



School Newsletter

10th December 2020

Dear Parents

Thank you for your generosity in supporting the Parents and Friends Association Christmas events this year. The children enjoyed the chocolate tombola and a visit from Father Christmas and many are looking forward to Christmas film night this evening after school.

There are still raffle tickets and Christmas cards for sale. Tomorrow morning, on the playground at drop off time, is the last opportunity to purchase raffle tickets as the draw will take place in the afternoon in school.



I wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year!

Yours faithfully
Miss P. Blythe

COVID-19



To continue to keep our school community safe, please inform school if your child is symptomatic and seeking a test up until 3:20pm 20th December. Please email head@astbury.cheshire.sch.uk. This email address will be checked each day until this time. Any parent who has a symptomatic child and is seeking a COVID-19 test will be asked to inform school of the test outcome as soon as it is available. If the test is positive, school will liaise with Public Health England and will contact all close contacts of the child.

Christingle

Please drop your child off at church on Friday 18th December with their homemade Christingle. (Acorns won't be going to church, they will be celebrating at school instead!)

Candles and red tape are available from school and these items will be available on the playground on Monday and Tuesday after school next week. Oranges have been generously donated by Glebe Farm along with a kind donation from a parent. They will be available on Wednesday!

Unfortunately, parents are not able to join us in church for the Christingle service this year. Please drop your child off just inside the main doorway where a member of staff will greet them and take them to their teacher for an activity. You can then exit through the side door.

Each family will receive a candle donation box to save any loose change for the work of the Children's Society. If you want to make a donation, please return your candle money box to church on Friday 18th December. (Top tip – if your box has loose change in it – put sellotape across the bottom of the box!)

<https://www.childrenssociety.org.uk/how-you-can-help/fundraise-and-events/christingle>



Y5/6 basketball competition

Children in Class Jacob have been competing against other local schools – virtually – in a basketball competition. They took part in a range of basketball activities during PE lessons and their scores have been submitted for the competition – watch this space to see the results!

Nativity – There’s a Miracle in Town



Rehearsals are well underway and our school nativity – There’s a Miracle in Town. The singing and acting are sounding wonderful.

On Wednesday, we will be performing in church. Unfortunately, parents and family are not able to come and watch and celebrate with us.

The nativity this year will be recorded and you will be sent a link to watch / download from the comfort of your own home. Please feel free to share the

link and password with family and friends but do not then post the film or photographs onto social media.

Awards and celebrations

Date: 27/11/20

| | <u>Noah</u> | <u>Mary</u> | <u>Jacob</u> | |
|-----------------------|------------------|-------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| Care, share and learn | Harrison | Charlie | Lucie | |
| Walk in love | Joseph | Elsie | Class Jacob | |
| Secrets of success | Archie | Freya | Rufus | |
| Attendance | 96.4 | 99.5 | 93.6 | |
| <u>Team Points</u> | <u>St Andrew</u> | <u>St Patrick</u> | <u>St George</u> | <u>St David</u> |
| | 139 | 117 | 86 | 87 |

Date: 04/12/20

| | <u>Noah</u> | <u>Mary</u> | <u>Jacob</u> | |
|-----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| Care, share and learn | Poppy | Emma | Rowan | |
| Walk in love | Harvey and Reuben | Josh | Robyn | |
| Secrets of success | Jacob | Jelli | Jonathan | |
| Attendance | 93.9 | 98.2 | 97.6 | |
| <u>Team Points</u> | <u>St Andrew</u> | <u>St Patrick</u> | <u>St George</u> | <u>St David</u> |
| | 55 | 78 | 76 | 76 |

School consultation:

Wednesday 11th November until Tuesday 22nd December is a period of consultation regarding our school’s published admission number (PAN). We are proposing to reduce our PAN from nineteen to fifteen for admission in September 2022 and beyond. Please see the proposed consultation document and response form for your comments on the school website.

<https://www.astburyschool.org.uk/page/admissions-policy/53347>

Positive Parenting Courses:

In January the New Life Nursery will be running an online Positive Parenting in the Early Years course. It is a 6 week course and we will be running a daytime and evening session. This short course is a great resource for all parents.

Time Out For Parents The Early Years

Positive Parenting Time Out for Parents courses from Care for the Family provide common sense, jargon-free information and ideas to help you to engage with your children and boost your relationship.

If you have children under five, then *Time Out for Parents – The Early Years* is for you. Over six sessions you'll increase your skills and confidence as a parent and discover practical tools to make your relationship with your child even better.

The sessions

- Session 1 What being a parent's really like!
- Session 2 Children's needs
- Session 3 Play and listening
- Session 4 Parenting styles and boundaries
- Session 5 Discipline and safety
- Session 6 The wider family



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Care for the Family – a Christian response to a world of need.
A registered charity (England and Wales: 1069956; Scotland: SC038497).

Time Out For Parents The Early Years



Sessions for anyone parenting children under five

Date:
Every Tuesday, 10:00 - 11:30am
5th January to 9th February or
Every Wednesday, 7:30-9:00pm
8th January to 10th February

Venue:
From the comfort of your home
Microsoft Teams

For more information:
Contact Alison Timbey on
01260297961 or email
nursery@nlchurch.org.uk



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Families' Magazine:

The latest issue of familys' magazine has been released. If you wish to read it, please click the following link. <https://bit.ly/2H9JIEs>

Diary Dates:

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| Wednesdays | 3:20 collect your child from church (not Pre-School) |
| Thursday 10 th Dec | PFA film night – in bubbles. 3:20 – 5:30pm |
| Friday 11 th Dec | Raffle draw |
| Monday 14 th Dec | am PFA pantomime workshop virtually zoomed into the hall for each class. |
| Wednesday 16 th Dec | 10am Nativity in church – this will be filmed for parents |
| Friday 18 th December | 9:15am Christingle Service – drop off at church Finish for Christmas |
| Tuesday 22 nd December | Consultation re PAN closes. |
| Tuesday 5 th January 2021 | School opens |