



School Newsletter

22nd April 2021

School vision

Governors, staff and children have been discussing and establishing our school vision. Our vision is expected to be clearly rooted in a Bible verse. As well as an OFSTED inspection, as a church school we are inspected under the Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools (SIAMS) and the school vision is a key part of this inspection as it is our ethos and what makes our Astbury family so distinctive.

The following vision has been agreed at the latest Governors' meeting.

Walk in love as Christ loves you (Ephesians 5:2)

Giving children a foundation to flourish and live fruitful lives.

Rooted in the security of love, we grow in learning, character and courage to equip us for the great adventure of life. In our Astbury family the first fruits of our character are our values of self-control, peace and kindness. We learn and practise these to support all we seek to do together.

Governors agreed that the vision is simplistic and easy to understand. Although the phrase 'living fruitful lives' is not commonly used language it, along with the phrase 'great adventure of life', positively shows the ambition and vision for the children to explore all opportunities not just English and maths, but also the wider curriculum.

Astbury Family

This week we have welcomed Felicity and Hattie into our Astbury family in Acorns and Class Noah.

Celebrations

Week beginning: 22nd March	Walk in love	Secrets of success - concentrate	Attendance
Noah	Reuben	Seth	92.9
Mary	Xander	Katie	96.1
Jacob	Robyn	Rowan	95.4

School friendship garden

The school allotment has been renamed following a competition in school. Astbury Acorns put forward the name 'Friendship Garden' and Maisie in Y6 was the winner of the sign design competition for this new addition to our outdoor space. We aim to have an opening ceremony and look forward to sharing the winning design with you.

Odd socks and super heroes

Thank you to all from Class Noah and Acorns who wore their odd socks to raise awareness of Down's syndrome. Thank you too to all the super heroes for Comic Relief. Astbury School were able to spread lots of love and kindness as we sent over £100 to the charity.

Curriculum

Thank you to all the Parents who responded to the consultation on the relationships, sex and health education. The responses were shared with Governors and discussed at the last meeting. We value all the comments and questions that were raised. Names that were included on responses mean that individual feedback can be given to families as appropriate. Comments will now be shared with staff and discussed in preparation for the Autumn Term 2021 when more detailed information about the curriculum will be available to Parents. This term, and in response to COVID-19, staff will teach lessons to all children on friendship and physical and mental well-being. In addition, children in years five and six will have lessons on puberty. Sex education lessons will be taught to children in Class Jacob. Information about these lessons will be shared with these parents as there is the right to withdraw a child from sex education.

Clubs – all finish at 4:15pm

We have tentatively started to offer some clubs for children. This is an exciting step forwards as we carefully introduce more 'normality' into school life.

On Mondays there will be a lunchtime fitness club on the playground run by Ministry for Sports. This will be for the younger bubble then the older bubble during the course of the lunchtime. Equipment will be cleaned between each bubble.

Ministry for sport coaches will also run two clubs after school on Mondays for children from reception to year six (in two separate bubbles).

Football club starts tonight for children in KS2 (years three – six).

Outdoor Explorer club starts tomorrow for children in year one to year six. This club is already full for both sets of five weeks. If you have received an email confirming a place in the first or second set of five weeks for this club, please let us know as soon as possible if your child does not want to attend.

Children attending the sports clubs after school on Monday and football club on Thursday should wear their PE kit to school all day. Navy shorts, leggings or joggers, a plain white T shirt and navy hoody.

Bikeability reminder for children in Y4 and Y5:

Due to COVID-19, and the course not taking place last year, Bikeability dates have been rearranged to take place next week. Specific dates have been emailed to parents who confirmed participation for their child.

If your child is taking part, they require:

1. Their own bike (and helmet).
2. A signed parental consent form – already received
3. Suitable outdoor clothing appropriate for the weather conditions of the day.

Should you need to bring the bike into school before the day of your child's Bikeability session, please get in touch with the office and we will store your bike safely within school.

PFA Film Club:

On Thursday 6th May, the PFA will be holding a film night for the children! The cost of this will be £4 per child and £2 per sibling thereafter. Permission slips for the night have been emailed out already, so please return these by the 30th of April so we can get cakes and hotdogs ordered in time. The PFA will be deciding which films will be shown and will let the children know as soon as possible.

Stamp design competition:

Our school is delighted to be taking part in Royal Mail's Heroes Stamp Design Competition, honouring the heroes of the coronavirus pandemic. Eight pupils from primary and secondary schools across the UK will become the designers of this stamp set, and one could be your child!

We are asking our young designers to think about who their hero or heroes are, and to then design a stamp in their honour. A special panel of judges will pick the winning designs. The final eight stamps will be sent to Her Majesty The Queen before they can be printed and issued!

Entry forms will be handed out in class for children to complete at home. If you would like more information, please visit: <https://www.stampcompetition.ichild.co.uk/>



May Day

The annual draw took place for this year's May Day. Rufus will make history as the first King of Newbold Astbury and he will be crowned on Saturday 17th July alongside Katie, this year's May Queen. Erin and Sophie will be the attendants to the Queen. Congratulations to both Katie and Rufus and to all the other children who were drawn from the famous old top hat!

Crown Bearer Ella
Sceptre Bearer Sam J
Sword Bearer Sam A

Pages to New Queen Lucie and Judah
Page to New King Robyn
Pages to Retiring Queen Jodi and Zach



