



CHURCH ASTON INFANT SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Playground equipment

As a result of the Easter Raffle the Friends of School have bought some fantastic equipment for the children. They unveiled netball/basketball rings and Rainbow sports equipment last week to the children with some Fitness boards to follow. The children have really made the most of the equipment and have had great fun playing with everything. Thank you to the Friends of School for such an amazing fundraising success!

Newport Carnival

We had a fantastic time at the Carnival and won third prize in the walking float category! Thank you to the Friends of School and everyone who took part, helped and supported the event. There are lots of photographs on our website!

Sports Day—Friday 6 July, 1pm to 3pm

This Friday is Sports Day and your family are welcome to join us. The event is expected to take place in the playground, so please feel free to bring a chair with you. Please also be aware that it is expected to be hot and the seating is in full sun so please prepare for the weather. In the unlikely event that it's raining it will take place in the Village Hall. Following the races the Friends of School will be selling Cream Teas and holding a tombola so please stay and join us, please see the attached flyer with more information.

Leavers' Party— Tuesday 17 July, 3pm to 5pm

ALL children in school are invited to join the Year 2 leavers at their party which will take place in school. There will be entertainment from Disco Daddy and a chip shop tea provided by Friends of School! We are assuming that all children are attending the party, however if any child is not going to the party parents must collect them from school at 3pm, all children attending the party must be collected from school promptly at 5pm.

Leavers' Assembly— Friday 20 July, 9.15am to 11am

We hope as many parents and families as possible will be able to join us in school for the Leavers' Assembly to bid a fond farewell to our Year 2 leavers. We will miss all the children and their families and wish the children every success and happiness at their new schools.

Sadly we will also be saying goodbye to Mrs Patrick, Miss Bleazard and, of course, Mrs Cusack at the end of term. We are immensely grateful for all their hard work during their time with us and wish them all the very best for the future.

Newport Show—potato growing competition

We are still growing our potatoes for entry into the Newport Show, you may have noticed them at the front of school by the main entrance. We've got a week or so more of growth before they are taken away for judging. If you're at the show please come along to the judging in the schools tent to see if we can win for a second year! We're also growing courgettes, sweet corn, radishes, broad beans and sunflowers in school. All supporting learning in Science.

End of Term—20 July

The end of the school year is fast approaching so we would like to thank all those parents, families and friends who have supported our school throughout the year, with a special thank you to the Friends of School who have worked so hard for the benefit of all the children. We look forward to seeing you in the Autumn Term which begins on Wednesday 5th September. Have a fantastic Summer!

Parent Interviews—Tuesday 10 July 2018

The timetable for Parent Interviews will be on the classroom doors from 3pm on Wednesday 4 July. Please sign against a time that is convenient for you and we will write and confirm your appointment.

Reception and Year 2 - Early Years and Maths Boxes

Please could all Reception children return their Early Years boxes, and all Year 2 children return their Maths Boxes to school as soon as possible. Please don't worry if an item is missing, we will be able to replace it from our stock. Please ensure your child's name is enclosed with the box. Thank you.

Please note we do not need the Year 1 boxes back, if your child is in Year 1 please keep your Maths Box at home, thank you.

Book Bags

If you have a coloured draw string bags with books and toys in please could you return it to school as soon as possible for stock taking. Thank you

After School Clubs

Registration forms are attached for next term's clubs.

Shropshire Centenary Sculpture

Last year the children wrote the names of World War 1 soldiers who are remembered on the Church Aston war memorial on poppies for the Shropshire Centenary Sculpture.

This has been unveiled and is available to view for free at St Chad's in Shrewsbury up until early August so the organisers would like to encourage you to take the children to see the full scale of the piece they helped create.

St Chad's is open daily 8am - 4pm and welcomes visitors, but if you are making a special journey please contact the church office on 01743 365478 to check that there are no events planned for the church which would restrict access.

Invoices

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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

6 July	1pm to 3pm	Sports Day
10 July		Parent Interviews
10 July		Bags to School collection date
14 July		Newport Show—come and see our potatoes get weighed if you are going to the show!
17 July	3pm to 5pm	Leaver's Party—whole school invited
19 July	3pm to 6pm	Garden Party to say goodbye to Mrs Cusack—all welcome
20 July	9:15am to 11:00am	Leavers Assembly
20 July		Last Day of Term
5 September		First Day of Term 2019/20



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.