

CHURCH LAWTON

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Dear Parent(s) and Carer(s),

Welcome to the final newsletter of this academic year. It has been wonderful to have exchanges with students as we pass in the corridor with glimmers of getting back to some form of normality.

What a year it has been. There have been many reports about the impact around the pandemic and that students have missed not only elements of their education, but also parts of their childhood experiences, plus contact with extended family, especially grandparents. Whilst we are on a path to unlocking many of those restrictions, we are, in school, beginning to look at starting those key transitions back to a sense of the new normal.

Since returning after lockdown students have been supported with our recovery curriculum. Teaching is a relationship-based profession. This has been clearly demonstrated in the response by all the education staff in Church Lawton School, supporting children through face-to-face teaching, online teaching, wellbeing phone calls, therapeutic input and keeping our students safe during the pandemic. We are continuing with fundamental wellbeing and secure positive development of our pupils. Without this focus, there will be outcomes that have true meaning and deep personal value to the child, particularly in terms of their preparation for adulthood. We will continue our planned activities to fit into the five levers of a recovery curriculum, outlined by Barry Carpenter, Professor of Mental Health at Oxford Brookes. Our Recovery Curriculum is built on these 5 Levers. Our mission as teachers will be to maintain the journey with which leads pupils back to their rightful status as a fully engaged learners. Recovery and progress look incredibly promising and we are going to continue with our planned interventions for students.

The school has also managed to recommence our Adventure Learning programme and so far, we have completed experiences in both indoor climbing, gymnastics and swimming. Also, this week, our Secondary students will have experienced mountain biking along the Tissington Trail.

The school's Duke of Edinburgh Award group has been dormant this academic year due to the restrictions around the pandemic. However in September this will be re-launched and led by Mr Biscoe Taylor.

The Sensory field continues to be well used throughout the school week. The installation of the outdoor fitness equipment continues to support our students with lifelong healthy lifestyle attitudes and I am sure the students have been excitedly telling you all about the wonderful things they are doing.

We will be welcoming several new students to the school starting in September and we have already completed transitions for these students over the summer term. The school is also saying goodbye to a number of year 11's and 6th formers who are moving onto specialised and further education colleges and supported apprenticeships. The school is very proud of all that they have achieved, and we wish them all the very best for the future. Our year 10 and 11 students all completed various key skills qualifications, BTECs, GCSE and AS Levels this summer and we applaud their hard work over the course of their studies. We await with eager anticipation for the results. Letters have been sent to parents and students detailing how to collect results.

Welcome from Paul Scales, continued:

With regards to recent changes in government advice relating to bubbles ending, self-isolation and lateral flow testing, we will of course keep you updated accordingly.

Finally, I would like to inform you about Changes to Leadership. Following the recent announcement by Mr Matt Tiplin that he is stepping down as Director of Education the National Autistic Society (NAS) advertised for two interim Directors of Education: one for the Independent Schools and one for NASAT Academy Schools. This was to ensure that all schools continue to have a structure of support, challenge and accountability whilst the NAS recruit a replacement for Mr Tiplin.

Mrs Lorraine Dormand (Principal at Robert Ogden School) has been appointed as the interim Director of Independent Schools and I have been appointed as the Interim Director of NASAT Schools. The appointments started on 1st July. I will continue to be based at Church Lawton School. The interim role is anticipated to conclude by December 2021.

Mrs Woodall will be stepping up into the Interim Principal position and Mrs Clegg will be acting as Interim Head of School.

Paul Scales
Interim Director of NASAT Schools





Here are some of the topics for classes and subjects for the new September 2021 term so you can begin some preparations, research or reading if you wish over the holidays.

Karen Woodall, Interim Principal

Class	Subject and topic area.
Churchill Primary	Topic – Fairy Tales Science – Keeping Healthy and Geography - Maps
Franklin Primary	English- Alternative fairy tales Maths- Place Value and Number Science- Animals Humanities- Geography (Places)
Thompson and Darwin Middle School	Maths – Variety of topics. English - Creative writing History - The Tudors Science - Forces IT – Coding Art - Portraits
English	Gamma & Delta – Hobbies: Reading & writing Non-Fiction Epsilon – News Unit Omega – Leisure: Reading & Writing Non-Fiction Sigma – Writing the World: Reading & Writing Non-Fiction Theta – Functional Skills Level 1 Introduction Pi – Functional Skills Level 2 / GCSE Introduction: Journeys
Science	Secondary Groups: Investigation skills and the core principles of Biology, Chemistry and Physics.
Maths	Gamma – Ratio & Proportion , Expressions & formulae Delta – Number, Geometry and Algebra review Epsilon – Number, Geometry and Algebra review Sigma - Number, Geometry and Algebra review, Fractions and Decimals Omega – Properties of Number, The 4 operations Theta – Fractions, Decimal & Percentages, Estimation with Rounding Pi – Probability, Volume, Quadratics
Food Tech	GCSE – Food, Nutrition and Health BTEC L1 Food Basics BTEC L2 Seasonal foods
Life skills	Quality of life curriculum.
Media Studies	Media Group 1: 2 nd Year Pupils: Making a Film Media Group 2: 1 st Year Pupils: Introduction to Media & Storyboarding
Computer Science	How a computer is built and the parts that are used.
PE	Secondary PE – Net games (badminton/tennis) Middle PE – Invasion games (basketball/netball/football) Primary – Fundamentals
Art and Design.	Year 1 students - unit 1 designing textiles, ceramics, tableware and wall art for a café. Year 2 students - unit 2 - street festivals and unit 3 - theatre showcase.
PSHE Day	Monday 6 th September – Team building activities.
Adventure Learning	Middle and Primary – Swimming. Secondary Adventure Learning, week beg 18 th October – Outdoor activities at forest camp, Sandiway.

Further Information

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School Calendar - Term Dates 2020-2021

Autumn Term, 1st term	Monday 6th September 2021 — Friday 22nd October 2021
Half Term holiday	Monday 25th October 2021 — 29th October 2021
Autumn Term, 2nd term	Monday 1st November 2021—Friday 17th December 2021

IMPORTANT — Please read

Attendance

Please telephone school by 8.30 a.m. ***every morning*** your child is absent, and state the reason for the absence. Where possible, please make any Doctor, Dentist or Medical appointments either before or after school hours. If appointments are during the school day please send in a copy of your appointment card or letter to the school office, thank you.



Personal & Emergency Contacts and Medical Information

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- ♦ telephone numbers
- ♦ emergency contact details
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To receive your order before the start of term please order by 2nd August.

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Teacher

Designated
Safeguarding
Team

What is your child doing online?



ZIP IT

Keep your personal
stuff private and think
about what you say
and do online.



BLOCK IT

Block people who
send nasty messages
and don't open
unknown links and
attachments.



FLAG IT

Flag up with someone
you trust if anything
upsets you or if
someone asks to
meet you offline.

Please check your children's devices often.
This includes consoles and tablets.

Safeguarding



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Friday 9am-5pm

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ADVENTURE LEARNING

For Adventure Learning this half term we have been going to Sandbach Gymnastics. This has been extremely enjoyable for all the students. They have been engaged throughout their sessions and are expanding their strength and core skills to the fullest. Well done to all the students, you are all amazing! This week Secondary pupils enjoyed a trip to the Tissington Trail in Derbyshire.



Churchill

In English we have been using pictures to help us compose and write our own sentences and extending them by using the word 'and'.

In Maths we have been focusing on subtraction using different methods to count back and find the answer to different sums.



In Science we have been learning about plants and growing cycles. Churchill class have looked at parts of a plant and have been planting seeds to watch them grow.



Other subject lessons have included a transport theme in Art & DT, hockey in PE, the Beach in Topic and Clip and Climb in Adventure Learning.

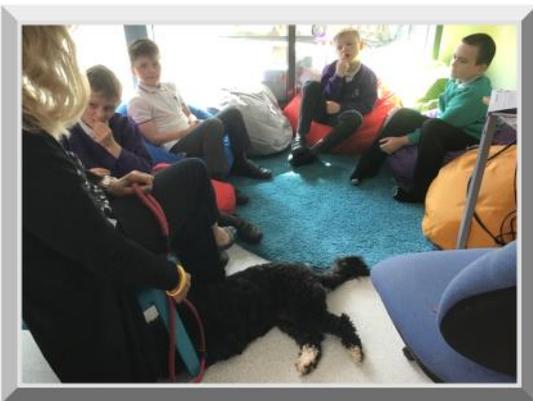


Franklin

In Franklin we have been learning about all different types of animals. We have classified them and identified vertebrates and invertebrates. We have also learnt about how to care for animals.

Everyone in Franklin has enjoyed our animal topic and Mrs Evans has recently added some new chicks to her menagerie at home!

We have all been helping Lottie, our therapy dog, to settle into school and become used to working around us.



We have studied the life cycle of a chicken and even hatched our own chicks in school. We learnt how to hold the chicks safely and practise good hygiene when handling animals.



We have also been caring for caterpillars in our class. We watched the caterpillars grow and become chrysalides before emerging as beautiful butterflies. They have had a real treat in our sensory garden!



Middle School

Thompson, Darwin & Hawking

In Maths, Hawking class have been working on the inverse operations. Thompson and Darwin have been learning about Shapes, Angles, Measurement.

In English this term Middle School have been working on persuasive writing and have continued to look at Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief.

In Food Technology, Middle School have been making their own lunches, they have done a super job, creating sandwiches, their own pasta dish as well as their own fajitas.



In Humanities we have been continuing to learn about Judaism and have now begun to look at Christianity. The children have been to visit All Saints Church where they were able to listen to the Reverend Steve and ask him questions about the Church and Christianity.

Afterwards we enjoyed a short walk and stopped for a picnic.



Middle School

Thompson, Darwin & Hawking

Darwin and Thompson having been separating mixtures in Science.

Hawking have been continuing their Space topic, looking at the phases of the moon, properties of the planets and how they orbit the Sun.

In Creative we have been making swords and shields to compliment the work we have been doing on Percy Jackson.

Middle School enjoyed their Sports Day, despite the drizzle! There were a variety of activities for everyone and fun was had by all! Well done everyone!

The children have also been visiting their new classes in readiness for September.

Wishing you all a lovely summer holiday, from Middle School.



Summer Holiday Activity for all the family Brereton Bear Treasure Hunt

Walk or drive around Brereton and see if you can find all the bears. Hidden in gardens, porches, windows, on fences or up trees, any place that can be seen from the road. There are over 130 to find! You have the whole summer holidays to find them. Entry forms are available for £5 per family from a variety of places in Brereton or from Mrs Woodall before the end of term.



Cadbury Form

Despite spending more time on Google Classroom this term, the students have coped well with the disruptions.

In our form we have spent a good amount of time listening to our students and working with them. Between us we have created a quiet sensory room to allow our form to feel at ease and comfortable within themselves and their surroundings. We've invested in a light tube, a light box, rugs, slouch body beanbags, and lots of weighted items. We're thrilled with our ever growing sensory room and the uniqueness we are discovering.

In **German** we have been consolidating our knowledge of the language and key comprehension and phrases.

In **Life Skills** Gamma and Delta groups have been looking at independent skills such as how to sew on a button; a useful way of extending the life of a favourite item of clothing. Some students also made a favourite character out of material and sewed buttons on as decoration.

In **Science** the Gamma and Delta groups have been learning about sound and light and recapping on their learning for the year.

English – Delta has almost finished reading the book 'Treasure Island' and discussed their interpretation of the story and the characters.

Gamma have been working on their comprehension skills and enjoyed an article about some cows who wandered into a village in Wales!

In **Geography** we have moved on to learning about climate change. Students have shown good understanding of the greenhouse effect and researched different areas of the world which have been affected by climate change already.

We enjoyed our recent Rainbow Pride festival and dressed up in rainbow colours. Activities included tie dye, face painting, drumming and rainbow baking.



Gardening club has continued this term. We've grown our own fruits and vegetables in our wonderful sensory garden, students have actively participated to prune, water and nurture our produce. Students now see and have tasted the rewards of our labour and we continue to encourage their green hands daily.





Attenborough



This term our students have been to 'Click & Climb' and enjoyed a full day of Adventure Learning. It was so amazing to see their skills develop over the course of the day and watch them having fun on the Death Drop Slide!



On 'Sports Day', our students have completed 8 challenges, such as relay, golf, football, javelin and so on. It was great fun to watch and cheer for them. Beside the sports, they also enjoyed a day of fine weather outdoors.



Every student in Attenborough has participated our 'Pride Day' and embracing the differences in genders in our world.

They enjoyed different activities and had a fantastic day!



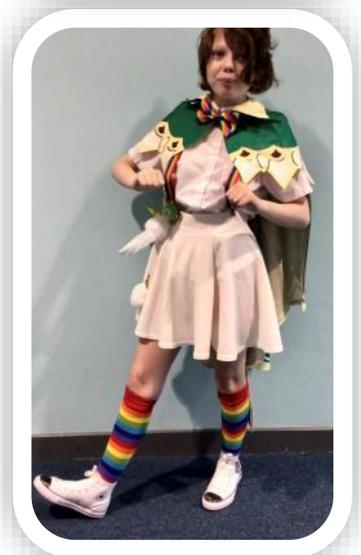
During this half term, in science, our students have learned about colours and light. They have enjoyed experimenting in this area.

Matthews

It's been another interesting half term for Matthews. The students have spent a good proportion of it home learning. Despite this, we have managed to fit in quite a lot recently. Everyone has got stuck to Adventure Learning and this month we have seen some great sporting prowess on the sports day. Everyone had a good go at most of the events and got some impressive scores in the obstacle course, the javelin and the basketball to name a few.

We recently took part in the school's first Rainbow Pride Day. We enjoyed a picnic and took part in some different events such as nail painting, garden games and biscuit decorating. It has been nice to do some things that can relieve a bit of the stress of the past year.

As we wind up this year and start to look to the future, I can say that every member of Matthews has been fantastic and have shown so much growth and character. They will have new challenges ahead as some start to focus on their KS4 subjects and futures which I'm sure will be bright and exciting.



BRANSON

With the end of the year drawing close, Branson class is winding down for a well deserved summer holiday. Lessons have finished this academic year for those attending courses at Reaseheath College. Students have learnt a great deal and have thoroughly enjoyed attending.

Don't forget the beautiful pottery and cooking skills done in BTech

On Monday the 28 June, Secondary pupils delighted in a long awaited sports day, challenging each other for points for their house teams: **Orion**, **Aquila**, **Draco** and **Hydra**. Activities involved hockey, golf, basketball, long jump, javelin, relay race, obstacle course and football.

Branson staff would like to wish the all the pupils a happy and relaxing summer holiday and we look forward to seeing them all back here in September.





Newton

After making their way through what has to be one of the most unusual academic years, Newton pupils will be moving on to their new forms and next destinations.

We are extremely proud of how hard the pupils in Year 11 have worked towards building their GCSE evidence folders, sitting exams and completing assessments during these very strange times. They have all applied themselves well and risen to the challenges this year has presented.

We have said goodbye to Lara, Grace and Charlotte who are now enjoying a well-earned study leave before moving on to their further education placements. Ethan and Ollie will be moving onto to the sixth form and Taylor will be leaving us at the end of the term to go to college. We wish them all the very best with their next steps!

Meanwhile, Alfie and Josh, who are in Year 10, are continuing with their exam preparation studies and ready to go to their new forms next year.

We all really enjoyed the Rainbow Pride Day where we were able to relax and celebrate diversity.

Ollie and Ethan have been working on interesting presentations for Science this term and selected really interesting topics to tell others about: Science in Science Fiction Films and the Mandalorian Language. Alfie has made a fantastic effort with his Geography work on Tectonic Hazards and has been very self-motivated in investigating case studies. Josh is focusing on his creative options in Art and Design.

Well done Newton Form! Thank you for all your hard work and good luck to everyone for next year.



AUSTEN!



Wow! What a busy term this has been!
 We can't believe it is the end of the school year already!
 But we are looking forward to the rest.

This half term we have focused on completing our work to help us to achieve the grades we need for our next steps. Everyone has put in a tremendous amount of effort, and even though it has been hard, we are hoping that everyone is happy with what they have achieved!

Students have continued with their work experience and have gained some lifelong skills to support them on their journey after Church Lawton School.

Alfie, Callum & Ellie



We raised £120 towards our Prom when we sold our goods at Alsager Market!



Elsewhere in school we have had many different events keeping us busy between our studies including Rainbow Pride Day and Sports Day.





Ingredients	
1 onion	600g sweet potatoes
1tsp oil	1tsp thyme
Ginger	2tbsp tomato puree
1tsp all spice	2 tsp caster sugar
1tsp Coriander	1 red pepper
1tsp chilli powder/paprika	300g black eyed beans
50g creamed coconut	

BTEC's Recipe of the term!

CARIBBEAN CURRY!

Method:

1. Peel and dice your sweet potatoes – put into a bowl
2. Peel and dice your onion & pepper - put into a separate bowl
3. Peel and grate your ginger.
4. Heat a tsp of oil into your wok then add your onion and pepper.
5. Cook for 5 minutes until softened.
6. Add the spices, and stir into the onions for about 1 minute
7. Add the potatoes, stock, thyme, tomato puree, sugar, and leave to simmer for about 10 minutes.
8. Add the potatoes, stock, thyme, tomato puree, sugar, and leave to simmer for about 10 minutes.
9. Now add your black eyed beans, coconut and leave to simmer for another 10 minutes or until the potatoes are soft and the coconut has dissolved.





GOLDEN SUMMER

HOLIDAY CLUBS

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