



St Ethelwold's V.A. Primary School Newsletter

'Be The Best You Can'

13th September 2019

Hello and welcome to this week's newsletter on the eve of what promises to be a gloriously sunny weekend.

The first full week of the new school year is always busy as teachers and staff get into the swing of things and children begin to find their feet. I am very pleased to tell you that everyone has settled in wonderfully well and despite a few tears from a few and a little reluctance to come into the classroom at the start of the day, we are over that now and we have a sea of happy faces in the morning. But enough of the staff, we're here to tell you about the children!

This term we are exploring the value of Truth and honesty through our Collective Worship. We have looked at the virtue of being true to oneself and how difficult that can sometimes be. To be true to oneself often involves making some difficult choices but the reward is the feeling and the knowing that what you are doing is honest and right and will end well eventually.

We were delighted to welcome back Mrs Blackburn this week. Mrs Blackburn will be gradually returning to her full time role by October 7th with the class being taken jointly by Miss Connah and Mrs Blackburn until that point. I am sure you will join me in giving heartfelt thanks to Miss Connah who stepped into a difficult situation and has done a tremendous job.

School has invested in a library system called Micro-Librarian which is a computer based method of running the school library and keeping a tab on books. We would very much welcome a parent volunteer to run the system for around 1-2 hours per week, checking the books in and out. If you would like to volunteer your services for this role, please contact Mrs Duggan in the school office.

Unfortunately we seem to have an increasing number of parents requesting to take their children home early unannounced. If we could politely ask that you provide us with a doctor or dentist appointment card we will of course allow pupils to leave early but on other occasions we ask that you collect children at 3.05 for foundation phase and 3.15 for juniors.

A big thank you this week to Mrs Duggan who has taken over the upkeep of the foundation phase garden – it is coming on tremendously.

Also, well done to Miss Knight in class 1 who is progressing very well on her Teaching Support work based learning course and good luck to Mr Parry this weekend as his cricket team, Brymbo, seek the point which will ensure survival in the top tier of the North Wales league.

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Mr Oliver

Diary Dates/ Dyddiadur

- 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
- 30th September - Nursery/Reception admissions open on the Flintshire.gov website
- 25th September- Deadline for Fundraising Committee nominations
- 27th September- 2pm Macmillan Coffee & Cake
- 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

Friday 8th May

[Amendment to last weeks newsletter](#)

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

Harper Tagg-Angell, Ella Grey, Luca Bota





Join us from 2pm on Friday 27th September for a cuppa and cake. We'd like to raise money for this valuable charity while having a chat and of course enjoying cake!

We'll be running a Cake decorating competition that will be Judged by Mrs Murray so please ensure all entries are brought in on the Friday morning. Entry is 50p.

We welcome any help or donations of cakes for the day, please see Mrs Duggan if you have any questions.

Special Mentions

This weeks Special mentions are postponed until Monday.

Attendance/ Presenoldeb

This week's class with the best attendance is Class 4 with 99.3%. Whole school attendance is 95.5%.

Prayer/ Gweddi

For those struggling on their journey, Lord,
offer your steady hand over the rough terrain they are facing today,
and let them drink of your living water, pure and refreshing,
soothing, restoring the weariest of souls.