

Mathematicians at Astbury

Huge congratulations to Zach, Sophie, Josh and Katie who took part in a National mathematics competition this week. The team competed against thirty-three other teams and have made it through to the semi-finals. They worked well as a team and supported each other throughout.

Reading at Astbury – a note from the subject leader – Mrs Hodder

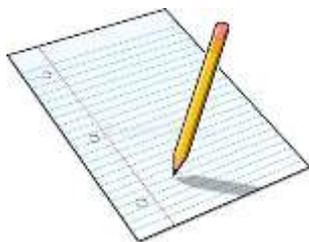
Thank you all so much for your support during our Ready Steady Read event in the spring term. We had over £1200 to spend on books and this week they have arrived.

Each class teacher put a list together of books to support their wider curriculum and a number of other books to promote a love of reading. The year 5 Reading Ambassadors have spent time collating each classes' books and will be continuing to develop our school library over the coming weeks.

Thank you all again for your support towards developing reading at our school.



Talk for Writing info morning:



At Astbury School, children develop as writers through the Talk for Writing approach. Children from Pre-School to Y6 use the same approach across the school. If you want to find out how this approach supports your child's learning then please come along to our Talk for Writing information session in the hall at 9.10am on Friday 6th May. Mrs Wade is the English (writing) subject leader; she will lead the parents' session and show you the impact that our teaching of writing has on your child's progress in developing as a writer. All parents are invited.

Please see the diary dates for an opportunity for you to come to school to look at your child's books with them. If you're not able to make the date for your class, please email your child's class teacher to try to organise a different date.

Welcome Miss Welch:

Miss Welch joined our Astbury family after the Easter Holidays, she is our new school SENDCo and will be working in school each Wednesday. She can be contacted on sendco@astbury.cheshire.sch.uk

School uniform

There has been an increase in children wearing jewellery, this is not part of our uniform policy. Only stud earrings, for pierced ears, and a watch are acceptable. These are to be removed (earrings covered if not able to be removed) for PE lessons.

Please also note that trainers should only be worn on PE days alongside a plain white T shirt and navy joggers / leggings / shorts.

The Parents and Friends Association (PFA) are holding a nearly new uniform sale on **Friday 13th May** 3pm – 4:30pm on the playground (or in the pupil entrance area if wet). If you have any nearly new items to donate, please remove name labels and send into school on this date. This is a great opportunity to have a sort out and start to think ahead to the next school year.



Interest in gardening?

Saturday 14th May, a small number of children, with parents, are invited to the community poly tunnel in the park (Mill Green entrance) to plant up the children's tubs that decorate the town as part of the Congleton in Bloom competition. A trowel and gloves would be useful to have but can be provided. The plant up is taking place from 10 – 11:30, but children will be given a time slot to attend during this time.



Please let Miss Blythe know if your child is interested in attending this event **with you** as she needs to inform the Congleton in Bloom team. Every child will receive a certificate for their work (sent to school in the following week).

May Day – do you have a business that would like to advertise in the online programme? Or have a friend / business you could ask!

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 an advert or artwork in word/publisher or pdf format, that we can include in our programme. If you have any questions please feel free to email or call Carrie Sutton at: carrie@suttonfeeds.co.uk or 07979983915

May Day – are you able to help set the field up?

Thursday 19th and Friday 20th May are set up days for the community May Day. More help is needed on Thursday 19th May during the school day. If you're able to support for even a few hours, your help would be much appreciated. Please let a member of staff know if you're available if possible.

May Day – are you able to help on a school stall?



This year, school are responsible for the tombola and the hook a duck stalls. Are you able to help for half an hour on these stalls? They need adults or older teenagers to run them from 12noon until 5pm (tombola is usually finished much earlier than this!). Please look out for the time slots on a board on the playground over the next few weeks.



May Day – donation Fridays!

To run the tombola, the school need chocolates and bottles and will be collecting these on the following Fridays

6th May – chocolates

13th May – bottles

20th May – cakes for the cake stall



May Day – photographs – 12th May 1:30pm

1. Children in Y6 who are in the retinue (crown bearer, sceptre bearer, sword bearer and pages) will be taking part in the May Day photographs on Thursday 12th May. On this day, they need to bring in:

- white shirt (long or short sleeved)
- black trousers / leggings
- black shoes / trainers

The jacket and hat are provided by school.

2. The Y5 retinue (May Queen, King of Newbold Astbury and attendants) will also have their photographs taken on this afternoon. They need to bring their clothes to school on this day.

3. Girls, who are in reception, will also be taking part in the photographs and need to bring in

- white knee socks
- white pumps

The white dresses and ribbons are provided by school.

If you need to bring in your child's clothes before the day, please do so in a named bag / on a named hanger and pass them to the staff on the playground in the mornings.



Jubilee Day!

Wednesday 25th May, school are holding a jubilee lunch and afternoon. Children are invited to wear red, white and blue – tiaras and crowns welcome! Alison will be serving a jubilee lunch and later in the afternoon at 2:30pm we will have a tea party on the playground. Parents are welcome to join – **RSVP to the school office** so the PFA can prepare cake!



PFA

Our amazing PFA have been busy planning activities for the summer term.

Minutes from the previous meeting will be available on the school website.

<https://www.astburyschool.org.uk/page/pfa/53396>

See diary dates for future events. Save the date, Friday 15th July for a family summer BBQ.

Village Hall Car Park:



Please be mindful of your speed when using the village hall car park in the morning and afternoon. We have heard several reports of dangerous driving in the car park, mainly due to speed. It is important to remember that you keep your speed to a minimum to ensure the safety of the children.

St Mary's church Project Reveal – Community Survey:

We'd love indoor toilets and a space to worship where all our children can see. These are part of the small changes planned for Astbury Church. St Mary's Project Reveal aims to address the practical needs of St Mary's church by making small changes that will keep the building open and be used by the community who love it. Please click the following link to give your suggestions on how the church can be improved:

<https://forms.gle/kiNW6wJss3sT37iq6>

Updated COVID-19 Guidance:

Pupils should try to stay at home and avoid contact with others if they have symptoms of a respiratory infection and a high temperature or if they feel unwell (returning to school when they feel well enough, and no longer have a high temperature.)

Those with a positive test result are advised to try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people:

Adults for 5 days

Pupils for 3 days

Attendance:

School holiday dates are available on the website. Please ensure you only take your child on holiday during the school holidays. Any absence for a holiday during term time will be unauthorised unless it is for an exceptional circumstance, for example a family wedding. Please note that ten unauthorised sessions would lead to a fine.

Celebrations:

Week beginning: 28/03/22	Walk in love	My happy mind	Attendance
Jonah	Charlie	Georgia	90
Noah	Jacob	Joseph	80
Mary	Leo	Alisha	71.1
Jacob	Kate	Bradley	85.2
Team points	St Andrew	St Patrick	St George
	Carried on to the next week as winning team already announced Congratulations to St David's spring term winners!		

Week beginning: 14/02/22	Walk in love	My happy mind	Attendance
Jonah	Hattie	JJ	98.9
Noah	Lucian	Henry	92
Mary	Leo	Archie	82.2
Jacob	Charlie	Darcy	92.2
Team points	St Andrew	St Patrick	St George
	161	166	139
			St David 130

Diary:

Friday 29 th April	9am Class Noah and Class Mary parents are welcome to look at your child's books
Friday 29 th April	Y4 / Y5 Bikeability
Monday 2 nd May	Bank Holiday
Friday 6 th May	Talk for Writing information morning for parents Class Jonah parents are welcome to look at your child's books (after the talk for writing session) Bring in chocolates for May Day
Week beginning 9 th May	Y6 SATs week Children have tests each morning Mon – Thursday
Thursday 12 th May	May Day photographs
Friday 13 th May	Bring in bottles for May Day PFA nearly new uniform sale 3 – 4:30pm
Thursday 19 th May	6:30 pm May pole dancing rehearsal with the band for all Y5/6 dancers
Friday 20 th May	Bring cakes for May Day
Saturday 21 st May	May Day – whole school involved. Children to be in school at 12:45 in their costumes
Wednesday 25 th May	Jubilee lunch in school 2:30 Jubilee tea party – parents invited to join us by RSVP only No church service
Thursday 26 th May	Y6 maths quiz team in the National semi finals! School closes for half term
Sunday 5 th June	Confirmation service at St Mary's church
Monday 6 th June	School reopens for the second half of the summer term
Wednesday 8 th June	Y1 and Y2 phonics assessments 7pm PFA meeting in The Egerton – all welcome
Friday 10 th June	9am Class Jacob parents are welcome to look at your child's books
Tuesday 14 th June	Y4 multiplication assessments
Wednesday 15 th June	Parents' appointments (children with SEN)
Friday 17 th June	PFA disco after school (4:15 end for Jonah and Noah and 5:15 end for Mary and Jacob)
Tuesday 21 st June	10am School sports morning and picnic lunch
Wednesday 22 nd June	Parents' appointments (children with SEN) 1:15 Y6 It's your move – high school preparation session
Thursday 23 rd June	School reserve sports' morning
Tuesday 28 th June	Y6 leavers' day to Astbury Mere Water Sports centre – more information to follow
Wednesday 29 th June	Parents' appointments (children with SEN)
Thursday 30 th June	Whole school transition work with new class for Sept
Friday 1 st July	Whole School transition work with new class for Sept
Wednesday 6 th July	Y3 – Y6 town sports 6pm
Thursday 7 th July	Reserve town sports
Monday 11 th July	Reports emailed to parents
Wednesday 13 th July	Parents' meetings to discuss report if required 3:45 – 5pm
Thursday 14 th July	Y6 end of year performance 6pm in school – supported by years 3 – 5.
Friday 15 th July	PFA summer BBQ 6pm
Wednesday 20 th July	End of year service in church 2:30pm TBC School closes for the summer holidays