

Astbury St. Mary's Church of England Primary School  
Newsletter ~ 22nd October 2015 Issue 4

A Christian Family who Care,  
Share and learn Together.

Dear Families and Friends,

I cannot believe how quickly this half term has flown, it only feels like yesterday I welcomed my new Reception Class and that Miss Hall started as our new Year 4/5 teacher. As you will have seen over the past 8 weeks a lot of changes have occurred and all pupils and staff are working hard to make Astbury even better than it is already! This would not be possible without the support of Mrs Riley. I know all the staff would like to say thank you to her for her support so far.

Mrs Wade would like to say thank you to all the pupils, staff and helpers who went to Burwardsley. The children enjoyed den building, went on a habitat walk and did some willow weaving. Mrs Wade was extremely impressed with how well behaved the children were.

After half term your child will be bringing home their new homework books. We have purchased Literacy and Maths homework books for years 2 - 6 children. Teachers will set the children appropriate pages for them to complete on a weekly basis.

We would also like to wish Mrs Hamilton well during the rest of her pregnancy. Her first baby is due very soon. Will it be a boy or a girl, we will have to wait and see! She will be leaving for her maternity break very shortly.

Please be aware school re opens on Monday November 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Hope you all have a restful and happy half term.

Regards  
Miss Irwin

## **Unpaid School Meals**

Following the October half term break there will be changes to our school meal payment system. After two weeks, if dinner money is still outstanding then we will no longer be able to offer your child a school meal. You will be informed by a text on the Friday if this is the case. A packed lunch must then be provided from home until the debt is settled, only then your child can continue receiving school meals.

School Meals are £2.10 a day, £10.50 a week. Please make Cheques made payable to 'Cheshire East Council' (CEC). The money should arrive to school on Monday morning for that week in an envelope marked with the child's name and class on the front. We have a secure wooden box by the main playground entrance where you can drop off your envelopes. This is checked daily.

If for any reason you are experiencing problems paying for school meals then please come in and talk to the Head teacher. If you wish to check if you are eligible for free school meals please phone Cheshire East on the number below and they will let you know if the child in your care is entitled to Free School Meals.

Free School Meals Helpline - 0300 123 5012. Alternatively you can complete the Free School Meals enquiry form online.

[http://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schools/free\\_school\\_meals.aspx](http://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schools/free_school_meals.aspx)

This decision has been reached by the Head teacher and the School Governors due to large amounts of dinner money outstanding over the last two terms.

We would appreciate your support in this matter.

## **Bright Lights ~ Cross Street Church**

### ***Celebrate Jesus –the Light of the World!***

Action songs, games and lots of fun!

Free admission. Free drinks and crisps!

A great night out for all the family!

Come and join us at

At Cross Street Church on Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> October 5.30pm-7.00pm

Creative crafts, cake decorating, face painting and prizes for those wearing the brightest coloured clothes. (no ugly masks or witches costumes please).

## **Awards for W/E 09/10/2015**

### **Head Teacher Award**

Class Jacob ~ William

Class Joseph ~ Lucinda/Iona

Class Noah ~ Evie

Class Moses ~ Kalebh

Class Jonah ~ Gabriel

### **Gold Outstanding Astbury Pupil**

Judah, Stan, Georgette, Evie, Lyra



### **Star of the Week**

Class Jacob ~ Toby  
Class Joseph ~ Iona  
Class Noah ~ Becky  
Class Moses ~ Jacob  
Class Jonah ~ Katie

### **Awards for W/E 16/10/2015**

#### **Gold Outstanding Astbury Pupil**

Judah, Stanley, Georgette, Evie, Lyra

### **Star of the Week**

Class Jacob ~ Toby  
Class Joseph ~ Iona  
Class Noah ~ Becky  
Class Moses ~ Jacob  
Class Jonah ~ Katie

#### **Head Teacher Award**

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### **Operation Christmas Child**

Once again we are supporting as a school the Operation Christmas Child campaign. Last year we sent gift filled shoeboxes to the appeal to give children in need of a present at Christmas. If you would like to put a shoebox together then please see the leaflet your child was given. Spare leaflets are available in school. You can also download the leaflet and read more information at

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

The shoeboxes can also be handed in directly to New Life Church.

### **Poppy Appeal**

From Monday November 2<sup>nd</sup> the school are collecting for the Royal British Legion poppy appeal.

This year we also have a selection of wristbands/friendship bracelets/sticky bugs/pencils/erasers and reflectors to sell on behalf of the Royal British Legion. Prices vary from 50p- £1.00. Year 6's will be selling the poppies and gifts at morning break time.



### **Tempest Photos**

All photos to be returned to school by 3.30pm on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November. Orders can be sent by parents to Tempest after this date but will incur a late fee.

### **Help please!**

We would like to ask families if there is anyone they know who has experience or information about Congleton or Astbury of years gone by. If you know of anyone who is willing to share their knowledge with the children then please speak to Mrs Armitt. Thank you.

## Parents Evenings

Our Parents evenings are week commencing 16<sup>th</sup> November – 20<sup>th</sup> November 2015.

We are offering parents the chance to come in and speak with your child's class teacher for a 15 minute slot from 8.30am -12.00pm. There will also be one evening time slot available on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> November from 3.45-6.00pm.

The following dates are when your class teacher is available:

|              |              |                                        |                        |                      |
|--------------|--------------|----------------------------------------|------------------------|----------------------|
| Class Jonah  | Miss Irwin   | Monday 16 <sup>th</sup><br>November    | 8.30am -12.00<br>noon  | <b>15 mins slots</b> |
| Class Moses  | Miss Hodder  | Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup><br>November   | 8.30am -12.00<br>noon  | <b>15 mins slots</b> |
| Class Noah   | Mrs Wade     | Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup><br>November | 8.30am – 12.00<br>noon | <b>15 mins slots</b> |
| Class Joseph | Miss Hall    | Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup><br>November  | 8.30am – 12.00<br>noon | <b>15 mins slots</b> |
| Class Jacob  | Mr Robinson  | Friday 20 <sup>th</sup><br>November    | 8.30am – 12.00<br>noon | <b>15 mins slots</b> |
| All classes  | All teachers | Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup><br>November | 3.45pm-6.00pm          | <b>10 mins slots</b> |

### **Morning Appointments**

I would like a 15 minute appointment with \_\_\_\_\_ (class teacher) on  
\_\_\_\_\_ (day). Preferred time \_\_\_\_\_

Child's name \_\_\_\_\_ class \_\_\_\_\_

### **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> November Afternoon/Evening Appointments**

I would like a 10 minute appointment with \_\_\_\_\_ (class teacher) on  
Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> November from 3.45pm - 6.00pm

Preferred time \_\_\_\_\_

Child's name \_\_\_\_\_ class \_\_\_\_\_

Teachers will notify you of your appointment time.

### **PE Kits**

We still have too many children who do not have PE kits in school! Please can you ensure that your child has a suitable PE kit in school every week.

PE is an essential part of your child's education.

Younger children will need pumps in their PE bags and older children will require outdoor trainers and long track suit trousers/joggers for their PE lessons.

Children who wear stud ear rings must be able to remove these before PE. If they are unable to remove their ear rings then tape needs to be sent into school so they can cover up their studs before exercising.

We would appreciate your help with this matter, thank you.

### **Football Matches**

Astbury Football team have played 2 matches so far this season. We are still working towards a win but the team have shown great team work and fantastic team spirit. Well done!



## **Diary Dates**

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|---------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 22 <sup>nd</sup> October  | PFA disco 3.15-4.15pm Rec/KS1 and 4.30-5.30pm for KS2               |
| 23 <sup>rd</sup> October  | INSET day                                                           |
| 26 <sup>th</sup> October  | Half Term week                                                      |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> November  | Return to school                                                    |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> November  | Smoke busters ~year 5                                               |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> November  | Parents Morning – parents welcome to come into their child's class. |
| 13 <sup>th</sup> November | INSET day                                                           |
| 27 <sup>th</sup> November | Congleton Town Christmas Lights Switch On                           |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> December  | School Xmas Fair 10.00-2.00pm                                       |