



CHURCH ASTON INFANT SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Happy New Year!

Welcome back to school, we hope you all had a lovely break!

As part of our work this term we are looking at goals and achievements that we want to work towards this year—big or small! This will begin with looking at New Year resolutions and some of our successes will be recognised as part of our Friday Celebrations Assembly.

Christmas Production—'The Nativity'

As you know, due to snow we were unable to do our Christmas production in December as planned! We have arranged for this to now take place on Tuesday 16 January at St. Andrew's Church, Church Aston at 2.00pm and we look forward to seeing everyone there. If you took your costume home, please can you bring it back into school by Thursday 11th January, thank you. Friends of School have organised mulled wine, refreshments and a raffle to take place in the Village Hall straight after the production, please join us if you can.

Swimming—Class 2

Class 2 will start their swimming on 10 January, please can you ensure they have their swimming kit in school every Wednesday until 7 February—no buoyancy aids will be required but goggles can be worn, please can any children with long hair ensure it is tied back. For ease of changing children can come to school in jogging trousers/tracksuit on swimming days if they wish, also please remember that Class 2 won't arrive back at school until approximately 3.20pm on swimming days. Class 2 will not have PE on a Tuesday for the duration of the swimming sessions so they will only need their PE kits in school on Friday's until 7 February. If any parents are DBS checked and could help with changing, or in the water, please let us know—thank you!

Letters will go out shortly regarding Class 1 swimming sessions.

Enginuity—whole school trip 12 January 2018

Just a reminder that we are visiting Enginuity to take part in a Rockets Workshop to develop our Science work that we started last term. We expect to be back at school in time for the normal 3pm pick up time, if you have requested a packed lunch this will be ordered for you, if you have confirmed that you will provide your own packed lunch please remember to bring it with you in an easily carried bag.

Bags2School

As you will be aware, again due to the snow, the Bags2School collection did not happen as planned before Christmas. This has been rescheduled for 18 January so please bring your bags in that morning, there will be an area to leave them at the front of school—you are welcome to use any large bag to carry your items it does not have to be the official bag.

School Dinners

From next week, until 29 March 2018, there will be golden stickers on the bottom of some school dinner plates. If a child eats all their dinner and finds one the golden ticket will give them a chance to skate for free at Telford Ice Rink.

School Vacancy

We will shortly be advertising for a Breakfast Club Assistant—further details will be available on our noticeboard and at www.wmjobs.co.uk.

School Admissions

Just a reminder of the following deadlines:

- Applying for primary school places to start in September 2018 (starting school for the first time) - **closing date 15 January 2018**
- Applying for infant to junior school places to start in September 2018 (current Year 2 pupils) - **closing date 15 January 2018**

Invoices

Invoices have been sent out for December's Breakfast Club and 4 o'clock Club, we would be grateful for prompt payment, thank you.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

10 January		Class 2—first swimming session
11 January	7.30pm	Friends of School Meeting, Three Fishes, Newport. All welcome
12 January	All day	Whole school trip—Enginuity
16 January	2.00pm	Christmas Performance in St Andrews Church, Church Aston followed by refreshments and a raffle in the Village Hall.
18 January		Bags2School collection date
5 February		Start of Sponsored Reading event in conjunction with Usborne Books
16 February		Last day of term
Half Term Holiday		Extreme Reading Challenge—more information to follow



GENERAL INFORMATION / REFERENCE NOTES FOR PARENTS

Contact your Head or School Business Manager: Email—A2033@taw.org.uk or telephone—01952 386390

ABSENCES—All absences should be reported to school by **9.00 a.m.** Telephone calls will be made to ascertain the reason for any absence not known to us. On return to school, please let us have a **note explaining the reason for ALL absences** for our records. Parents are reminded that following illness with symptoms of sickness and diarrhoea and in order to limit the spread of symptoms, it is the policy of Telford & Wrekin Council that he/she should not attend school for 48 hours after the symptoms have subsided. Should a child show symptoms whilst at school, you will be contacted to collect your child immediately.

ADMINISTERING MEDICINE IN SCHOOL—If it is necessary that medicines need to be administered in school a request form detailing the medicine, timing etc. must be completed before this can be done. Forms are available in the school office or can be downloaded from the website from the Parents tab.

4 O'CLOCK CLUB - 4 - 5 p.m. £3 per session for **all** children. Parents will be invoiced monthly.

BREAKFAST CLUB—Children may be brought to school at **8.00 a.m.** and breakfast will be provided for them followed by activities. Let us know the day before so that Mrs Jane Egan may make the necessary arrangements. There is a cost of £3.50 per session for the first child, £3.00 for the second and £2.50 for the third. Pupil Premium children's fees are free to parents (paid from the Pupil Premium Grant.) Invoices issued monthly.

BOOKS (READING BOOKS)—Reading **book bags** must be in school **every day** together with the Reading Diary.

BOOK BAGS (HOMEWORK) - Shared book bags can be brought into school on **Tuesdays** for changing.

COATS AND JACKETS—All the children need to have waterproof coats with them every day.

PE SESSIONS—PE is every Tuesday and Friday afternoon, please can children come in to school in their uniforms with their PE kits in a named bag to change into on these days. Jogging bottoms can be worn when the weather is cold.

JEWELLERY IN SCHOOL—The only jewellery that should be worn in school are studs for children who have pierced ears. As the back of the stud can cause a nasty injury to the child's neck, it must be sufficiently covered by you on P.E. days. If the stud does not have enough padding, your child will be unable to take part in the lesson.

MONEY BROUGHT INTO SCHOOL should be placed in an envelope clearly marked with your child's name and what the money is for and put in the locked post boxes in the class porch.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE IN TERM TIME—Parents should **apply in good time, and before booking a holiday**, to the Head Teacher for any request for leave in term time by completing a request form available from school. (DfE guidance states schools should not authorise leave retrospectively). The Government has renewed appeals to parents not to take their children out of school during term-time. The Governors and Head Teacher of the school support this and have decided that pupils will only be given permission to take leave in term time if there are exceptional circumstances. Each application will be considered and the Head Teacher will determine the duration of any leave if it is agreed and authorised. However, if the application is not agreed and the absence occurs, the dates will be unauthorised. Parents will be notified of any decision in writing. This notification may be hand delivered directly to the parent or posted to the parents' home address/es. As a school, we are asked to inform you that, in line with Telford & Wrekin Council Policy, unauthorised absence may be subject to a penalty notice fine of £60 payable per parent per child, increasing to £120 if not paid within 21 days. If this fine is not paid within 28 days this may lead to court proceedings.

REGISTRATION FOR PUPIL PREMIUM/FREE SCHOOL MEALS - Parents of children in Reception, Year 1 or 2 can notify us at any time (e.g. if family circumstances change) that they are a low income family who meet the means-test assessment criteria for Free School Meals. The school can then claim the Pupil Premium Grant which may be of great benefit to our school by bringing additional funding for valuable support like extra tuition, after school activities etc. Pupil Premium children benefit by free after school clubs, free breakfast clubs and extra support whatever the child's ability. An application form for completion is held in the school office and/or can be found on the website.

SCHOOL WEBSITE—www.churchastoninfantschool.co.uk All newsletters, letters and consent forms are available on the website, together with photographs of what your children are doing in school.