

Tomorrow: Ukraine non-uniform day:

Our school council have organised a non-school uniform day for Ukrainian people on Friday 11th March. We would like to encourage all the children to wear something blue or yellow or both to support and raise funds for people in Ukraine.

Please bring a financial donation to school, alternatively, there will also be a collection on Friday morning in the school playground for donations such as and toiletries and first aid supplies. Please note that we are currently unable to take clothing.

Please look out at the village hall as you arrive on Friday – if the trailer from the farm is there, then you can leave your donations by the trailer rather than bringing them up to school.



PFA Easter Competition:

We are holding an Easter competition on Fri 1st April. The children will be able to enter an Easter themed hat, Easter picture, Easter garden or decorated egg (hardboiled or blown please!). There will be prizes for the first, second and third place winners from each class.

Parents, grandparents, family members and friends are invited to come along and watch the Easter parades (each class will have their own parade), look at the crafts and join us for a coffee and cake! More information to follow.

Swimathon:



Last Friday, the swimathon team went to Biddulph Leisure Centre to take part in the annual swimathon.

The team, made up of children from Y5 and Y6, swam 122 lengths to raise funds for the rotary and for the school.

This was a great achievement for the team. Thank you to parents for your support and for friends and family who came along to cheer!

Football Tournament:

The boys in Y3/4 took part in a football tournament competing at Congleton High School. Team photograph to follow! Mr Davies was so proud of how the boys played: their attitude and determination, the way they pushed themselves to take part and conquer their nerves and their support for each other. Well done team Astbury!

Reading ambassadors Y5:

Mrs Hodder has started to work with children in Y5 to support them in becoming reading ambassadors. Their main job is to create 'book love' across our school. The children have completed an audit of reading areas in each classroom and have thought of some good ideas to further develop these to create cosy spaces for reading.

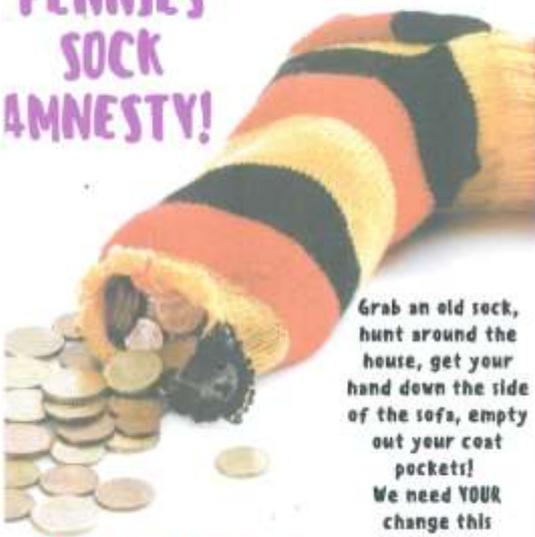
Queen's platinum jubilee – tree planting on the field:



The heads and deputies from the pupil councils worked hard to plant a cherry tree on the school field to commemorate the Queen's platinum jubilee. They were blessed with beautiful weather and were joined by children in Classes Jonah and Noah who came to take a look – hoping to be able to pick cherries in the future!

World Down Syndrome Day:

JOIN OUR PENNIES SOCK AMNESTY!



Grab an old sock, hunt around the house, get your hand down the side of the sofa, empty out your coat pockets! We need YOUR change this #WSD2022!

FILL A SOCK FOR US!

WWW.DSCHESHIRE.ORG.UK



DOWN SYNDROME CHESHIRE

BUY YOUR GINGERBREAD SOCK BISCUITS HERE!

21/3/22



EVERY PENNY RAISED WILL HELP SUPPORT US

DOWN SYNDROME CHESHIRE



WWW.DSCHESHIRE.ORG.UK

We will be selling gingerbread socks on the playground after school next week in preparation for Down Syndrome Day 2022 which is on Monday 21st March. The recommended donation for each sock is £1. Children are invited to wear odd socks on Monday 21st March. The children are also learning a song which they will be singing – weather permitting, they will perform this on the playground at 3pm on the day too. There is also a sock in school for children to bring any pennies too!

A safe place in Congleton town: Please share this with your child/ren as appropriate

If ever you are in Congleton town and feel like you need some adult support or help, shops displaying the 'Safe Place' sticker in their window are here for you! Following a recent incident of bullying, some shops have set up a scheme to offer protection to anyone feeling threatened or intimidated. Congleton Town Council and Congleton Police are supporting the initiative. The shops will offer you a safe public place to wait and if necessary will call the Police, CCTV or a parent for you. Shops already signed up include Glamorous, Serenity Designs, M &Co, Congleton Information Centre and Congleton Library. More are expected to join. It is hoped that this safety net will not be needed, but felt it was important the Congleton's young people to learn about the scheme and recognise the window sticker just in case they ever need it.



Music Lessons:

Learning a musical instrument has so many benefits and lessons can unlock and develop skills that last a lifetime. Would your child like to try a 10 week course in school after the Spring Holiday? Find out more and book before 31st March here: www.musicforlife.org.uk/apply-now

Celebrations:

Week beginning: 07/02/22	Walk in love	My happy mind	Attendance
Jonah	Kristian	Aston	98.2
Noah	Noah	Jasmine	87.1
Mary	Isabelle	Isaac	93
Jacob	Ollie	Sid	94
Team points	St Andrew	St Patrick	St George
	92	100	111
			St David 109

Week beginning: 14/02/22	Walk in love	My happy mind	Attendance
Jonah	Finlay	Grayson	90
Noah	Noah	Lucian	97.1
Mary	Seren	Archie	85.5
Jacob	Taylor	Melody	91.7
Team points	St Andrew	St Patrick	St George
	105	90	98
			St David 131

Diary:

Tuesday 22 nd March	Choir at Singfest 10 – 11:15am
Thursdays in March	Parents' appointments for children with SEN
Week beginning 28 th March	Parents' eve appointments for other children – teachers will be sending out information about these
Friday 1 st April	PFA Easter coffee morning and children's crafts (to be made at home and brought in to school)
Week beginning 9 th May	Y6 SATs week
Saturday 21 st May	Date for your diary – May Day – whole school involved

Parent Workshop/Programme:

Visyon's Family and Community Wellbeing Team are pleased to offer a **3-week Parent Workshop Programme** that will provide information, advice and strategies to empower parents to effectively support their children with the transition to their next school.

The Programme is available to families in **Cheshire East** and will be held at Visyon in Congleton for **face-to-face** delivery. If you would like to book a place on the Programme, please contact lyne.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 – Transition (Three 90-minute Parent Workshops)

- Week 1 - 22/03/2022 at 11:30am – 1pm – **Saying Goodbye**
- Week 2 - 29/03/2022 at 11:30am – 1pm – **Preparing for the Transition**
- Week 3 - 05/04/2022 at 11:30am – 1pm – **Managing any worries**