

CHURCH LAWTON

December 2020

Church Lawton School, Cherry Tree Avenue, Church Lawton, Stoke-on-Trent, Staffordshire. ST7 3EL
Email: admin@naschurchlawton.cheshire.sch.uk | T: 01270 877601
Principal: Mr Paul Scales

Well as we draw to a close on a very different year, we reflect on the busy Winter Term. The school has been busy ensuring students had an initial baseline assessment on their return to school. The results were very mixed and not unlike what we were expecting. Some students found working at home difficult during the National Lockdown from March and others less so. This really did fit in with both the national picture reported by many teachers and also highlighted by OFTSED in their National Report following their visits to a number of schools, nationally.

As discussed with you all before we broke up for the summer, we proposed focusing on core subjects and ensuring students had access to wellbeing as part of our recovery curriculum. I would be very naive if I suggested that by December all students had caught up and everything was fine. However, I am pleased to report that students' attitudes to learning have been excellent, largely thanks to the hard work of teachers and support staff, and the support of parents and families. Trends are very much upwards in terms of those core subjects and we are looking forward to the hard work continuing as we move into the New Year.

Sadly, a number of whole school activities have had to be postponed or cancelled and our annual MacMillan coffee morning and Christmas fayre could not take place in the same way as usual. We genuinely missed you all during these important whole school events. Fortunately, we have still been able to hold some smaller activities in school for both of these events, but they were much scaled back to reduce the risk of Covid19 and maintain bubble and school integrity. Despite everything, we still managed to raise £114.90 for MacMillan and almost £500 for the school through Christmas fundraising.

We hope to be able to welcome you all back into school to celebrate some events later next year following the roll-out of the COVID vaccine.

Our adventure learning programme has been able to continue, albeit on site. Students have been completing bushcraft skills this term with both primary and middle bubble enjoying these fantastic activities and we had a climbing wall brought to site for Secondary students.

Adventure learning next term will take place at Clip and Climb, where previously we have seen some amazing progress made by the students in relation to overcoming personal challenges and demonstrating to both staff and students that they have the courage and determination to succeed.

We have our largest group of year 10 students attending key stage 4 courses at Reaseheath College and the reports from both supporting staff and the college lecturers, are extremely positive with students raising to the challenge of very different environments and expectations. These courses range from equine care to motor mechanics.

We have welcomed some new staff to the school this term. Rebecca Timms and Dr Eddleston have joined our Multiagency support team as our new Assistant Psychologist and Education Psychologist and we have appointed several new learning mentors: Arianna Hardey, Li-Hua Granville, Meg Tomlinson, Melanie Bowles and Sweetness Lovelock.

We are sadly saying goodbye to Mrs Sara Evans who has decided she is going to retire from full time teaching. I know that the students that she has taught have most definitely benefitted from their time in her classroom and that we as a

school will very much miss her. Sara will still be coming into school after Christmas to support the recovery curriculum, but this will be on a part time basis. The new class teacher for Hawking class will be Sarah Lilley.

We also say a sad farewell to Mr Neil Burton, our Maintenance Operative. We will all miss Neil's good humour and anecdotes and wish him all the very best for a happy and healthy retirement.

As we move into the New Year we will remain with the challenges of coughs and colds and I will take this opportunity to remind you all of the following:



What to do if your child develops symptoms of COVID 19

If your child develops symptoms of COVID-19, they must not come to school and should remain at home for at least 10 days from the date when their symptoms appeared. Anyone with symptoms will be eligible for testing and this can be arranged via https://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test or by calling 119.

Symptoms

The most common symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of:

- 1. a new continuous cough
- 2. a high temperature
- 3. a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

For most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness.

If your child does develop symptoms, you can seek advice from the nhs.uk website at <a href="https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/check-if-you-have-covid-19/check-if-you-have-covid-19/check-if-you-have-covid-19/check-if-you-have-covid-19/check-if-you-have-covid-19/check-if-you-have-covid-19/check-if-you-have-covid-19/check-if-you-have-covid-19/check-if-

How to stop COVID-19 spreading

There are things you can do to help reduce the risk of you and anyone you live with getting ill with COVID-19

Do

- 1. wash your hands with soap and water often do this for at least 20 seconds
- 2. use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available
- 3. wash your hands as soon as you get home
- 4. cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze
- 5. put used tissues in the bin immediately and wash your hands afterwards Further Information

Further information is available at https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/

Can I remind parents and carers that if your child has to self-isolate due to Covid19 Symptoms that Class and Subject teachers will ensure appropriate materials are uploaded onto Google Classroom. All students have a Google Classroom log in and have been accessing and using Google Education Suite at School. Should you have any problems please email admin@naschurchlawton.cheshire.sch.uk

Wishing you all a restful and peaceful Christmas.

Paul Scales - Principal Church Lawton School





Here are some of the topics for each class for after the Christmas holidays so you can begin some preparations, research or visits to the library if you wish over the holidays.

Karen Woodall, Deputy Principal.

Class	Subject and topic area.
Churchill and Franklin Primary	Topic – Space and Aliens. Science – Space, planets and the moon. Geography – Countries and Continents, food tasting. Art and DT – Space and Alien theme.
Hawking Middle School	English - Information text. Understanding hidden meanings in text poetry. Letters and Diaries. Stories with dilemmas. Maths - Number and place value. Addition and subtraction. Word problem solving. Multiplication, Division and Problem solving. Fractions. Science - Evolution and Adaptions, Ecosystems, Evolution environmental, inheritance old age and working scientifically. History - Non-European History - Mayan and Aztec Civilisation, Calendar, Chechen Itza RE - Religious Texts and art
Thompson and Darwin Middle School	Maths Number- factors and products; Geometry-shapes, lines and angles, Algebra English- poetry, Shakespeare, play-scripts Geography- Earth Science- Our Planet, Movement ICT- databases, basic programming (Python/Java)
English	Gamma, Delta & Omega - Entry Level Unit on Detectives & The Ballad of Lefty & Ned Theta - Functional skills Reading and writing based on Animal care & welfare. Pi – GCSE Paper 2 English Literature - Macbeth.
Science	Delta – Respiration, Earths Resources and Evolution Gamma – Metals and Non Metals – Acids and Alkalis Pi – Exam Technique Practise – Ecology Theta – Cell Biology – Organisation of the body Omega – Cell Biology – Organisation of the body
Maths	Gamma – Measures and Area Delta – Volume and Surface Area, Functions and Graphs Omega – Geometry, Statistics Theta – Sequences, Area and Perimeter Pi – Quadratic Equations, Solving Inequalities, Simultaneous Equations
Food Tech	GCSE Food – High Level Skills and NEA begins. BTEC Food – Cuisines from Around the world Gamma/Delta – Home cooked comforts.
Life skills	Delta & Gamma: Money and budgets.
Media Studies	Animation Project & Personal Progression Planning
Computer Science	Refresher on computer systems and an introduction Algorithms and Programming ready for the entry level papers.



Here are some of the topics for each class for after the February Half term holidays so you can begin some preparations, research or visits to the library if you wish over the holidays.

Karen Woodall, Head Teacher

Class	Subject and topic area.	
Careers	Personal finance and budgeting	
Modern Foreign Languages.	Language to talk about and describe our school and our school day. Describe what we normally do and what we have done in the past, using the past tense and extending our opinions.	
RE	Buddhism	
Art, Craft and Design.	Working on a project brief, creating a range of design ideas for textiles. Producing a portfolio of sketches and developing this work to create a final outcome.	
PSHE Day	Middle school – Tuesday 5 th January – Well-being focus – All about me. Secondary Friday 8 th January. Matthews, Cadbury and Branson - Relationships & Sex Education. Austen and Newton - Well-being focus, feeling positive.	
Adventure Learning	Middle school – Thursday mornings and Primary – Thursday afternoons – Clip 'n' climb indoor climbing centre. Secondary – Clip 'n' climb indoor climbing centre. Cadbury and Matthews - Wednesday 10 th February 2021 Branson, Newton and Austen - Friday 23 rd October 2021	
PSHE Day	Monday 2 nd November Austen, Pi, Theta and Omega - Relationships & Sex Education. Delta, Gamma and Middle school - Online safety and relationships.	
Adventure Learning	Middle school – Thursday mornings and Primary – Thursday afternoons – Outdoor adventure at school with challenge 4 change. Secondary – Friday 23 rd October 2020 and Tuesday 15 th December – Outdoor adventure activity days at school with Challenge 4 Change.	

Future Dates for your diary

Spring Term Dates

Virtual Primary, Middle school & secondary parents' meetings via Microsoft Teams or telephone call.	Appointments will be:
	Primary on Monday 29 th March 2021, Middle on Tuesday 30 th March 2021, Secondary on Wednesday 31 st March 2021 and Thurs- day 1 st April 2021.



School Calendar - Term Dates 2020-2021

October Half Term	26th October 2020—30th October 2020
Autumn Term	Monday 2nd November 2020—Friday 18th December 2020, 1.30 p.m.
Christmas Closing	21st December 2020—1st January 2021
Spring Term	Monday 4th January 2021—12th February 2021
Half Term	15th February 2021—19th February 2021
Spring Term	22nd February 2021—1st April 2021
Easter Holidays	2nd April 2021—16th April 2021
Summer Term	19th April 2021—28th May 2021 (Bank holiday 3rd May 2021)
Half Term	31st May 2021—4th June 2021
Summer Term	7th June 2021—16th July 2021

<u>IMPORTANT — Please read</u>

Attendance

Please telephone school by 8.30 a.m. <u>every morning</u> 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

Please keep school up to date with any new:

- email address
- telephone numbers
- emergency contact details
- medical changes
- changes in medication





Further Information

Free School Meals

Even if you're not sure whether you are eligible or not, we urge you to check, as not only will it benefit your child, it also benefits school.



Whichever local authority you reside in, you can check your eligibility by contacting Cheshire East Local Authority:



Email: freeschoolmeals@cheshireeast.gov.uk



Telephone: 0300 123 5012







School Uniform Supplier - Mapac

Our new branded school uniform is now available to order from our provider Mapac. For more information please visit:

- www.mapac.com
- Click Login/Register at the top of the page, then click register. Follow the simple online steps.
- You can telephone them on 01923 255525.
- You can email them at: parentcustomerservices@mapac.net

Please make sure all of your child's uniform is labelled including shoes and bags, thank you.



Key information about our uniform can be found on our website: https://www.autism.org.uk/our-schools/church-lawton/about-us/key-information

Safeguarding



Church Lawton School's Safeguarding Team

We will provide you with details of services in your area, advice and guidance.

If you have any safeguarding concerns please raise them with myself or any other member of the Safeguarding Team on 01270 877601.

Lorraine Clegg

Designated Safeguarding Lead



Carol Arthurs

Designated Safeguarding **Deputy**



Mike Stanton

Safeguarding Governor



Email:

Email: Lorraine.clegg@naschurchlawton.cheshire.sch.uk arthursc@naschurchlawton.cheshire.sch.uk

Email:

Mike.stanton@naschurchlawton.cheshire.sch.uk



Paul Scales Principal Safeguarding Team Telephone: 01270 877601



Kay Stark Teacher Safeguarding Team

Telephone: 01270 877601



Danielle Norris HLTA Safeguarding Team

Telephone: 01270 877601



Rachel Whitehurst Admissions and **SEND Manager**

Safeguarding Team Telephone: 01270 877601

Towards the back of this newsletter you will find lots of useful help line numbers, including Domestic Abuse, Self Harm, Online Safety, Drugs, Housing, and many many more.





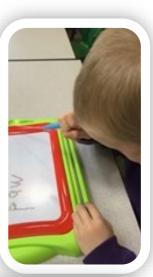
Churchill

In English we have been learning a new RWI (Read, Write, inc. Phonics) set 3 digraphs (2 or 3 letters one sound) each week. We have been reading, writing and spelling words containing the sounds and writing words, lists and sentences using different writing materials.









In maths we have been measuring and comparing size, weight and capacity.

This half term our topic has been Autumn Festivals and we have completed lots of art activities for Bonfire Night, Remembrance and Diwali.









franklin

In Franklin class this half term we have been looking at different versions of nursery rhymes and have completed some fantastic writing for our English display.

In maths we have been doing lots of different things, including place value, shapes and symmetry.







Adventure Learning has been lots of fun. We have enjoyed team building exercises, circus skills and target practice.



Hawking

This half term we have been learning about Vikings. We've looked at how they lived, what they ate and what clothes they wore. The pupils made brilliant fact files. We also made Viking shields, long houses and ships which look amazing.

In maths we have worked hard on our number skills and have been looking at different measuring units. We have also been concentrating on areas and perimeters in compound shapes.





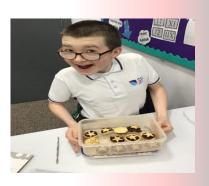






Hawking Class have made some exciting recipes in Food Tech this term: hotdogs; rock cakes; and yummy mince pies.





We also celebrated Children In Need with Pudsey Bear in Class, and with your help we raised £114.90! Thank you.

DARWIN

This half term we have really settled as a class. We have been joined by Charlie and it has been fun developing new relationships. We have been exploring our autism and have had lots of interesting conversations about the world around us and how we interact with it.

In maths this half term we have done a lot of work with fractions, and we can now convert them to decimals and percentages.

When we were adding fractions we learned about lowest common denominators and discovered that it's easier to multiply fractions than add them!

We have also been learning about averages, mode, median, mean and range.

As always food tech is one of our favourite lessons, and this term we have gained lots of new skills. One of our recipes was apple and cinnamon loaf. Everyone had a taste and most of us enjoyed it!

This term we have been using Google Classroom and

discovering how to get the best out of it. The students have helped the staff to explore all the features of the Classroom and had some fun in the process!

In science we have been looking at reproduction in plants. We started by looking at seeds!

In English, we have been looking at non-fiction texts. We looked at fact files and how to structure them with paragraphs and subheadings. Now we have moved on to biographies and auto biographies, it's tricky making them interesting but still factual.













THOMPSON







MATHS

In maths we began the term with measuring and made a paper human skeleton. More recently we have learned how to + - x and \div fractions. We've also found equivalent fractions and common denominators.

ENGLISH

In English the students began by producing a page for their own animal encyclopedia, complete with technical words and subject specific vocabulary; some also included a supporting labelled diagram. We then moved onto the biographies of famous people as well as writing our own auto-biographies.

SCIENCE

Science this term has included the study of flowering plants; germination; reproduction; and seed dispersal. We even tried to grow our own seeds under different environmental conditions. We were amazed to see a shoot form from a seed that had simply been placed in a cup of water and sat on top of a radiator for 5 days. We have now moved onto animal adaptations. How do polar bears survive in the Arctic? Why do camels have humps?

HISTORY

In the last newsletter there was a picture of the amazing tapestry that the children produced re-telling the Battle of Hastings in 1066. Since then we have learned how William I kept control through a feudal system, castles and the Domesday Book. We even made our own page for the book and stained it with tea to make it look old and authentic.



ADVENTURE LEARNING

This term, Thompson have been taking part in Adventure Learning on our own sensory field. They have been learning how to build different types of shelters as well as having fun learning a variety of circus skills!







We really have had a great first term (not even a pandemic can stop the mighty Thompson Team) and we have lots more planned for 2021. For now, all the staff wish all the children and their families a very Merry Christmas!



Matthews

This half term has been very busy for Matthews. All of our students are getting really stuck in to their subjects and are beginning to show what they can do. We have seen some excellent creative writing skills, some delicious cooking and interesting presentations in lots of different subjects.

One of the highlights has been the adventure learning sessions. Students have learnt some circus skills and developed some hilarious routines. Team building and archery were also big hits with the students.

In the build up to Christmas we have been getting a bit festive and ready for some more musical renditions of Christmas songs for our assembly and party in the last week. This will be a lot of fun for all involved and I hope they will bring home the stories of how we get on.















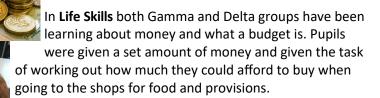


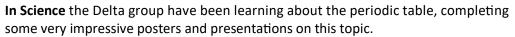


Eadbury Form

The second half of this term has been equally busy in Cadbury.

In **German** we have been looking at the topic of school, learning language about school subjects and our opinions. We enjoyed a festive lesson learning all about traditions at Christmas in Germany and made our very own traditional German style gingerbread houses.





Gamma group have been learning sound and made their own musical instruments which had to produce at least three different tones. A musical rendition was performed by several inventors . I'm not sure who enjoyed it more, the teachers or the pupils!

English – Gamma group have been studying Beowulf as part of their Myths & Legends unit. Meanwhile the Delta group have been studying a Gothic Horror unit and classics tasters in The Masque of the Red Death & Dracula.

Gamma pupils are also polishing up on their spelling, grammar and punctuation skills with Mrs Davies once a week.

Geography – The pupils have been learning about urbanisation and the effect of the Industrial Revolution on Manchester. Pupils wrote some brilliant 'dear diary' entries through the eyes of a child. Pupils had to imagine what it was like to work in a cotton mill and live in overcrowded slums of Manchester. There were some very descriptive pieces.





Creative Sessions – This term the students have been taking part in Christmas crafts, drumming and team building. Team building games have been based on the popular programme I'm a celebrity get me out of here!' but re-named I'm a Church Lawton Pupil get me out of here!' The bush Tucker trial was a particular favourite! Drumming has been as popular as ever.

We have also enjoyed getting into the Christmas spirit as a form and decorating the classroom and recording our very own cracker jokes.



Newdon



Newton form have had a busy and demanding term as they have all been working hard across their qualification subjects. There has been some fantastic work being completed in the options subjects which really deserve a mention.

There has been some very creative and accomplished work going on in the Art, Craft & Design BTEC where both Lara and Taylor have been working on creating and making clay pieces. Taylor has made a National Trust leaf design Noughts and Crosses game whist Lara has made a tea pot.

Ethan and Taylor have been working on creating computer games in ICT which, as you can imagine, has been a great topic for them to work on. Taylor is really producing some impressive work making his game, designing his own characters and developing a narrative.

Meanwhile in Media Studies, Ethan has been working on an animation unit using stop motion and layering sound using Garage Band software. Look out for his robot wars animation on the school Facebook page!

Grace has been cooking up some wonderful food for the GCSE food and recently made some tasty choux pastry buns. In BTEC PE, she has been doing well and creating an individual fitness plan based on Rugby.

Charlotte is putting a lot of effort into her Equine course at Reaseheath College developing practical skills in looking after and tacking up horses. Lara has successfully completed her first topic on School for her FCSE French course.

Our PSHE topic to start the term off was learning about different relationships, the legal status of marriage and contraception. Whilst they may not have totally enjoyed all aspects of the day, I'm pleased to say that there was some good discussions about different aspects of marriage.









BRANSON

It's been a busy half term for Branson class. Our students have thoroughly enjoyed going to Reaseheath College. They are participating in various courses: equine; construction; mechanics; and animal management. Here is one of our students, Adam, on his construction course. Great job!

In Careers Branson have been learning about different career options. They have had a meeting with Siemens Construction via Zoom and they have been designing their own





catapults and showing the Siemens Construction Team how well their creations have worked. Some of the other career options that have been presented to Branson class included being a Disc Jockey! They were shown how you mix some great tunes together, all the students loved this session.

Others sessions have included:

Police Officer - This grabbed everyone's attention and the students came up with some great questions.

Cat Protection - Branson enjoyed this session and interacted brilliantly.

BuildBase - We had to show some database skills by putting the stock on the database.









What a term! We can't believe it's December already!! There has been lots of fun in Austen. We have enjoyed Decorating the form room with lots of tinsel, foil and other shiny Christmas decorations. We've really got into the spirit. In our lessons we have been working hard and getting ready for a well earned rest over Christmas. Here are some of the things we have been doing this half term.



HELPLINES' DIRECTORY

Addiction	
Children of Addicted Parents and People (COAP) National Association for Children of Alcoholics Young People and Gambling	0800 358 3456
Bereavement	
Child Bereavement Network Child Death Helpline Childhood Bereavement Network Cruse Bereavement Care Grief Encounter Hope Again Winston's Wish	0800 282 986 020 7843 6309 0808 808 1677 . via website only 0808 808 1677
Bullying	
Anti-bullying alliance Bullying UK Ditch The Label	via website only
Cancer	
Macmillan Cancer Support	0808 808 00 00
Children of Prisoners	
National Information Centre on Children of Offenders National Prisoners' Families Helpline	,
Children Missing	
Runaway Helpline	116 000
Children's Charities	
Action for Children Barnardos Childline Children's Society NSPCC	. via website only 0800 1111 . via website only
Helplines Directory - February 2019.docx	Page 1

www.safeguardinginschools.co.uk

Counselling
British Association for Counselling and Psychotherapy via website only
Crime
Crime Stoppers
Domestic Abuse
Galop (LGBT) 0800 999 5428 National Domestic Violence Helpline 0808 2000 247 Refuge 0808 2000 247
Drugs
Talk to Frank via website only
Faith
Muslim Youth Helpline
FGM
Africans Unite Against Child Abuse via website only Daughters of Eve via website only Forward UK 0208 960 4000 NSPCC FGM Helpline 0800 028 3550
Forced Marriage
Karma Nirvana0800 5999 247
Housing
Shelter
LGBT
Stonewall
Helplines Directory - February 2019.docx Page 2

Looked After Young People Mental Health Anna Freud National Centre for Children & Families...... via website only Charlie Waller Memorial Trustvia website only HeadMeds via website only Heads Together via website only Kooth via website only Mentally Healthy Schoolsvia website only MindEd for Families via website only National Self Harm Network via website only OCD-UK......via website only Papyrus (Suicide support) via website only Rethink Mental Illness.......via website only Selfharm UK via website only The Royal College of Psychiatrists via website only Young Minds via website only Migrant Children Online Safety Child Exploitation Online Protection Centre.......via website only Net-Aware via website only Safer Internet via website only Think U Knowvia website only

Helplines Directory - February 2019.docx

www.safeguardinginschools.co.uk

Parent Support
Parent Line Plus
Self-Harm
Harmless
Sexual Abuse
MOSAC (Mothers of Sexually Abused Children)
Sexual Health
Check Your Bits (Chlamydia Testing)
Staff Support
Education Support Partnership08000 562 561
Transgender
Gires
Whistleblowing
NSPCC Whistleblowing Helpline