



Dear Parents

Over the half term holiday, a wet floor surface was put down in Class Noah to support the learning of our younger children. They have been enjoying painting and playdough – five scoop pink glitter ice creams were on the menu earlier!



The Academy have invested in your child's literary development and have purchased a core reading spine of quality fiction and poetry books for each year group to further develop writing. Teachers and teaching assistants at Astbury had training on Monday with other Academy schools to learn how to deliver an approach to writing called 'Talk for Writing'.

"The Talk for Writing approach enables children to read and write independently for a variety of audiences and purposes within different subjects. A key feature is that children internalise the

Year two fiction spine

language structures needed to write through 'talking the text' as well as close reading. The approach moves from dependence towards independence with the teacher using shared and guided teaching to develop the ability in children to write creatively and powerfully. Schools underpin their English work by establishing a core reading spine of quality fiction, poetry and non-fiction that all children experience and draw upon. Imaginative units of work are developed to create a whole-school plan that is refined over the years, is well-resourced and documented to release teachers from planning and preparation so that they can focus on adapting their teaching for children's learning."

*Talk for Writing website*



**Remembrance Day**

There will be a short remembrance service in our school hall from 9.15-9.30am on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November. The children have prepared poems and art work in remembrance. All are welcome to come and worship with us. There is also a service at Astbury Church on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November at 10.50am which all are welcome to attend.

**May Day thanks**

Thank you very much to our May Day committee who presented the school with a donation from the proceeds of May Day 2019.

School has received a cheque for £5650.00.

**Parents and Friends Association**

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



Are you able to help set up from 2pm on the day or help tidy up afterwards? Please let school or the committee know if you can help at all.

Help is also needed for part of the time on the stall for glitter stencils and tattoos – always a favourite with the children! Again, please let us know if you can help.

The PFA is holding a school disco on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November from 3.30-4.30pm. Money raised by this event will be split between 'Children in Need' and the PFA. The cost is £3 and £2.50 for siblings which includes an entry fee, a drink, sweets and cakes. Please send your child's slip back to school by Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November if your child wants to attend. Remember, own clothes can be brought in to school to change in to at the end of the day. If you are able to help on this night from 3:00 – 4:30pm, please let the committee or the school know.



### **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 to prepare for January. If you want any further details, please ask at the office as information will soon be available if you, or anyone you know, is interested in pre-school provision at Astbury.

### **Operation Christmas Child**

Children have received a leaflet about how to support The Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child by donating items or by making a complete shoe box to send to children across the world who would normally not receive a gift at Christmas. The last day for bringing your items or shoe box to school is Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November. We have a few shoeboxes in school and if you require one, please ask a member of staff. For more information click on the link below

<https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/follow-your-box-donation/>

Thank you so much for your support.

### **Diary Dates**

Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	Class Jacob to Alderley Edge School for Girls –Helen Sharman Lecture. Coach leaving 8.20am.
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> November	Short service for Remembrance Service 9.15-9.30am
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	EYFS and KS1 trip to The Peak Wildlife Park
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	PFA disco after school 3.20-4.30pm
Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November	12:15 – 12:30pm Christmas light switch on choir singing in town – all children will be singing
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> November – Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	Book Fair in school
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> November	STAR day SEN parents' appointments
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	PFA Christmas Fair – straight after school
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	Parents' Evening 3.30-7.00pm
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	PFA Christmas film night 3:20 – 5:00pm
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	School Christmas lunch for the whole school. Parents welcome.
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Whole school pantomime 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