



CHURCH ASTON INFANT SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Friends of School Easter Fair and Raffle

The Easter Fair and Raffle were a huge success on the last day of term. We hope you all had a fantastic time and congratulations if you were lucky enough to win one of the fantastic raffle prizes! We would like to say a huge thank you to our Friends of School for such a brilliant event and for working so hard to fundraise for the school.

Trip to Shrewsbury Museum, Lego Education Workshop

We all had a fantastic time visiting Shrewsbury Museum, the children really enjoyed the Lego exhibition and the related workshop, in which they created their own stories. We also had a chance to look around the museum itself, taking part in all the activities and interactive displays. There are lots of photos from the trip on our website so please have a look and see how much fun we had!

Sponsored Swim

Again, thank you all for your support with the Sponsored Swim. This was yet again a brilliant event with the children achieving some amazing targets! We have raised £380 so far but there is still plenty of time to return your sponsorship money if you haven't already, thank you. The Sponsored Swim is only a success with a lot of support, hard work and organisation so thank you to everyone involved and especially our parent volunteers who help both with changing and in the water. We couldn't do it without you.

Big Pedal

We are once again taking part in the Big Pedal challenge this year. A letter with further information is attached. Regular updates on our progress will be available on our website and noticeboard. Hopefully we can repeat last years success! We have been West Midlands small school champion for the last three years.

Newport Show—potato growing competition

After our success winning last years potato growing competition we have recently received this years potatoes—they have been chitted and are now planted at the front of school where hopefully you will see them grow over the next few months. We will keep a diary of our progress which you can follow on our website. Fingers crossed for a second win!

Parent View

Following the recent Parent Interviews, we would just like to remind you again about Parent View. Parent View enables you to record your views, and to tell Ofsted, what you think about our school, from the quality of teaching, to how you feel we deal with bullying and behaviour. Although anonymous, it will also help us to address any concerns that you may have. You can access Parent View on the following website: <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>

After School Clubs

Just a reminder that, as we are now into the Summer Term, new bookings are required for our After School Clubs. The new booking form is available from last month's email, on the website, or from the school office.

2019/20 Term Dates

We have attached a copy of the 2019/20 Term Dates.

Invoices

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

We have been asked to share a warning that has been issued about Musical.ly and Live.ly apps with you, as follows:

Musical.ly is a free app, which appears to be a harmless and fun application, but can pose a serious threat to the safety of children and young people.

Musical.ly is a social network for sharing user generated music and videos. Many children enjoy the 'lip-sync' element of the app, as well as browsing videos created by others. Videos are generally shared between groups of friends, and can be saved as private, but the other content is freely available and is not 'policed'.

The app states that it is not to be used by children under the age of 13, but many children under this age are using the app.

Musical.ly links directly to another app called Live.ly, which has no safety setting, and permits anybody to enter into a conversation with the child. Through this, children are at serious risk of being exposed to extremely inappropriate content and conversations.

Please ensure that activity is monitored when a child is using Musical.ly or any other social media platforms or apps.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

16 April		First day back at school for Summer term
19 April	7:30pm	Friends of School meeting, Three Fishes, Newport
23 April to 4 May		Big Pedal
7 May		May Day—Bank Holiday
25 May		Last day of the half term
4 June		First day back at school after the half term holiday
18 June		Class 1 Pedestrian Training (more details to follow nearer the time)
20 June		Moorfield Year 3 transition afternoon
25 June		Class 2 Pedestrian Training (more details to follow nearer the time)
28 June		Shuffle Up Day—when all children are taught by their 2018/19 teacher



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.