



22<sup>nd</sup> October 2020

Dear Parents

We had a wonderful staff meeting last night where each teacher from Pre-School to Y6 brought examples of your children's writing to share and celebrate. We are so proud of all that your child has achieved over this half term. They have come back to school after many months off and for some children, they struggled at home, especially to be motivated and engaged in longer pieces of writing. Their handwriting, sentence structures, punctuation, use of vocabulary and writing at length has noticeably improved over the last eight weeks. The children have really engaged with their class texts and through Talk for Writing have built their confidence to put pen to paper and see themselves as writers.

Today, we say goodbye to Mrs Cameron from the school office after fifteen years of working at Astbury School. Thank you to all who have passed on kind words and messages of thanks to Mrs Cameron. We wish her all the best in the future. Tomorrow, Mrs Bruce from our midday team is leaving Astbury after almost forty years working at Astbury. We wish her all the best in her retirement.

The 'Love Thy Neighbour' van from New Life Church came to Astbury to collect all the harvest donations. The Y6 children made a human chain carrying all the items to the van. The storehouse have sent Astbury School a certificate of thanks – thank you!

I wish you all a happy half term holiday and look forward to seeing you all again on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November.

Kind Regards

Pip Blythe

### **Operation Christmas Child Shoe Boxes:**



Your child will have brought home a leaflet informing you of this year's collection of Christmas shoe box gifts for Operation Christmas Child. If you would like to make a full box or donate items to go in a box, please take time over the half term holiday to do this. Full boxes or items for packing into boxes need to be brought to school during the first week back after half term. If you don't have a shoebox at home, we have some at school which you can purchase for 20p.

This year, more than ever, your help is required to provide a gift to a child. Please read the leaflet or click on this link for further information.

<https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/>

### **Lost Necklace:**

A silver necklace has been found in the Merekats' room last week. If it belongs to you, please email the admin office so we can return it to you.

**The New Life Light Party:**

New Life Church are offering a 'virtual' light party via their New Life Kids You Tube channel on Sat 31st Oct from 4pm.



New Life Church is holding a virtual light party!

This video will be released on our youtube channel on:

**SATURDAY 31ST OCTOBER AT 4PM**

and it will be available to watch any time from then!

You can find this video by searching: 'New Life Kids Congleton' on youtube.



**Snacks on Parent Pay**

Please remember that after half term, Alison is cashless! All snacks need to be pre ordered on Parent Pay as no cash will be accepted.

**Amaven:**

Since the recent Amaven fitness assessment for children in years 2 to 6, and we are proud to say that the following children have improved their fitness.

Noah	Mary	Jacob
Reuben	Claire and Dexter	Katie

### Tempest School Photos:

The deadline to order your tempest photographs is the 6<sup>th</sup> of November. If you order after this date, you will have to pay for the postage for them to be sent out.

### Maths Quick Recall

Please use this grid to help you support your child's maths learning.

Yr Group	Aut 1	Aut 2	Spr 1	Spr 2	Sum 1	Sum 2
Rec	Count to 5. Recognise and order numbers to 5.	Count to 10. Recognise and order numbers to 10.	1 more / less up to 6.	Count to 20. Recognise and order numbers to 20.	1 more / less up to 10.	Number bonds up to 5.
Y1	Number bonds up to 5.	Number bonds up to 6.	Double and halves to 10.	Number bonds to 10.	O' clock and half past.	Number bonds up to 10.
Y2	Number bonds to 20.	2 x table.	Double and halves to 20.	10 x table.	Quarter past / to 5 min intervals.	5 x table.
Y3	Number bonds up to 20.	3 x table.	Time facts.	4 x table.	Time to nearest minute.	8 x table.
Y4	Number bonds to 100.	6 x table.	9/11 x table.	Decimal equivalent of fractions.	7 x table.	Multiplying by 10 and 100.
Y5	Decimal number bonds to 1/10.	Times tables facts to 12x12.	Metric conversions.	Prime numbers to 20.	Square numbers.	Factor pairs.
Y6	Times tables facts to 12x12.	Common factors.	Decimals, fractions and %.	Prime numbers to 50.		

When you're driving, walking or your child is in the bath – talk with them about the rapid recall for their year group for half term. Use items from the cupboard, draw or write them down. If you are not sure of what to do, please ask your child's teacher.

### Celebration Awards:

Date: 09/10/20

	<u>Noah</u>	<u>Mary</u>	<u>Jacob</u>	
Care, share and learn	Alisha	Taylor	Zach Boffey	
Walk in love	Isabelle	Dexter	Lucie	
Secrets of success	Jacob	Finley	Ollie	
Attendance	96.8%	98.2%	99.2%	
<u>Team Points</u>	<u>St Andrew</u>	<u>St Patrick</u>	<u>St George</u>	<u>St David</u>
	75	74	79	116

Date: 16/10/20

	<b><u>Noah</u></b>	<b><u>Mary</u></b>	<b><u>Jacob</u></b>	
Care, share and learn	Ted	Kate	Sam J	
Walk in love	Ella	Hal	Katie	
Secrets of success	Riley	Peter	Courtney	
Attendance	96.3%	96.3%	93.6%	
<b><u>Team Points</u></b>	<b>St Andrew</b>	<b>St Patrick</b>	<b>St George</b>	<b>St David</b>
	46	70	73	73