



CHURCH ASTON INFANT SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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February

Enginuity Trip—The children had a fantastic time at Enginuity where they took part in a Rockets Workshop to learn about Forces—gravity, friction, air resistance and thrust. Since the trip the Rocket Writers class have made rockets which they launched in the playground!

Swimming—Class 2 have been thoroughly enjoying their swimming sessions! Just a reminder that Class 2's final session will be on 7 February. Class 1 will have their first swimming session on 14 February. A huge thank you to everyone who is helping out with swimming—we couldn't do it without you.

Friends of School Easter Fair—Friends of School are arranging an Easter Fair to take place in school on 29 March to raise funds for the playground, this will include an Easter Raffle, Easter Bonnet Parade, Easter Treasure Hunt and a Tombola! Further information to follow.

Mufti Day—Friends of School have also organised a Mufti Day on Friday 23rd March. Children can come to school in their own clothes and bring either a tombola prize or £2.

Menu change—There will be a special menu on Wednesday 14 February. Instead of Roast Dinner the menu will be Burger or Hot Dog in a bap, Baked Beans, Peas and Chips with Iced Chocolate Cake for pudding. If your child would like a hot dinner on this date but would like a vegetarian burger or vegetarian hot dog please can you let your class Teacher know by 7 February so that we can advise the kitchen. Thank you.

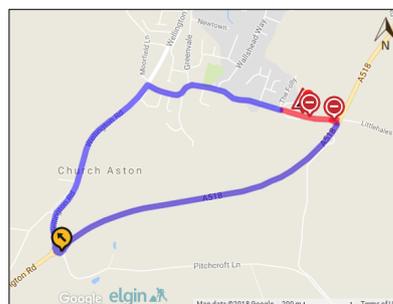
Road Closure

We have been informed about a road closure that is very close to school and may affect your journeys to and from school.

A temporary road closure will be in place along **Lid-dles Bank Split To A518 Junction, Church Aston** as a result of new water connection works.

The work is set to commence on **Monday 12th February** and will last for a **duration of 33 days** with an end date of **Friday 16th March**.

The diversion route for vehicular traffic travelling in all directions will be signed on site.



BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL 2017



The Newport British Legion representative extends thanks to all those who contributed to the Appeal. **A magnificent £87.95 was collected.**

Invoices

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

Sandwich Bar Reminder

The Sandwich Bar option for lunch is proving to be popular. If you would like to order a sandwich for your child instead of a hot dinner any day of the week you can find the order form on our website. If there are certain days that your child doesn't like the hot dinner menu you can combine hot dinner and sandwich orders throughout the week. Please remember that the sandwich order form must be completed a week in advance and bought into school for ordering by at least Tuesday of the week before the sandwiches are required.

Snow

In the unlikely event that school has to close because of snow we will update our status on the Telford and Wrekin snowline service at <http://apps.telford.gov.uk/snowline/>. Alternatively please listen to local radio stations for details of school closures.

If school is open but you are unable to travel here please let us know by calling 01952 386390.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

5 February		Start of Sponsored Reading event in conjunction with Usborne Books
7 February		Class 2—last swimming lesson
8 February	7.30pm	Friends of School Meeting, Three Fishes, Newport. All welcome
12 to 18 February		Whole School Sponsored Read—more information to follow
14 February		Class 1—first swimming lesson
14 February		Severn Hospice competition - please bring your entries in to school by this date
16 February		Last day of term
Half Term Holiday		Extreme Reading Challenge—see letter
2 March		Sponsored Read - please can all sponsorship money be in school by this date
5 March		Extreme Reading - please can all photo's be sent in to school by today
13 March	1.15pm – 6.30pm	Parent Interviews
17 to 23 March		Sport Relief
21 March	2.00pm	Whole School Sponsored Swim at Newport Pool—parents invited
23 March		Mufti Day
29 March	2.00pm	Friends of School Easter Fair



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.