



**Bags to School – May Queen fundraising**

Thank you to the May Queen and team for their amazing effort in raising funds for our school. Thank you to everyone who had a sort out and sent in bags of items to be collected. We carried over half a tonne of clothing to the van and raised £210.



**May Day 2022**

Plans are progressing well and stalls and activities are being booked for May Day this year. Save the date – **Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May**. All children at school are involved in the day. On the last Friday in January (by tradition), names were drawn from the old top hat for this year's retinue.

<b>May Queen</b>	Melody
<b>King of Newbold Astbury</b>	Darcy
<b>Attendants</b>	Freya and Katie
<b>Crown Bearer</b>	William
<b>Sceptre Bearer</b>	Logan
<b>Sword Bearer</b>	Gabe
<b>Pages to the new Queen / King</b>	Rowan and Zach
<b>Pages to the retiring Queen / King</b>	Danielle and Sid



### Stars of the future award:

This has been organised by the Rotary of Congleton.

Miss Blythe has shared this information with the children in school. If you or they would like to put themselves forwards for this award – star of the future - please send their / your information about what it is that they have done over the last two years of COVID to your child's class teacher. This could be something they have done at home, at school or in the community.

All nominations to be received by **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March.**



### Reading at Astbury School



Children in years 1 and 2 were so proud of the stories they had written that they met the year 5 and 6 children in the friendship garden and read to them.

### Ready Steady Read!

Our Ready Steady Read event has come to a close. Thank you to those of you who have returned their sponsor forms, money and reading log. Up to now you have helped us raise nearly £450 for new books to support the wider curriculum.

Please return any outstanding sponsorships and reading logs by Monday. Certificates and prizes will be presented in celebration worship 18th February.

## World Book day – Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March is the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of World Book Day. This year the theme for the day is **'You are a reader'**. We would like to invite the children to come dressed up as a character from a book they enjoy. They would come to school dressed as that character and also bring the book with them on the day. We hope this will be a lovely day celebrating literature together.

### **Calling all independent business owners**

Annually, May Day raises in excess of £8000 for the Village, with funds distributed to our school, the church and 10+ small local groups and charities. These funds have been hugely missed over the last couple of years so we are aiming for a record year to help our local community as much as we can!

Last year, we changed things up a bit and did an electronic programme for the first time. This was uploaded to our Facebook page, the school and church websites, and linked to a QR code that was advertised on all posters relating to the event – both on and before the day itself. This proved a huge success and we plan to do the same again this year. We are offering a full page advert for only £50. We are also more than happy to display any advertising banners or posters you may have around our event on the day!

We would be extremely grateful of your support if you felt you would be able to buy a page of advertising. Please also provide and advert or artwork in word/publisher or pdf format, that we can include in our programme. To see the programme for 2021, click on the link:

**Click on the 2021 [programme](#) to see a list of the day's events and much, much more.**

If you have any questions please feel free to email or call Carrie Sutton at: [carrie@suttonfeeds.co.uk](mailto:carrie@suttonfeeds.co.uk) or 07979983915

### **Norovirus:**

Public health experts are warning of an increased spread of the vomiting bug Norovirus, with a possible spike in cases as Covid-19 restrictions ease.

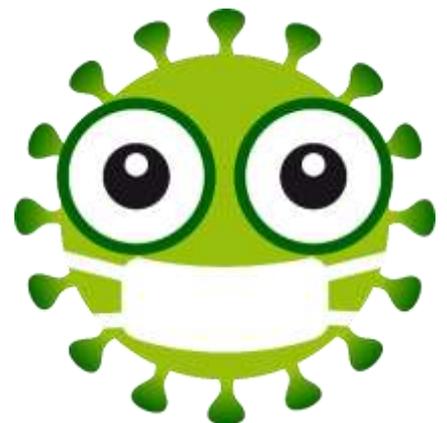
Norovirus, which is highly infectious and causes vomiting and diarrhoea, is normally associated with the winter months.

However, cases of the bug are currently increasing across England and “it’s possible that unusual or out-of-season increases could be seen in the coming months following further easing of Covid-19 control measures”, Public Health England have said.

There has been a concentration of outbreaks particularly in nursery and childcare facilities, with far more incidents reported to PHE than would be expected in the summer months.

In the last five weeks, 154 outbreaks have been notified, compared to an average of 53 outbreaks for the same time in the previous five years.

If your child has had sickness or diarrhoea, please ensure that they stay off school until they have not been sick or had diarrhoea for **at least 2 days (48 hours since last episode of vomiting or diarrhoea)**. This is when they are most infectious.



## Celebrations:

<b>Week beginning: 24.01.22</b>	<b>Walk in love</b>	<b>My happy mind</b>	<b>Attendance</b>	
<b>Jonah</b>	Rocco	Eva	98.2	
<b>Noah</b>	Tilly	Felicity	95.7	
<b>Mary</b>	Hollie	Niamh	91.4	
<b>Jacob</b>	Katie M	Darcy	91.7	
<b>Team points</b>	St Andrew	St Patrick	St George	St David
	99	106	104	111

<b>Week beginning: 31.01.22</b>	<b>Walk in love</b>	<b>My happy mind</b>	<b>Attendance</b>	
<b>Jonah</b>	Bernie	JJ	94.5	
<b>Noah</b>	Jacob	Tilly	98.6	
<b>Mary</b>	Vinnie	Claire	81.3	
<b>Jacob</b>	Rufus	Sophie	92.9	
<b>Team points</b>	St Andrew	St Patrick	St George	St David
	109	113	110	113

## A night with Elvis – fundraising for May Day – directly benefiting Astbury School

Biddulph Rotary invites you to a night of entertainment with the man himself – Elvis!

This is a not to be missed show. An experienced individual who has performed all over the world and for Her Majesty the Queen.

The date is Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2022 at Glebe Farm, Astbury.  
(Glebe Farm, Peel lane, Astbury, CW12 4RQ)

Doors open at 7pm, with a dress code of smart/casual.

Fully licensed bar. The ticket price of £25.00 includes a drink on arrival and food served direct to your table. The night is focused around friendship, music and having a good time.

For further details or to book your tickets, then please contact:  
Rotarian Mark Bailey on 07722 008421



## **Safer internet day 8<sup>th</sup> February 2022:**

### **Top Tips for use with 3-7s**

These top tips have been written for you (parents and carers) to share, and talk about, with your children. It's never too early to talk about life online!

#PlayYourPart by...

### **Enjoying all the amazing things there are to do online!**

Talk with your child about the games they enjoy playing and the videos they love to watch. Doing these things together is a great way to explore how amazing the internet can be.

### **Always being kind and respectful to others online.**

Explain to your child that being kind and respectful helps make the internet fun and safe for everyone. Yes, even their little brother if he's beating them on their favourite game! This is something you can show them in your own words and actions online too.

### **Making safe choices.**

Your child will have to make lots of choices when they're using technology and the internet, so talk regularly about what they can do to keep themselves safe. This might be keeping personal information like their name or school private and never agreeing to meet up with someone they only know online. The earlier you start these conversations the better equipped your child will be as they grow older.

### **Remembering that it's okay to say no to people online.**

Online friendships can be difficult to manage, but a simple step to help keep your child safe is making sure they know that they are in control. Discuss how they might respond if someone says or does something that makes them feel uncomfortable. Remind them that they never have to do something just because an online friend has told them to and that they can come to you for help and advice.

### **Always telling an adult if anyone or anything online makes you worried, upset or uncomfortable.**

The most important thing you can do to support your child online is let them know you're there to support them. Talk regularly about all the points above, and more! Make sure they know that if anything online makes them worried, upset or uncomfortable, then they can come to you for help – and a hug!

### **Top Tips for use with 7-11s**

The internet can be a great place to learn new things, keep in touch with friends, and to have fun. We have some tips to help you to stay safe and positive online, as well as how you can #PlayYourPart in creating a better internet by...

### **Being a kind and respectful friend online.**

Think about how your actions and words online can make others laugh and smile, instead of feeling hurt or angry.

### **Staying alert to possible dangers.**

When posting, gaming, or talking to others, keep your personal information safe and do not click on unexpected links. Most importantly, always tell an adult if an online friend asks to meet up.

### **Respecting other people's boundaries.**



No means no – do not push other people to do something that they're not comfortable with. If someone is pressuring you online, remember that you can always say no and tell an adult you trust.

### Supporting others to use safety tools.

Lots of games and apps have handy tools like the block or report button that can help you keep yourself and your friends safe. Chat with your friends to make sure everyone knows where these are and how to use them on the games you play together.

### Speaking up!

There are lots of adults in your life who want to support you in having a safe and enjoyable time when you're online. Always speak to one of them if anyone or anything online makes you or a friend worried, upset or uncomfortable.

### Diary:

Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> Feb	PFA disco 4:15 Classes Jonah and Noah pick up 5:15 Classes Mary and Jacob pick up
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> Feb	School closes for half term
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> Feb	School opens for the second half of the spring term
Week beginning 28 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Class Jonah (including Acorns) Parent / teacher meetings – further information to follow from Mrs Armitt
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	World book day
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 10 <sup>th</sup> and 17 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents' appointments for children with SEN
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> March	Swimathon Y5/6 team 7pm
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	PFA film night 5:30
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Choir at Singfest 10 – 11:15am
Week beginning 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Classes Noah, Mary and Jacob Parent / teacher meetings – further information to follow from class teachers
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	1:30 'Peep through the door' history workshop for Class Jacob with Act it Out
Thursday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Class Mary music with the Love Music Trust
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	PFA activity: Easter bonnet and craft competition Coffee morning for parents – tentative event – please pencil in School closes for Easter
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> April	A night with Elvis @ Glebe Farm
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	Setting up the May Day site – all help welcome during the day
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	Time TBC – 6/6:30PM All Y5/6 children at the May Day site for band practice
Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	Date for your diary – May Day – whole school involved

### Astbury School holiday dates 2022/23

School holiday dates are now on the school website:

<https://www.astburyschool.org.uk/page/term-dates/53388>

Please remember that children should only be absent from school in exceptional circumstances – this does not include a family holiday.