



Dear Parents

Since the start of the term in September when we welcomed six new children into our Astbury family, we have now had a further nine children start in year groups across the school. The children have made them feel so welcome by their kind and caring approach. Please do look out for these new families on the playground and support them during this transition into our school. We also welcome back Mrs Hodder to Class Noah. Mrs Hodder has returned to school from her maternity leave.

The staff (and children) are keen to welcome you in to school to see the wider curriculum learning your child has been involved in since September.

Next week the dates for this are as follows:

- Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 8:45 – 9:15 Class Mary
- Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October 8:45 – 9:15 Class Noah
- Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2:45 – 3:15 Class Jacob

We appreciate that some parents are not able to make these dates due to other commitments, you are welcome to arrange with the class teacher to come in and look at your child's work on a different date.

Yours faithfully

Miss Blythe

### **Macmillan Coffee Morning**

Thank you to everyone who supported and helped with our Macmillan Coffee Morning. We raised an incredible £136.29 for the charity. A fantastic effort!

### **Open day**

On Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October, we have our school open day. School will be open to prospective parents from 9-11am and from 6-7pm. During the school day, parents will be taken on a tour of the school by Miss Blythe and will not be able to wander around the building unaccompanied.

In the evening, we would like to continue to showcase the school through the wider curriculum. If your child would like to help us in 'showing off' our school and come to take part in a lesson led by their class teacher then please let us know so teachers can plan the learning. In particular, Mr Bibby would like a couple of pupils who attended coding club last year to come and work with him on coding and the mind storm robots.

Please complete the slip on the newsletter.

### **Pre-School**

Plans are in place to start a pre-school in January 2020. There is work going on behind the scenes at the moment and we will be excited to share more details with you soon. Our current staff and class structure will remain unchanged.

## **May Queen Fundraiser**

On Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October, children can wear non uniform in return for £1.00 donation. All money will go towards May Day funds. There will also be a chance for children to enter a May Queen colouring competition.

## **Coding Club**

Coding Club will be starting again with Mr Bibby on Wed 6<sup>th</sup> November from 3.30-4.15pm. Only 10 places are available to Years 4-6, so please return your interest slip as soon as possible.

## **Parents and Friends Association**

Please follow the link below for the latest PFA newsletter.

[https://www.astburyschool.org.uk/serve\\_file/380097](https://www.astburyschool.org.uk/serve_file/380097)

At the Annual General Meeting on Tuesday, a new committee was elected:

Chair: Mrs Gail Bonney

Treasurer: Mrs Kath Moore

Secretary: Mrs Claire Carter

We are extremely grateful for the work that Jane Moore, Jo Boffey and Pip Blythe did in their roles last year and wish the new committee every success as they continue to plan events and activities for our Astbury family.

### **Upcoming events**

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November – Christmas fair after school, in the school. To prepare for this we have allocated the following Friday dates for the usual collections:

15<sup>th</sup> Nov – bring bottles for the bottle game – wear Christmas socks

22<sup>nd</sup> Nov – bring chocolate for the tombola – wear Christmas tie

29<sup>th</sup> Nov – bring cakes for the cake stall – wear Christmas jumpers

As Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November is Children in Need, the committee agreed to have a school disco after school and half the funds raised at that event would go to support Children in Need. More information about the disco will follow after half term. If you are able to help on this night from 3:00 – 4:30pm, please let the committee or the school know.

## **School Website**



**Astbury St Mary's Primary School**

[www.astburyschool.org](http://www.astburyschool.org) this is the address of our new website. Staff have started to blog about class activities – you can expect at least one a week! Remember there are usually several posts on the school Facebook page each

week too! We are not currently using the parents' log in section of the website – this is in phase two of the website roll out. Please visit the website and familiarise yourself with the key information you need and want to look at.

## **Our school app**



If you have this app on your devices linked to our school, we will not be continuing to use it as our new website has a calendar feature. Whilst this does not currently sync to your phone calendar; we cannot justify duplicating costs for two calendars.

## **Bright Lights**

Cross Street Church are holding their annual Bright Lights Night on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October 5.30-7.00pm at Cross Street Church Congleton.

There will be lots of craft activities for all ages, cake decorating and prizes for those wearing the brightest coloured clothes (no ugly masks or witches costumes please). Free admission, drinks and crisps. A great night out for all the family!

## **PE uniform**

You can now purchase some personalised Astbury hooded sweatshirts or polo tops for children to wear during PE.

Some children are already wearing them and if you did not order last time round then ordering will now be available until Wednesday 23rd October 2019. The polo shirts are white and the hooded sweatshirts are navy. All clothing will have the Astbury school crest on and for an extra £1.00 your child's initials can be printed on the opposite lapel.

If you wish to purchase any of the clothing then please fill in the order form below and return to the school office no later than Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October.

**All orders must be paid for in full before ordering.**

**All payments will be available on Parent Pay**

Size guide:

Age 3-4	24" chest
Age 5-6	26" chest
Age 7-8	28" chest
Age 9-10	30" chest
Age 11-13	32/34" chest
adult sizes	S/M/L (VAT added)

Sweatshirts £13.00 each

Adult sweatshirts sizes S/M/L £17.00 each

Polo shirts £9.00 each

Set of Initials £1.00 extra

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### **Order form for polo shirts and hooded sweatshirts**

I would like to order \_\_\_ hooded sweatshirt(s) age \_\_\_\_\_ at a cost £13.00 each

I would like my child's initials \_\_\_\_\_ printed on the sweatshirt at an extra cost £1.00

I would like to order \_\_\_ white polo shirt(s) age \_\_\_\_\_ at a cost of £9.00 each

I would like to order an adult size \_\_\_\_\_ (vat added)

I would like my child's initials \_\_\_\_\_ printed on the polo shirt at an extra cost £1.00

Total amount added to parent pay £ \_\_\_\_\_

Date paid on Parent pay \_\_\_\_\_

Child's name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

## Diary Dates

Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> October	Lucy's Blue Day mental health workshop in school – all children
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	Class Mary and Class Jacob to visit Congleton Museum
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> October	Bikeability level 2 Y5
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> October	Bikeability level 1 Y4
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> October	Last day before half term Non uniform day £1 donation to May Queen funds
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	Class Jacob to Alderley Edge School for Girls –Helen Sharman Lecture
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	EYFS and KS1 trip to The Peak Wildlife Park
Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November	12:15 – 12:30pm Christmas light switch on choir singing in town – all welcome
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	PFA Christmas Fair – straight after school
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Whole school pantomime in the village hall PFA event in school time
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Whole School nativity 11:00am in church
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	School closes for Christmas

## Interest Slip for Coding Club

My child \_\_\_\_\_ is interested in joining the Coding after school club. I will make arrangements for my child to be collected at 4.15pm from the club.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

## Slip for Open Evening attendance

My child \_\_\_\_\_ will be able to attend school during the Open Evening on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October.

I will make arrangements to drop off my child at 6pm and collect my child at 7pm from school. Please use the village hall car park to drop off and collect your child. A torch will be handy as it is quite dark along the path at this time!

Parent's signature \_\_\_\_\_

## **Rotary-Congleton Young Photographer Competition 2019**

The competition theme is 'Through My Eyes'

How to Enter the competition.

1. **Entry Form:** Download an entry form here:

[https://www.congletonrotary.co.uk/young\\_photographer.html](https://www.congletonrotary.co.uk/young_photographer.html)

2. Select up to THREE of your photographs and print these on photographic paper and mount each one on a display board.

Note: The maximum size of each completed display board should be no more than A4.

3. On the back of each board, for EACH photograph write

Your name.

Your school

The age group you are entering\*

And a short sentence describing the relationship of the photograph to the theme.

4. Your entries will be collected from the school after the closing date

**The closing date is 30<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

5. **Judges:** The Judges will be

Photographer: Congleton Chronicle

President: Congleton Rotary Club

Professional Judge: North West Cheshire Photographic Society

6. **Exhibition:** A selection of entries will be exhibited in Congleton Library during the School Christmas Holidays. Entrants will receive a certificate. Winners in each age group will receive a book prize.

7. At the discretion of the Judges, winning entrants may be invited to go forward to the next stage(s) of the competition, run at Rotary District level and Rotary National levels

\*The Age Groups are:

Junior 7 to 10 years of age

Intermediate 11 to 13 years of age

Senior 14 to 17 years of age

Entrants must not be over the upper age limit for their age group on 31<sup>st</sup> August 2019

**The full rules can be downloaded here: <https://www.rotarygbi.org/media/2019/05/2019-20-Young-Photographer-Information-Pack.doc>**

## **Entry Form 2019/2020 for Photographer Competition**

Please read the Rotary Young Photographer Information Pack before completing this form. By signing this form, you confirm you have read, understood and agreed to the contents of the Information Pack and Privacy Notice overleaf. Please return this form to the **competition organiser** by the date specified.

***Important Notice: Please note that photographs of people under 18 years old must be accompanied by written permission from the parent, guardian or carer of the person(s) photographed.***

Entrant's Name: <b>(please type or use CAPITAL letters)</b>		Age on 31 <sup>st</sup> Aug 2019:	
School/College/Organisation:		Please tick category being entered: Junior <input type="checkbox"/> Intermediate <input type="checkbox"/> Senior <input type="checkbox"/>	
Camera make & model			
Auxiliary lens and filters used (if applicable). Please state, whether or not the picture has been modified using editing software, such as Photoshop.			

### **Entrant's Contact Details**

**(only to be completed by Entrant if they are 18 years of age at the time of signing this form)**

Entrant's Email:	Entrant's Tel No:
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### **Parent/Guardian Contact Details**

**(only to be completed by Parent/Guardian if Entrant is a minor, under the age of 18 years of age at the time of signing this form)**

Parent/Guardian's Email:	Parent/Guardian's Tel No:
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### **Rotary Details**

Sponsored by Rotary Club of: <b>Congleton</b>	District Number: <b>1285</b>	
Rotarian Contact Name: <b>John Gauld</b>	Email: <b>john@congletonrotary.co.uk</b>	
	Tel No: <b>07919 163 003</b>	
Please tick a box to indicate the stage for this entry:-		
<input type="checkbox"/> Club	<input type="checkbox"/> District (preliminary round)	<input type="checkbox"/> District

**Entrants under the age of 18 when this form is completed, must get a parent/guardian signature to give permission for the following (if the Entrant is 18 years of age when this form is completed, they are giving permission themselves):-**

- for the named Entrant to take part and be identified in the competition.
- for the information on this form to be used for all stages of the competition (should the Entrant progress), and shared in accordance with the Privacy Notice with appropriate competition organisers at each stage.
- for Rotary, District or Club Public Relations Officers to make contact with the parent/guardian/entrant (where over 18 years of age) to discuss public relations opportunities.

By signing this form, you are also acknowledging that you have read and agree to the Privacy Notices referred to on the reverse of this form in respect of the use of personal information.

*\*delete as appropriate*

*\*\*Entrant may only sign this form if they are 18 years of age on the date the Entry Form is signed*