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St Ethelwold's VA School



Good afternoon and welcome to your St Ethelwold's Newsletter.

We have to start this week with the news of Mrs Singer's retirement. Mrs Singer has been with us for years and her great strength is the kindness and compassion she shows to the children. She is forever patient with them, and her hard work ethic will be missed. Joining us after Easter to take over the position is Mrs Claire Bow. Claire is an ex-parent here and comes with a wealth of experience having worked for a number of years at Ysgol Ty Fynnon. You may well have seen Mrs Parry back in school over the last couple of weeks and she will be here full time after the Easter break. It is good to have Mrs Parry back in the fold, but it unfortunately means that we have to say goodbye to Miss Gorrell who has done an exceptional job covering Class 2. Miss Gorrell goes with the fondest of best wishes - we will all miss her.



The Easter competition on Thursday was a delightful occasion and it was wonderful to see so many entries.



The Biodiversity Team visited again on Tuesday to complete Phase 1 of the project with Year 4 and Year 5. The final fruit trees have been planted and so have the plug plants that will form the wildflower no-mow area and we look forward to seeing how it develops over the spring and summer months.

We welcomed Hawarden High School's Year 9 Health Ambassadors into school this morning to deliver a session to our Year 5 and 6 class about the dangers of vaping. It was excellently presented by the pupils and very well received by our pupils who, as well as learning about the harmful effects of vapes, learned of strategies to avoid peer pressure.

All classes this morning took part in a Sing and Sign Workshop presented by Chloe and Sophie's Special Ears Fund, a charity whose aim is to raise deaf awareness in the local community. All of our pupils really engaged with the session and were able to sign a song by the end.

The Universal Free School Meals offer is being rolled out to all pupils up to Year 2 after the Easter Holidays. You should have received an email about it but if you have not, please contact the school office. In short, if you have a child in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2, they will automatically receive a free school meal if they order a school meal. For those children who bring sandwiches from home, we can offer a range of sandwiches too. If you would like further details, please contact Mrs Duggan in the school office.

A reminder that school will be closed for INSET day on Monday 17th April and we will be open for children the following day. WE have recently been informed that we have a further INSET Day this academic year which will be taken on Thursday 20th July.

We wish you all a very Happy Easter and look forward to seeing you again on Tuesday 18th April.

Diary Dates

1st April-16th April- Easter Holiday- School Closed

17th April- INSET- school closed to pupils

1st May- May Day Bank Holiday- School Closed

5th May- King's Coronation coffee afternoon

4th May- Themed menu

8th May- Coronation Bank Holiday- School Closed

22nd May- Fluoride Varnish for Nursery-Year 2

8th June- Whole school sponsored event- details to follow

14th-16th June- Year 6 Pilgrimage

29th & 30th June- HHS transition days

20th July - INSET- school closed to pupils

Lord, as we gather together as family and friends; we invite you once again into our lives. May the hope of your resurrection color our days.

May the promise of your spirit working in us light up our lives. May the love you revealed to us shape our giving. May the truth in your word guide our journeys and may the joy of your kingdom fill our homes.

As we gather together underneath the banner of your life, we thank you for all the wonderful food that we can now enjoy and celebrate your glorious resurrection.

