



St Ethelwold's V.A. Primary School Newsletter

'Be The Best You Can'

6th July 2019

Croeso nol,

A very warm welcome back to school from each of us here at The Family of St Ethelwold's. We trust that you have had a wonderful summer with your children and that they are well rested and ready to embark on an exciting term. This term our Foundation Phase pupils will all be studying the topic of Animals whilst up in the juniors the pupils will be studying the topic of Water. In order that you are fully aware of what we teach and how we teach it, we have arranged two information sessions as follows:

Junior Curriculum Information	Monday 23rd September 3.15-3.45
Foundation Phase Curriculum Information	Tuesday 24th September 3.05-3.35

Please come along to the sessions where, as well as finding out about the exciting learning opportunities afforded to your children, we will also provide you with information about homework and give you tips and advice on how to help your child.

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Mr Oliver

After School Clubs

We are in the process of putting together a range of after school activities and will provide you with a list as soon as possible.

Prospectus

The school prospectus for 2019-2020 has been produced and is available on request.

Parent Reps

If you would like to put yourself forward as parent rep on the Parent Forum, please complete the form that will come home with your child and return it to school no later than Tuesday 17th September. Parent Forum gives parents and carers a voice and enables views to be taken seriously and acted upon. It works by having a class representative who takes on board the concerns of other parents and brings those concerns to the meeting, where, collectively, a solution is found. In the event of more than one parent/ carer coming forward, they will share the duties.

Fundraising Committee

The Fundraising Committee is currently made up of the following staff members: Mr Oliver, Mrs Parry and Mrs Weaver and the following parents: Sonia Sheen, Sarah Edwards and Sarah Owen. If you would like to put yourself forward as parent rep on the Fundraising Committee, please complete the form that will come home with your child and return it to school no later than Wednesday 25th September. The fundraising committee meet when required to plan school fundraising events. After the basic planning stage, **ALL** parents and carers are invited to help run events and all who wish to help will be granted the opportunity.

Snack

Snack is provided for all foundation phase children at a cost of £1 per week whilst children in the juniors should bring their own healthy snack. **Snack money can be sent in on a Monday morning in a named envelope or paid on the School Gateway App.** Due to Welsh Government directives, crisps and chocolate are not allowed. We recommend that children bring in a piece of fruit if possible.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club costs 50p per day per child (with a maximum of £1 for families) and operates from 8-8.45am. Children from Nursery to Year 6 are warmly welcomed and our experienced staff offer a wide range of fun activities as well as a healthy breakfast to start the day.

School Uniform

Embroidered School Uniform is available from <https://myclothing.com/st-ethelwolds-primary-school/8655.school> and a uniform list can be found in the school prospectus. Please ensure your child has a full PE kit in school every day, this can be left in school and sent home for washing during half term.

Attendance

The importance of attending school every day on time and to the end of the school day cannot be stressed enough. Missing even 10 minutes of the school day can mean your child is missing vital aspects of their learning. Thank you for working with us to ensure your child attends everyday on time and doesn't leave before the end of the day. Where possible medical appointments should be made out of school hours to avoid disruption and holidays are discouraged during term time.

Attendance/ Presenoldeb

This week's class with the best attendance is Class 2 with 98.7%. Whole school attendance is 91.4%.

Diary Dates/ Dyddiadur

13th September- Taekwondo demonstration

17th September-Deadline for Parent forum nominations

19th September- Alan Roberts parent support group

23rd September- Junior Curriculum Information Session

24th September- Foundation Phase Curriculum Information Session

30th September- Tempest Photographers

- Nursey/Reception admissions open

25th September- Deadline for Fundraising Committee nominations

1st October- Open Morning for 2020 Nursery

4th October- 2pm Harvest Festival at St Ethelwold's Church

11th October- Flu Immunisations

14-18th October- Assessment week

17th October— Pirates of the Chillibeau performance

23rd October- Parent Forum meeting

25th October- 3.15pm School closes for half term

4th November- School Closed- INSET day

5th November- School reopens

6 & 7th November- Parents Evenings

11-15th November- Anti-Bullying Week

6th December- Christmas Fair in the school hall

11th December- Christmas Bingo

12th December- 2pm Christmas Nativity at St Ethelwold's Church

17th December- Delivery of Cards and Gifts to the local community

18th December- Junior Christmas party

19th December- Foundation Phase Christmas Party

20th December- 3.15pm School closes for Christmas holidays

6th January- School closed- INSET day

7th January- School reopens

Autumn Term

Monday 2nd September

Staff Training Day

Tuesday 3rd September

Staff Training Day

Wednesday 4th September

School reopens

Friday 25th October

School closes for half-term

Monday 4th November

Staff Training Day

Tuesday 5th November

School reopens

Friday 20th December

School closes for Christmas holiday

Spring Term

Monday 6th January

Staff Training Day

Tuesday 7th January

School reopens

Friday 14th February

School closes for half-term

Monday 24th February

School reopens

Friday 3rd April

School closes for Easter holiday

Summer Term

Monday 20th April

School reopens

Monday 4th May

School closed for May Day bank holiday

Friday 22nd May

School closes for half-term

Monday 1st June

School reopens

Friday 17th July

School closes for summer holiday

Monday 20th July

Staff Training Day

Penblwydd Hapus

Phoebe Roberts, Kuba Bolda, Riley Harder,
Aaliyah Latham, Grace Brown, Rhys Duncan-
Timms





Siaradwr Cymraeg- Welsh Speaker

Class 2- Dean Glachlan

Class 3— Autumn Wragg

Class 4—Riley Harder- 'os gwelwch yn dda'

Special Mentions/ Cyfeiriadau Arbennig

Class 1- All of Class 1 for settling in so well

Class 2- Ryan Ewart & Henry Timms

Class 3- Kuba Bolda & Rhys Dutton

Class 4- Lewis and Hannah Jones

Prayer/ Gweddi

We are grateful for the children and young people in our lives and their boundless curiosity, energy and imagination.

Thank you for the clarity with which they see injustice in the world.

May we learn from them how best to work together for the kingdom of God.

We pray for the coming of a world where all young people will feel safe, valued and included.

We pray that it will play a part in making sure the voices of young people are heard.