

**School Newsletter**

**27/01/22**

Neil Dixon, the CEO of CDAT, visited school yesterday and spent time in the morning in lessons talking with children about their learning. He heard all about a car that floats on water that the children in Class Jonah had made and found out about independent learning activities in Class Noah. Children showed him puppets of guards they were making to guard the Queen's castle and others explained a story map they had made and were writing together. Children in Class Mary were busy boxing up their discussion text in preparation for writing their own pieces while children in Class Jacob were writing instructions – how to trap a teacher and other great titles!

Mr Dixon was really pleased with the working atmosphere in each classroom and the attitudes of the children towards their work. He also commented positively on the learning environment in each classroom and how well the displays and working walls support learning.

Whilst we know how well our children are learning, it is good to have some external validation too from Mr Dixon, who is also an OFSTED inspector!

**Celebrations:**

Week beginning: 10.01.22	Walk in love	My happy mind	Attendance
Jonah	Aston	Finlay	98.2
Noah	Molly	Seth	91.5
Mary	Alisha	Peter	76.3
Jacob	Josh L	Courtney	89.2
Team points	St Andrew	St Patrick	St George
	140	132	142

Week beginning: 17.01.22	Walk in love	My happy mind	Attendance
Jonah	Georgia	John	94.5
Noah	Jasmine	Lily Lou	100
Mary	Nancy	Flo	79.1
Jacob	Michael	Gabe	92.7
Team points	St Andrew	St Patrick	St George
	111	127	131

**Diary:**

Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Y5 May Queen and King draw – non-school uniform day. Please bring £1 and ensure that clothing is appropriate for the weather and for playing outdoors in!
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	Please bring your bag (or bags!) of unwanted textiles to the playground for the Bag2School collection!
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
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> March	Swimathon Y5/6 team
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Choir at Singfest 10 – 11:15am
Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	Date for your diary – May Day – whole school involved

### **Oatcakes on Friday:**

We are trialling cheesy oatcakes every Friday from tomorrow, 28<sup>th</sup> Jan!

You can order these the same way in which you order your child's bacon sandwiches. Similar to the bacon sandwiches, if these have not been paid for before 9:30am on the day, your child is unable to have one.

### **Ready Steady Read**

To celebrate and encourage a lifelong love of reading at home and school, we are running a sponsored read between 26<sup>th</sup> January- 5<sup>th</sup> February 2022. This event covers National Story Telling week which falls from the 31<sup>st</sup> January – 6<sup>th</sup> February.

The project is being organised in conjunction with Usborne and all the money raised will go towards brand new books for our school. In addition to the sponsorship money, Usborne will also donate up to 60% of the total raised in **EXTRA FREE BOOKS** to the school. So, for every £600 raised, we will get an extra £360 in FREE Usborne books!



**Our target is to raise enough books to buy a whole range of books to inspire reading throughout all age groups.**

Please help us to enhance our reading resources for pupils by encouraging your child to spend a small amount of time each day either reading to themselves, to others, or being read to. They can read books, comics, magazines, newspapers, menus, websites, recipes, poems, leaflets, instructions – anything with words!

There will be a variety of prizes on offer during the event. Certificates and prizes will be given out during our celebration worship on 11<sup>th</sup> February. We will be recognising the children who have read the most books/been read to. The children who have read for the longest period of time over the two weeks. Also, the children who have read/been read a variety of texts from different genres.

If you are able to support our sponsored read, please use the sponsorship form and reading log for your child if they wish to use it to record their reading. Money is to be returned to school in an envelope by Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2022 along with the sponsor form provided.

We look forward to having lots more books for your child to read, share and enjoy.

For more information, please contact Mrs Hodder – [bhodder@astbury.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:bhodder@astbury.cheshire.sch.uk)

### **COVID Update:**

Please see the attached letter from the Acting Director of Education and the Director of Public Health. This outlines the change with regard to household contacts and the request that all cases are reported to schools.

### **The Cheshire Prize for Literature 2021 - Sustainability Themed Writing Competition:**

With tackling climate change at the forefront of the world's agenda, this year's Cheshire Prize competition will focus on the theme of Sustainability.

This year, the Cheshire Prize for Literature are introducing a children's competition and want to encourage all ages from four to 100 to be creative.

The categories for the ages 4-12 are poetry and short stories.

If you would like more information about how to enter, please click the following link:

<https://www1.chester.ac.uk/press-office/cheshire-prize-literature-2021>

Please note that the deadline is 31st January 2022.

## **Visyon Parent Workshops:**

The Visyon families and community team are offering parent workshops with a focus on helping children manage their worry and anxiety.

If you would like more information, please see the attached leaflet or email:

[lynne.fitton@visyon.org.uk](mailto:lynne.fitton@visyon.org.uk)

**FAMILIES AND COMMUNITY TEAM**

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## **PARENT WORKSHOPS**

Helping children manage worries and anxiety.

Visyon's Family and Community Wellbeing Team are pleased to offer an 8-week Parent Workshop Programme which will provide information, advice and strategies to empower parents to effectively support their children, with their worries and anxieties. The Programme is available for Families in Cheshire East and will be held at Visyon in Congleton. If you would like to book a place on the Programme, please contact [lynne.fitton@visyon.org.uk](mailto:lynne.fitton@visyon.org.uk), who will contact you with further details. Places are limited and will be allocated on a first come basis.



**Parent Workshops – Helping children manage anxiety.**

- 02/02/2022 - Parenting problems and difficult behaviors.
- 09/02/2022 - Securing the parent/child bond.
- 16/02/2022 - Understanding your child's anxiety.
- NO SESSION DURING HALF TERM WEEK
- 02/03/2022 - Using praise and rewards to build confidence.
- 09/03/2022 - Setting limits on anxious children's behavior.
- 16/03/2022 - Managing children's worry.
- 23/03/2022 - Managing difficult behavior.
- 30/03/2022 - Review and celebration.

Each session will start at 11:00 am and finish at 12:15 pm.

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## **CEIAS SEN support workshop:**

Cheshire East Information Advice and Support Service are holding an online parent and carer's workshop on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> February between 10am and 11.30am. This is an online event via Microsoft Teams. To book a place on this workshop please contact us via email:

[ceias@cheshireeast.gov.uk](mailto:ceias@cheshireeast.gov.uk)

Alternatively, you can call them on 0300 123 5166

(Please leave a quick message as the team are continuing to work remotely at this present time).

A day before the event, the team will send you a link to join online.