

School Newsletter

11/11/21

A remembrance poem by Freya Y5

We remember the soldiers who fought in the wars
 We remember the soldiers for ever more
 We'll remember the soldiers in every way
 Especially on Remembrance Day.

Friends and families down in the shelter
 And all of the soldiers who fought for the better
 We'll remember the survivors in every way
 Especially on Remembrance Day.

We will sing for the ones who lost their lives
 And the doctors and medics doing surgery with knives
 We'll remember everyone in every way
 Especially on Remembrance Day.



Jacob with a poppy made during independent learning time.

School Office

There will be no staff in the office from 1:30pm each day. If you need to contact staff regarding the collection of your child at the end of the day then please call and leave an answerphone message. The phone will be checked at the end of each day. Alternatively, please email your child's class teachers who will check emails at the end of the day:

- Class Jonah aarmitt@astbury.cheshire.sch.uk
- Class Noah bhodder@astbury.cheshire.sch.uk and cstevens@astbury.cheshire.sch.uk
- Class Mary awade@astbury.cheshire.sch.uk and cdavies@astbury.cheshire.sch.uk
- Class Jacob lhall@astbury.cheshire.sch.uk and head@astbury.cheshire.sch.uk

Celebrations:

Week beginning: 18.10.21	Walk in love	My happy mind	Attendance
Jonah	Kristian	Grace	97
Noah	Felicity	Henry	87.9
Mary	Florence	William	86.9
Jacob	Xander	Molly	92.1

Week beginning: 01.11.21	Walk in love	My happy mind	Attendance
Jonah	Finlay	JJ and Harley	100
Noah	Joseph	Jasmine	93.8
Mary	Riley	Isabelle	85.2
Jacob	Rowan	Finley	94.6

Parents and Friends' Association

The AGM of the PFA meeting was held last Thursday. We want to say a huge thank you to all those involved in the PFA who have organised events that the children have enjoyed as well as fund raising to provide additional resources for school.

There will be a small raffle at our Christmas fun event on Dec 14th. Please bring in any small raffle prizes by the 10th Dec.

The minutes from the previous PFA meeting are now on the school website.

<https://www.astburyschool.org.uk/page/pfa/53396>



Save the date!
PFA
Christmas
fun!
On the playground

Guess the weight of the cake. **How many sweets in the jar?**

Operation Christmas Child Shoe Boxes:

Thank you to everyone who has sent in a shoe box or items for a shoe box. If you would like to donate to this charity, please send your box or items into school by Monday 15th November. If you are later than this date then you have until Saturday 20th November to take your gift to New Life Church. New Life Church, West Road, Congleton CW12 4EY will be open to receive your shoeboxes from 10am - 4pm each day. From there they will begin their journey to Birmingham Distribution centre by road and then all around the world by air and road!



Attendance:

Please ensure you only take your child on holiday during the school holidays. Any absence for a holiday during term time will be unauthorised unless it is for an exceptional circumstance, for example a family wedding. Please note that ten unauthorised sessions would lead to a fine.

Diary Dates:

Thursday 18 th November	SEN appointments for parents
Friday 19 th Nov	PFA disco – please return your child's slip by Monday 15 th
Wednesday 24 th Nov	Whole school flu immunisation – if you want your child to receive their immunisation, please ensure that you have given your consent online.
Thursday 25 th Nov	Class Mary to Clonter Opera – information to follow

Thursday 25 th Nov	Re – scheduled SEN appointments for parents
Week beginning 29 th November	Parents' Appointments via teams
Wednesday 1 st December	Christmas lunch
Friday 3 rd December	Wear Christmas socks and bring some chocs (chocolates for the chocolate tombola)
Thursday 9 th December	PFA film night – further information to follow
Thursday 9 th December	PFA meeting via zoom
Friday 10 th December	Wear Christmas jumpers and bring in a bottle for the bottle tombola
Sunday 12 th December	School nativity in church 11am
Monday 13 th December	PFA Pantomime in school
Tuesday 14 th December	PFA Christmas activities in school and fun for families on the playground after school
Wednesday 15 th December	Christingle service after school in church 3:30pm
Friday 17 th December	School closes for the Christmas break

Online safety:

National Online Safety offers free online safety guidance for parents on the latest apps, games, platforms and devices. It can be accessed on line at <https://nationalonlinesafety.com> and followed on Facebook and Instagram.

We would encourage parents to visit the site and use the guidance to understand what their children are accessing and to apply parental settings to all apps and games as well as regularly checking devices including images, installed apps and conversations.

Family Wellbeing service:

Please see the below message from Lauren Cockroft, our local Family and Community wellbeing Worker:

I am Lauren Cockroft, a Family and Community Worker at Visyon, which is a Charity that has been supporting the emotional health of children, young people and their families since 1994. My role has been commissioned by the Congleton Primary Schools and I will be your local Family Wellbeing Worker.

Families can experience many challenges and my role enables me to work in partnership with families to provide holistic and empowering support. I can help you overcome whatever challenges you or your children may be facing, to enable you to achieve all that you want to achieve as a family. We can cover anything from the usual growing pains that all families can face, through to specific support around challenging behavior and exploring additional educational needs.

Any work with myself would be confidential and totally bespoke to your family's needs. This could be a one-off chat, or a series of 1-1 or whole family sessions. My aim is to support you to feel confident, capable, and prepared for moving forwards.

You may also see me around school as I begin to deliver some workshops – the timetable for which will be sent out very soon. These are open to all and may take place at school, at our Visyon base in Congleton or via video call. These will cover a wide range of topics around challenges a family may face and will provide information, guidance and coping strategies to help improve family wellbeing.



How do I refer?

Contact school directly or via Open Access sessions.

To book an Open Access session with me, which is a space to talk, offload, get initial tips, guidance, coping strategies and to discuss further support.

Open Access sessions are bookable through the Visyon Initial Contact team on 01260 290 000