

13TH JANUARY 2023

ST ETHELWOLD'S VA SCHOOL



Good afternoon and welcome to your first newsletter of 2023.

Firstly, we wish you all a Happy New Year and hope that you had a great Christmas - it is all over so fast!

After the flu, chicken pox and tummy bugs that littered the last few weeks of last term, it looks like we are hopefully over the worst of the winter illnesses. There are still one or two off school at the moment and we are reminded not to send children to school if they have a temperature.

Sadly, Mrs Parry will be absent from school until around the Easter break but her class is in the very capable hands of Miss Gorell.

Miss Gorell is a Newly Qualified Teacher who studied at Liverpool and we welcome her to The Family of St Ethelwold's.

Thank you to everyone who took the time to complete the parent questionnaire sent out in December. You were very kind with the words you used and it was good to see that you have confidence in us. There were, as ever, a couple of areas for us to improve and we will work hard on these in the coming months.

PC Lee visited the school this week and worked with our juniors on Cyber Safety and Friend or Foe. The Cyber Safety session in class 4 was particularly welcome as we are experiencing growing concerns over pupils' use of social media chat facilities - particularly Snapchat.

PC Lee reminded us that the minimum age for a Snapchat account is 13. We urge that if your child does have the Snapchat app, you have good parental control of their phone and are aware of the content they are sending and receiving.

It looks like the temperature is going to plummet over the course of the weekend, so wrap up warm if you venture outdoors. Whatever you are doing this weekend we hope it brings you joy, have a great weekend and we look forward to seeing you on Monday morning.

Diary Dates

23rd January- Theme Meal day

17th February- INSET day. Not open to students

18th February- Half Term starts

27th February- School re-opens

6th-10th March- Assessment week

13th- 16th March- Chester zoo providing workshops in school. Year 1-6

As the dawn breaks on a new year, let us give thanks for all we hold dear: our health, our family and our friends. Let us release our grudges, our anger and our pains, for these are nothing but binding chains. Let us live each day in the most loving ways, the God-conscious way.



CHINESE NEW YEAR

MENU

Monday 23rd January 2023

Sweet and Sour Chicken with Vegetable Rice
or
Vegetable Spring Roll with Sweet Chilli Sauce and Vegetable Rice

Prawn Crackers

Fresh Fruit or Cookie

**BLWYDDYN NEWYDD
TSIEINEAIDD**

BWYDLEN

Dydd Llun 23 Ionawr 2023

Peli Cig Cyw Iar Sur a Melys Gyda Reis Llysiau Wedi'i
neu
Rholiau Llysiau Tsieineaidd y Gwanwyn, Saws Chilli Melys a Reis Llysiau Wedi'i

Craceri Corgimwch

Ffrwythau Ffres
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The poster features various illustrations: lanterns, a scroll with 'YEAR OF THE RABBIT', a rabbit-shaped moon cake, a scroll with 'BLWYDDYN Y GWYNING', fireworks, a rabbit, and a flower.