



Dear Parents

Thank you all for your on-going support over the last two weeks in following the measures in place to keep you, your child and others safe from COVID-19.

With cases of the virus increasing in Cheshire East we are asking parents to wear facemasks on the playground from Monday 28th September. School staff that are waiting to meet and greet your child may choose to wear a clear visor. Please remember to keep 2m away from school staff when you are dropping off and collecting your child. If you need to pass on some information, please email the class teacher or admin@astbury.cheshire.sch.uk rather than stopping for a chat on the playground. It is hard not to have a friendly conversation but we need to work hard to keep everyone safe.



On the path from the village hall to the school, please remember to keep your child with you. For safety, it is important that they are not running off ahead – there is an open gateway to the main road and they need to be keeping with you in their family group. Also, this path does not belong to us and if we abuse it, we could lose it. This would create a serious health and safety hazard as the main road is so busy with such a narrow footpath for pedestrians.

We all hope and pray that school can remain open, but we are required to have a contingency plan in place for home learning. In listening to your views during the previous school closure, we understand that home schooling can be challenging. We understand that you may be trying to work from home, as we will be too, in a fine balancing act. We are being asked to sustain standards but at the same time we don't want to put you and your children under too much pressure.

We have been planning for partial or full school closure and have started to have 'what to do at home' lessons where children are being shown how to access their on-line learning accounts (Bug club for reading, Purple Mash for all curriculum areas and times table rock stars). We are also exploring log in information for Power maths and further talk for writing units for each year group. Amaven log in information will be sent home soon – this site gives exercise and movement activities for your child. We will shortly be asking you to complete a questionnaire about the devices and internet access you have at home so we can also provide hard copies of work for those that need it. Many families said their children liked to work in exercise books so if required, these will be sent home again. Timetables will be prepared to keep the structure and routine into learning days at home.

Yours faithfully
Pip Blythe

Barnardo's 'See, Hear, Respond' service

See, Hear, Respond is a service provided across England by Barnardo's and other national and local community-based organisations in response to the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak. See, Hear, Respond, provides support to children, young people and their families who aren't currently seeing a social worker or other agency, and who are struggling to cope with the emotional impacts of coronavirus (COVID-19). See, Hear, Respond will support from pre-birth up to 18 years of age and those with special educational needs under the age of 25. See, Hear, Respond will contact every referral made, so no child is missed. Help is available in one or more of four ways:

- 1) an online hub of support and information
- 2) online counselling and therapy
- 3) face-to-face support for those most affected and at risk of some of today's most pertinent issues, such as criminal exploitation, and
- 4) helping children and young people reintegrate back into school

You can access via the 'See, Hear, Respond' service [self-referral webpage](#) or Freephone 0800 151 7015.



Staffing

We welcome two additional staff members to school.

Mrs Dawn Simpson is our school Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator and is working one day a week, currently Wednesdays. If you need to contact her, please email:

dsimpson@astbury.cheshire.sch.uk.

Miss Amelia Knapp started her business administration apprenticeship working in the school office. She will be working 8:30 – 4:30 every day.

I am sure you will make them both feel very welcome in our Astbury family.

Parent Governor

We have a current vacancy for a Parent Governor. If you want to support our school as we continue to build on our current growth and improvement then please see the school website for details <https://www.astburyschool.org.uk/page/governors/53353> .If you would like to discuss what the role involves then please speak to a member of school staff who can put you in touch with one of our Governors or contact the Chair of Governors, Kath Moore kmoore@astbury.cheshire.sch.uk

Permission forms

If you are a new school family, please make sure you have returned your photograph permission, local walks permission, home school agreement and ICT forms to school.

Parent Pay

Thank you for your perseverance with paying and ordering meals on ParentPay. This is saving so much teaching and learning time in classes as well as administration time in the office. To make further improvements, from October half term, snacks from Alison will also be on ParentPay. Information about this will be included in a future newsletter.

Amaven challenge day

Exercise, fitness, building key skills and core strength is part of our P.E. curriculum. Each child will take part in the challenge day on Monday 5th October and need to come to school in their PE kit that day. The children who have taken part before will be aiming to improve their scores and see their fitness progress in key skills. Those children who are new to school will be setting their baseline scores.

P.E Kits




As the weather is getting colder, children are able to wear leggings and joggers instead of their usual navy shorts. Please make sure that leggings and joggers are navy. These can be bought from DP sportswear along with hoodies if needed. Long sleeved tops and hoodies also must be navy and clearly named.

Merekats October half term holiday club

The Merekats October half term holiday club starts on October the 26th! With fun activities such as nature scavenger hunts and making chocolate apples, the Merekats holiday club would be a great way to have some fun over the half term. To make a booking contact 07748699352 or email astburymerekats@btinternet.com.



October Holiday Club 2020

Activity	Information	Additional Information & Cost
Monday 26th October 	am Making slime pm Fun with torches and glow sticks	None Required
Tuesday 27th October 	am Nature scavenger hunt pm Making pinecone fairies and conker models	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Please bring wellies & waterproofs
Wednesday 28th October 	am Animal masks pm Trip to Biddulph Country Park <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Den making /Himalayan Walk Explore the cave with torches 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Please bring wellies & waterproofs <i>+ £2.50 B trip.</i>
Thursday 29th October 	am Fun with pumpkins pm -Croquet -Lawn darts -Chess / drafts	None Required
Friday 30th October 	am Making chocolate apples pm Making woodland potions	None Required
Monday 2nd November (Inset Day) 	am Conker rolling firework pictures pm Outdoor games	None Required

Girls Brigade

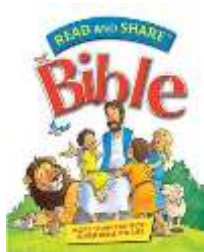
The Gawsworth girls' brigade will start again soon. Every Tuesday from 6pm during term time, the girls' parade will be packed with fun activities such as cooking, games and church parades. This would be a great opportunity to make new friends and have some fun after school! Only ages 4 and over. If you would like some more information, please do not hesitate to contact Captain Carolyn!

1ST GAWSWORTH GIRLS' BRIGADE
*****STARTS BACK AGAIN SOON*****
EVERY TUESDAY DURING TERM TIME
FROM 6PM AGE 4 AND OVER

CRAFT



BIBLE STORIES



COOKING



CHURCH PARADE



NEW FRIENDS



GAME



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FUN, CHALLENGES, BADGES, CAMPING, FELLOWSHIP

What is Girls' Brigade all about?

For more information call Captain Carolyn 01625 502856

Snacks

Alison will no longer be accepting cash for snacks after October half term. Payments for snacks will be via ParentPay. The revised prices from November 2020 are:

	Currently	To be
Toast	20p	25p
Bacon Sandwich	£1	£1.10
Teacake	50p	60p
½ Bacon Sandwich	50p	60p
Crumpet	35p	45p

Celebration Awards

September 11th 2020:

	<u>Noah</u>	<u>Mary</u>	<u>Jacob</u>	
Care, share and learn	William	Xander	Robyn	
Walk in love	Archie	Class Mary	Rufus	
Secrets of success	-	-	-	
Attendance	96.5%	97.2%	87.2%	
<u>Team Points</u>	<u>St Andrew</u>	<u>St Patrick</u>	<u>St George</u>	<u>St David</u>
	73	46	53	80

September 18th 2020:

	<u>Noah</u>	<u>Mary</u>	<u>Jacob</u>	
Care, share and learn	Reuben	Michael	Sid	
Walk in love	Nancy	Katie M	Sophie	
Secrets of success	Seth	Claire	-	
Attendance	96.6%	93.9%	87.2%	
<u>Team Points</u>	<u>St Andrew</u>	<u>St Patrick</u>	<u>St George</u>	<u>St David</u>
	57	50	34	50

Diary Dates

Wednesdays	3:20 collect your child from church (not Pre-School)
Monday 5 th October	Amaven challenge day – all children to come to school in their PE kits
Friday 9 th October	Family and individual photographs. 8.30am for younger siblings not in Pre-School.
Friday 23 rd October	School closes for half term
Tuesday 3 rd November	School opens for pupils