

CHURCH LAWTON

April 2021

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First of all I would like to say a huge thank you for your patience, perseverance and support throughout this very difficult time. It has been a herculean effort from all of us to get to this stable position. School is once again fully open and with your help we have achieved well beyond our expectations.

There is much to celebrate from a school's perspective. Student timetables are now running as normally as possible. The school is continuing to use the three bubbles system and ensuring that we continue to follow excellent Covid secure practices. At the start of the new term we safely organised lateral flow tests for all staff and secondary aged students and I would like to thank everyone in the testing team who made this happen: Mrs Woodall, Mrs Edge, Mrs Condliffe, Mr Carosy, Mrs Hardey, Mr Asprey, Mrs Nicklin and Mrs Lovelock.

By now parents and carers of our secondary aged students should have received home testing kits. Please can I remind you to keep reporting the results twice weekly on each Tuesday and Friday. All our staff are also actively involved in this process and this will ultimately keep our school safe and secure. We will continue to send out these homes testing kits to all families who have provided consent. If you have yet to receive a kit, please do not hesitate to contact school using our dedicated Covid email address to let us know -

covid@churchlawtonschool.org

Lifting of National Restriction's

The lifting of some national restriction over the Easter Holidays will also allow the school to begin using wider local community facilities. This will provide our students with important experiences which are vital in keeping our student's education both wide ranging and stimulating. The school will continue to make sure that we take all the necessary and appropriate precautions to make these visits enjoyable and Covid safe.

Mock Exams

Next term will see our Year 10, 11, 12 and 13 students continue with their studies and revision programmes for their mock GCSE exams. As you can imagine this can be a period which leads to some anxiety and worries. Staff are working very hard to ensure that students have appropriate preparation and support during this period. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you require any further information.

How qualifications will be awarded 2021

As a result of the disruption to the education of students caused by the Covid-19 pandemic, the government cancelled summer 2021 exams, replacing them with teacher assessed grades. On our website you will find information from OFQUAL about how grades and qualifications will be awarded this summer.

Please remember

As we move into the new summer term with the changes and challenges of restrictions being lifted, I will take this opportunity to remind you all of the following:

Please see overleaf

Welcome from Paul Scales, continued:

What to do if your child develops symptoms of COVID 19

If you or 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 the 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 <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/check-if-you-have-coronavirussymptoms/>. If you are concerned about your child's symptoms, or they are worsening you can seek advice from NHS 111 at <https://111.nhs.uk/> or by phoning 111.

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 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

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy Easter and hope you have a restful and relaxing break. We look forward to seeing you back on **Monday 19th April 2021**.

Paul Scales
Principal





You have helped us raise over £400 in our Easter raffle!! A huge thank you to you all. Your generosity and support means a great deal to us. Funds will be split between Comic Relief and school. Happy Easter everyone!



School Calendar - Term Dates 2020-2021

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

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

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.

ARE YOU ELIGIBLE?

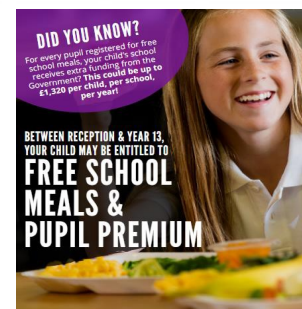
Whichever local authority you reside in, you can check your eligibility by contacting Cheshire East Local Authority:



Email: freeschoolmeals@cheshireeast.gov.uk



Telephone: 0300 123 5012



Find out if you are eligible:
Visit www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/FSM
or call 0300 123 5012
(quoting FSM2019)



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



SAFEGUARDING AT CHURCH LAWTON SCHOOL
Safeguarding DSL - lorraine.clegg@naschurchlawton.sch.uk



Lorraine Clegg
Assistant Head &
Staff Governor

Designated
Safeguarding
Lead



Carol Arthurs
HLTA

Designated
Safeguarding Deputy



Mike Stanton
Chair of Governors

Safeguarding
Governor



Paul Scales
Principal

Designated
Safeguarding Team



Kay Stark
Teacher

Designated
Safeguarding Team



Danielle Norris
HLTA

Designated
Safeguarding Team



Rachel Whitehurst
Admissions and
SEND Manager

Designated
Safeguarding Team

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 more.

need help?

The Cheshire East Parent/Carer Forum has some really interesting information and the Parents helpline could be particularly useful. <http://cepcf.org/category/news/>



A short breaks timetable, showing activities and which days they are on etc:
<https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/pdf/livewell/short-break-timetable.pdf>

A link for autism support in Stoke-on-Trent

<https://www.autismlinks.co.uk/support-groups/group-support-west-midlands/stoke-on-trent-city-parent-partnership-service?region=>

A forum for Stoke families <https://vast.org.uk/stoke-parent-carer-forum/>

Churchill

In English we are concentrating on split digraphs and revisiting some of our previous 2 and 3 digraph sounds. We have done this by writing sentences.



In Maths we have been working with money, identifying the different coins up to £2 and having fun buying items in our role play shop.



In Science this half term we have been focusing on forces and we have enjoyed practical lessons exploring this.

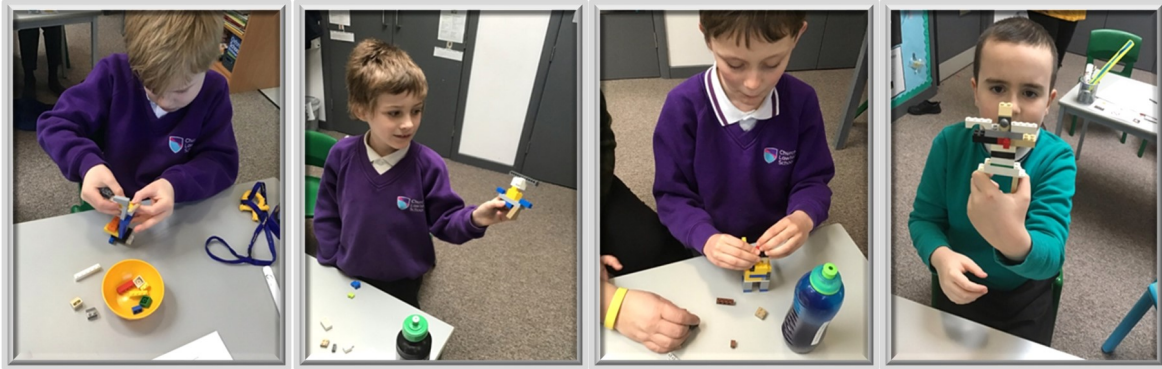


Our art work has been inspired by Spring and Spring festivals.

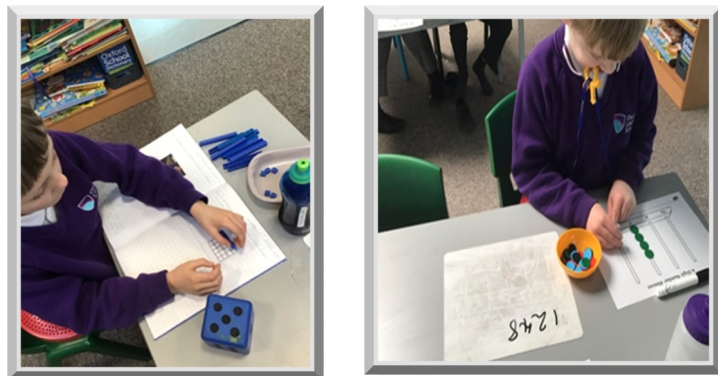


Franklin

We are learning about The Iron Man in English and have been working on some fantastic descriptive writing. We have also made our own iron men using Lego. We then wrote about how we made them.



The boys have all worked really hard in maths. They have been looking at place value and different ways of recording numbers.



Everyone looked amazing for World Book Day.



Science has been lots of fun. We have been learning about forces. We have completed some amazing experiments and everyone was able to make some great predictions on what would happen. We also enjoyed finding materials that would cause friction on our race track.

Middle School

Thompson, Darwin & Hawking

In English we have been learning about poems and creating some of our own. We have also looked at William Shakespeare, where he was born, his personal life and works. The children have explored a variety of work



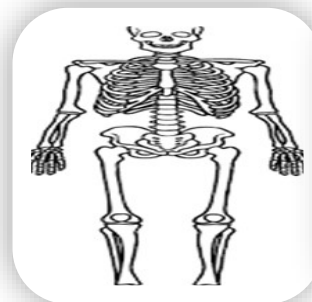
Middle school had their first ever 'Big Bake Off' this half term and made some amazing sweet treats! Everyone had a great time!



In Maths, Hawking class have been learning how to partition numbers and place values. Thompson and Darwin class have been introduced to calculators and have been concentrating on ratio and proportion.

We have some great musicians in middle school. Our weekly drumming sessions have enabled everyone to improve their skills further.

In Science, middle school have been looking at the environment and different types of pollution. Thompson and Darwin are now studying the human body. They are learning about muscles and how the body moves.



Middle School

Thompson, Darwin & Hawking

Last week we took part in a Conductive Music Workshop. The workshop was run by the Love Music Trust and mixed music with science. It was really interesting and everyone had such a great time.

In food technology, we have been recreating some exciting recipes like smoothies, pitta pockets, apple crumble and tomato soup.



Matthews

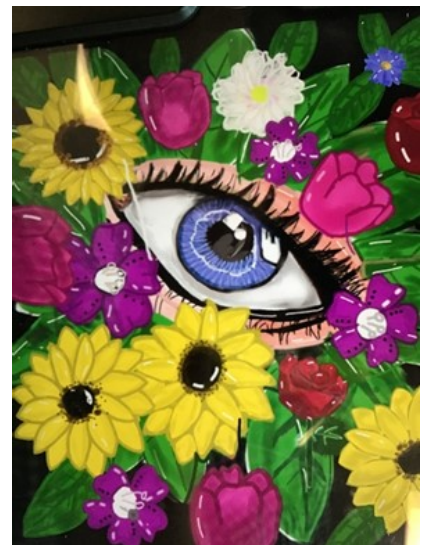
The students have been using the new science classroom to conduct experiments. We have dissected pig hearts to learn about the cardiovascular system, burned food to discover its energy potential and even tried to power electrical appliances using fruit and vegetables.



This term, we have been enjoying food technology. Our students made some super tasty sausage rolls, apple crumbles and pasta bakes. They have also learnt vital kitchen skills.

Many of our students in Matthews will be choosing their options this term in readiness for their GCSEs. If you have any questions or queries, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Our students have been getting creative this term. In our creative sessions, we have been gardening on the sensory field and engaging in all kinds of art and music. The students are using the time to utilise many different artistic skills, including sculpture, painting, sketching, piano/ guitar and Anime.



Cadbury Form

Post Lockdown Learning in Cadbury. It has been wonderful to welcome our students back into Cadbury after this term's lockdown. The students have done really well to adjust back into school life despite such a long time away from the classroom.

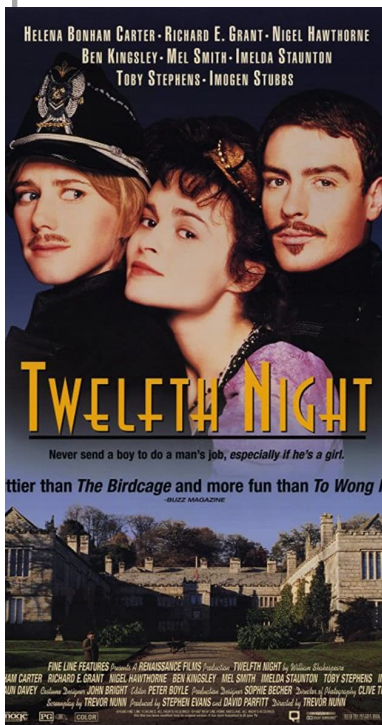
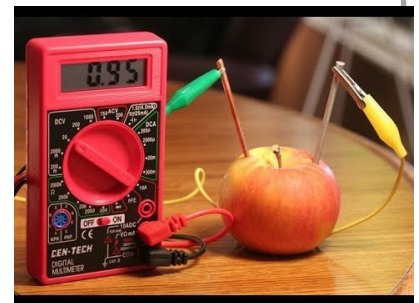
Lessons have resumed as normal, but allowances have been made to give students the chance to catch up and get used to being back in the class alongside their peers.



Cadbury had fun for World Book Day, dressing up as our favourite book characters. I think the staff enjoyed themselves even more than the pupils when they dressed up as characters out of 'Alice in Wonderland'! In German it has been nice to have everybody back in class. We have been learning how to talk about our hobbies and interests. We have also been focusing on listening skills this half term.

In Life Skills Gamma and Delta groups have been looking at social skills, such as how to have a conversation and how to deal with change. Students are given time and space to discuss their feelings and opinions around these topics.

In Science, the Delta group have been continuing to learn about aerobic and anaerobic respiration. Whilst Gamma group have been learning about voltage and resistance. They enjoyed taking part in experiments, taking electric readings of fruit and vegetables! (oranges had the highest reading and apples were the lowest)



English – Gamma are writing about detectives, using report writing. They are also preparing a presentation on healthy eating in order to improve their speaking and listening skills.

Delta have started to study Shakespeare. This term they are studying 'Twelfth Night' and have watched a film to introduce them to this topic.

Geography – The pupils have been consolidating their learning with regard to the coast and how water shapes our coastal landscape. We have looked at the coastal town of Happisburgh and how houses have been falling into the sea due to coastal erosion.

Maths – Students continue to show their skills in TTRockstars Maths challenges on a Friday as well as participating in their daily Maths lessons. We have some amazing mathematicians in our form!



Newton

It has been fantastic to see the Newton Pupils return to school and catch up with friends again. However, this has also presented some challenges as it is once again a big change and we are all getting used to the noise and bustle around school once more.

First of all, congratulations to Lara and Taylor, who passed their Functional Skills English Level 2. Grace, Taylor and Lara are all really pulling out the stops and making good progress with their GCSE work folders. Ollie, Ethan and Charlotte are also working hard on producing their evidence work so that teachers will be able to assess how well they have all done later on this year.

Year 11 of pupils will be sitting their mock exams in April starting on the 26th so this will involve all of the Newton Form. It is important that whilst pupils need to work hard to prepare for their exams, we also need to remember that the mocks are just part of our grades overview and teachers will also be using work from over the past two years to inform the final grade decisions.

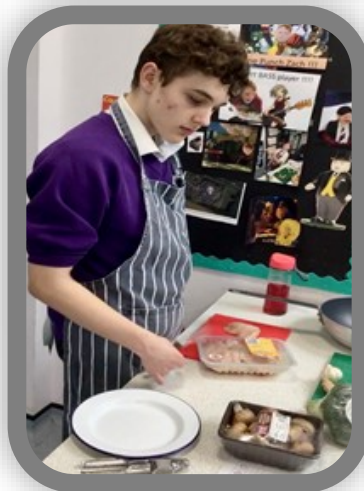
It would be wonderful to describe a range of exciting things that Newton pupils have been involved in during the past two weeks but the focus has mainly been centred on exam and assessment based work. However, there has been a developing interest in cooking and some pupils have enjoyed making some exciting things to eat. Lara made some spectacular sausage rolls which we were allowed to look at and some of the boys have been watching some rather interesting and unusual Slavic cooking videos.

On a more serious note, this may feel like a stressful time for Year 11 pupils who are experiencing a very unusual exam year and also having to consider significant changes in the months ahead. I hope that Newton pupils will use their Easter break to take time to relax and be peaceful. It would be a good idea to spend some time on past times that are relaxing such as reading, drawing, creative writing, getting out for walks or whatever helps to switch off from worries and stress. As the weather is getting warmer, we will have some fun things to do in the Summer Term and we have a Prom to plan. Have a wonderful Easter!



BRANSON

Branson pupils have come back to class in full swing after lockdown. They have been very busy cooking in BTEC, catching up on Maths and English and learning a lot of new topics in Science, including transpiration in plants and quantitative chemistry.



In media, the pupils have been adding sound to video clips.

In Careers they have been looking at different job opportunities. The Reaseheath group have made tremendous progress in their different courses.





AUSTEN CLASS



We have only been back in school for a short time but it has been jam packed full of exciting things and we have fully embraced being back in school. Austen Class would like to share with you some of the wonderful work we have been completing.



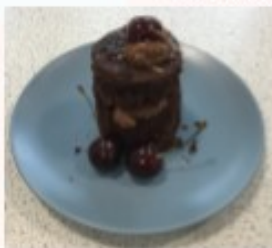
BTEC and GCSE have been incredibly busy making some impressive dishes in Food Technology this half term.

BTEC made Irish Soda Bread and Tomato soup in the same lesson to celebrate St. Patricks Day and to show off our time management skills.

Other dishes include; Malteser Cheesecake and Sausage rolls.



In GCSE Callum has been showcasing his technical skills. He has been working incredibly hard and has made Sweet Pretzels with a homemade chocolate dipping sauce and Mini Black Forest Gateaux. Callum is really challenging himself with some of the dishes he is selecting and this shows in his final work. Move over Gordon Ramsay!



Some of our students are getting ready to go out and complete some work experience placements. We have been getting ready for this by meeting virtually with potential new employers. We are very excited about being able to go out and learn some new skills. In life Skills Pi Group have been enhancing their CV's by completing some online vocational courses.

CONDUCTIVE MUSIC



We were very lucky to be able to take part in the Conductive Music workshop this half term. Students were shown how to make their own online game and how to create music to accompany it. Everyone was fully engaged for the whole day, and there were some wonderful games created.

EASTER WORDSEARCH. JUST FOR FUN.

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- EGGS
- HOT CROSS BUN
- LAMBS
- SPRING

HAVE A HAPPY AND SAFE EASTER BREAK!



HELPLINES' DIRECTORY

Addiction

Children of Addicted Parents and People (COAP)	via website only
National Association for Children of Alcoholics	0800 358 3456
Young People and Gambling	0808 8020 133

Bereavement

Child Bereavement Network	via website only
Child Death Helpline	0800 282 986
Childhood Bereavement Network	020 7843 6309
Cruse Bereavement Care	0808 808 1677
Grief Encounter	via website only
Hope Again	0808 808 1677
Winston's Wish	08088 020 021

Bullying

Anti-bullying alliance	via website only
Bullying UK	via website only
Ditch The Label	via website only

Cancer

Macmillan Cancer Support	0808 808 00 00
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Children of Prisoners

National Information Centre on Children of Offenders	via website only
National Prisoners' Families Helpline	0808 808 2003

Children Missing

Runaway Helpline	116 000
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Children's Charities

Action for Children	via website only
Barnardos	via website only
Childline	0800 1111
Children's Society	via website only
NSPCC	0808 800 5000

Counselling

British Association for Counselling and Psychotherapy..... via website only

Crime

Crime Stoppers.....0800 555 111
Fearless (Crime Stoppers for Young People)..... via website only

Domestic Abuse

Galop (LGBT)0800 999 5428
National Domestic Violence Helpline.....0808 2000 247
Refuge0808 2000 247

Drugs

Talk to Frank..... via website only

Faith

Muslim Youth Helpline0808 808 2008

FGM

Africans Unite Against Child Abuse via website only
Daughters of Eve via website only
Forward UK.....0208 960 4000
NSPCC FGM Helpline0800 028 3550

Forced Marriage

Karma Nirvana.....0800 5999 247

Housing

Shelter0808 800 4444

LGBT

Stonewall0207 593 1850

Looked After Young People

Coram Voice	0808 800 5792
The Care Advice Line	020 7017 8901

Mental Health

Anna Freud National Centre for Children & Families.....	via website only
Anxiety UK	03444 775 774
B-eat eating disorders.....	0808 801 0711
Bipolar UK	0333 323 3880
CALM (Campaign Against Living Miserably)	0800 58 58 58
Charlie Waller Memorial Trust	via website only
HeadMeds	via website only
Heads Together	via website only
Kooth	via website only
Mentally Healthy Schools	via website only
MindEd for Families	via website only
National Self Harm Network	via website only
OCD Action.....	0845 390 6232
OCD-UK.....	via website only
Papyrus (Suicide support)	via website only
Rethink Mental Illness.....	via website only
Samaritans.....	116 123
Sane	0300 304 7000
Selfharm UK	via website only
The Mix	0808 808 4994
The Royal College of Psychiatrists	via website only
Young Minds	via website only
Young Minds Parents Helpline	0808 802 554

Migrant Children

Migrant Children's Project.....	0207 636 8505
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Online Safety

Child Exploitation Online Protection Centre.....	via website only
National Professionals Online Safety Helpline	0344 381 4772
Net-Aware	via website only
Safer Internet	via website only
Think U Know	via website only

Parent Support

Parent Line Plus 0808 800 2222

Self-Harm

Harmless via website only
National Self Harm Network via website only
Self-injury support (Girls) 0808 800 8088

Sexual Abuse

MOSAC (Mothers of Sexually Abused Children) 0800 980 1958
Stop It Now 0808 1000 900
The Lucy Faithfull Foundation 01527 591922

Sexual Health

Check Your Bits (Chlamydia Testing) via website only
Getting It On via website only
Sexual Health Helpline 0300 123 7123
Brook via website only

Staff Support

Education Support Partnership 08000 562 561

Transgender

Gires via website only
Mermaids 0808 801 0400

Whistleblowing

NSPCC Whistleblowing Helpline 0800 028 0285