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ST ETHELWOLD'S VA SCHOOL

Welcome to your St Ethelwold's VA School Newsletter.

The sponsored hike up Moel Famau is fast approaching and I will spend the initial part of this newsletter filling you in with some of the finer details.

We are meeting at the top car park at 10am on Sunday 24th November and will be joined by Aaron Owen, who as well as being a parent of some of our ex pupils, also works for NEWSAR (North East Wales Search and Rescue). NEWSAR will be bringing one of their Land Rover ambulances along for us to have a look at and their volunteers will be joining us for a chat and a bit of support on the way to the top.

The JustGiving link is here: https://www.justgiving.com/page/st-ethelwolds-1729170697832?utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=page%2Fst-ethelwolds-1729170697832&utm_source=copyLink&utm_campaign=pfp-share

We have so far raised £425 through the just giving page which is a tremendous effort at this stage and were delighted to receive a £150 donation from the London branch of the Wrexham FC supporters group - thank you so much!

Sponsorship forms are still available from school (just ask Mrs Duggan and she will provide you with one) and we are asking for the sponsorship forms and any money raised to be handed in by Friday 29th November.

Air Ambulance Wales joined us in school on Monday and delivered a whole school assembly, explaining what they did and how they rely on donations to keep going - the children even got chance to wear one of their helmets and have their photograph taken.

Please do join us on the day - I think there are between 30-40 parents, pupils and staff at the last count but the more the merrier!

We hope you found this week's parents' evening sessions useful. I always think that when so many parents attend it is a healthy situation and from my viewpoint there were a lot of smiling faces on the way out and more than a few promises of treats on the way home!

You have should also received information about our NSPCC 'Speak Out, Stay Safe' assemblies on Monday.

Speak out Stay safe is a **safeguarding programme for children aged 5- to 11-years-old** which is based around the fundamental principle and basic human right of: All children deserve to be safe. The assemblies and subsequent lessons will help children to learn about their rights, what's OK and what's not OK and what to do if they're worried or scared.

We were recently visited by our school improvement officers who were looking particularly at the provision we make for Years Nursery, Reception, Y1 and Y2. They were incredibly impressed with the work of our team in the last year or so and have reported on the excellent progress that the school has made in this area. The teachers and support staff have worked so hard for your children and i would like to take this opprtunity to thank them publicly for going the extra mile - it is appreciated by us all.

Dear Lord, I ask today for your grace to support me in the choices that I am called to make. May I have a heart of compassion, mercy and forgiveness in the day-to-day of life.

Diary Dates

Tuesday 19th November- Reception health screening

Wednesday 20th November- Whole school workshops provided by Spectrum.

Sunday 24th November- Moel Famau walk- 10am

Wednesday 27th November- Class 3 trip to Xplore Nature- details to follow

