a £50 Love2Shop voucher and a goodie bag!

Visyon Spring Time Fun Pack

We all know that the pandemic and lockdowns over the past 12 months have had a huge impact on the emotional wellbeing of children and their families. With restrictions still in place for the next few weeks, and the weather still unpredictable, Visyon has created a virtual fun pack of activities for primary aged children to do with their families over the Easter holidays – perfect for entertaining them on a rainy afternoon! The virtual fun pack is available from the Visyon website to download in exchange for a donation of £5. Even better, everyone who downloads the pack will go into a draw to win a family pass for 4 people to go to Alton Towers and other great prizes.



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Spring Time
FUN PACK

Download our fun pack now!

You'll also be supporting local children & young people with their mental health at the same time. Plus, everyone who downloads the pack will go into a free draw to win a family pass for 4 people to Alton Towers and other great prizes!

- Fun puzzles & games
- Crafts to make (including vision tutorials)
- Treasure hunt kit
- Exclusive Storytime videos from author Nick Jones
- Social media Competition to win signed books

Make a £5 donation for the pack and you'll be entered into a free prize draw to win an Alton Towers family pass and other prizes.

Visit www.visyon.org.uk to sign up!

£5



Time Out For Parents

Children with Special Needs

Sessions for anyone parenting children with special needs aged 3 to 11

Date
Every Wednesday, 9.30am - 11.30am
21st April - 26th May

Venue
Danesford Community Centre, West Road,
Congleton, CW12 4EY

or Online Option Available

For more information
Contact
Alison Timbey or Joanna Crichton
01260 267961 or email
alison.timbey@nichurch.org.uk
joanna.crichton@nichurch.org.uk

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Care for the Family

Time Out for Parents course: Children with Special Needs

After the Easter holiday, New Life Church will be hosting a Time Out for Parents course: Children with Special Needs. This is aimed at anyone parenting children with additional needs aged 3-11 years. There are 7 sessions which will be covered over 6 weeks. Details of what is covered can be found on the attachment. We are running a hybrid course so that people can join online or face to face at New Life Church.

Music Lessons

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 provide opportunities for pupils to have a 10 week course before the summer holidays if they would like to try lessons out in school. The deadline for booking a new course to start after the Spring holiday is 31st March. You can find out much more and book online here:

www.musicforlife.org.uk/applynow



Learn a Musical Instrument
at School after Easter!

Website: www.musicforlife.org.uk
Email: admin@musicforlife.org.uk
Tel: 01978 761162

- High Quality tuition provided by a highly trained specialist music tutor
- Lessons available in school on almost any instrument including voice
- All new courses are only committed to the 12 week "taster" period
- Support with fees may be available in cases of hardship
- Two independent reviews of school music services rated Music for Life an "outstandingly effective service" offering "outstanding value"
- Book by 31st March - via our website for lessons to start after Easter



"The opportunity to learn an instrument in school offers something very special that can last a lifetime"

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Diary Dates

Date	Event
Thursday 25 th March	Y5/6 Easter lesson via Zoom with churches together in Congleton
Friday 26 th March	PFA photography competition deadline for entries – bring £1 and email your child's photograph to their teacher. May Queen and King of Newbold Astbury draw in school
Thursday 1 st April	School closes for Easter break
Monday 19 th April	School opens for Summer term
Monday 3 rd May	School closed for bank holiday
Thursday 6 th May	PFA film night
Saturday 17 th July	Astbury May Day! Save the date