



CHURCH ASTON INFANT SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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WORLD BOOK DAY - THURSDAY, 1st MARCH

We all had a fantastic day dressed up as our favourite book characters! We would like to say thank you on behalf of our Reading Buddies for your donations to Book Aid International.

Remember to use your World Book Day tokens between now and 25 March at thousands of independent bookshops - see booksellers.org.uk/bookshop search.

Parent Interviews—13 March 2018

The timetable for Parent Interviews will be on the classroom doors from Monday 5 March. Please sign against a time that is convenient for you and we will write and confirm your appointment.

Extreme Reading

Thank you for all your fantastic photos so far! Keep sending them in until 5 March, they are being displayed at school for everyone to see so please come and have a look during the Parent Interview day.

Picture News

The children are learning about British Values through a weekly assembly based on a resource called Picture News. Picture News explains current headlines and thought provoking issues in an easily understandable format, you can see examples of this on our Picture News display in school which changes each week. This week the children have looked at Fair Trade and have been set a challenge to bring Fair Trade labels in to school by Wednesday 7 March. As part of this assembly they watched some of a video called 'The Story of Fairtrade Football' if you want to watch this with them at home you can access it by clicking [here](#). As part of the Picture News assemblies the children are given an opportunity to be a News Champion and win a sticker.



Friends of School Raffle

As you know the Friends of School are planning an Easter Fair to take place in school on 29 March to raise funds for the playground, parents are welcome to join us at 2pm.

As part of this there will be an Easter Raffle—with lots of fantastic prizes - and everyone should have received tickets to sell for this.

We hope you're able to sell as many tickets as you can! You can return sold tickets to school and please let us know if you would like more to sell—additional tickets can be issued by the school office.

Invoices

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

Lilleshall Monumental Race—25 March 2018

We have been asked to let you know about this 10k race, it starts at 11:30am and you can book a place via www.stuweb.co.uk. As well as the 10k there will also be a fun run and a 'tots and toddlers' event, the fun run starts at 10.45am and you can enter for £2 on the day. All participants of any race will receive a goody bag and the fun run has a silver inscribed shield for the first child over the line from Year 1 to Year 10. There is also a prize for the school with the highest percentage of entrants! This year all the money raised from the event is supporting Lilleshall Scouts who would like to purchase a marquee for their expeditions.

Snow

On the recent very cold days we have been keeping the children in school at break and lunchtimes and we will continue to do this on a day to day basis as necessary.

If we decide that we do need to close 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 March		Sponsored Read - please can all sponsorship money be in school by this date
5 March		Extreme Reading - please can all photos be sent in to school by this date
13 March	1.15pm – 6.30pm	Parent Interviews
21 March	2.00pm	Whole School Sponsored Swim at Newport Pool—parents invited
23 March		Mufti Day—please bring either £2 or a tombola prize for Friends of School, thank you
29 March	2.00pm	Friends of School Easter Fair
29 March		Last day of term
16 April		First day back at school for Summer term



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.