



St Ethelwold's V.A. Primary School Newsletter

'Be The Best You Can'

27th September 2019

Good afternoon parents and carers and welcome to your weekly newsletter from St Ethelwold's Primary School.

We welcomed back Dylan Jones this week. Dylan has run Prince William Award sessions for us in the past and returned to set up a Character Development Awards programme with our Year 3 and Year 4. The 36 week programme looks at building up the key skills of resilience, teamwork and personal development and the results from our previous programmes with Dylan have been exceptional. We look forward to another year where we see the true characters of our younger juniors coming through.

We have entered a mixed football team into the Mountain League this year. In previous years we have played against exceptionally large local schools and whilst we have more than held our own, we think that pitting our team against schools of similar size is a much fairer representation of their abilities. If your junior child would like to be considered for the team, please ensure that they have their sports kit along with football boots and shin pads in school next week and we will hold some lunch time training sessions and pick a team.

We continue our Collective Worship theme of truth and honesty and it is heart-warming to have pupils of all ages come to see me with stories of times when they have been honest and why it is the best policy to tell the truth. We have all agreed in school that sometimes telling the truth to someone can be difficult but that when you adopt an 'Always Honest' personal philosophy, the freedom which this affords you to give and accept love and kindness is life changing. The things we can learn from the wisdom of children are never ending!

In preparation for our Harvest Service next week, we have a Harvest Table in our school hall. We invite you to bring in non perishable and in date products (tins, packets etc) which we will then donate to the community of pensioners at the end of next week. We greatly appreciate your ceaseless generosity all of the time but especially at times like this.

If your child has a Credit Union Account (which you are able to set up by filling in a form available from the school office) you can use this to spread out the cost of class trips. We plan to hold two residential trips in the New Year - a class 3 residential outward bounds trip and a class 4 residential trip to Bardsey Island - and hope that the availability of the Credit Union scheme will be beneficial to you when budgeting for the cost of the trips.

We have Tempest Photography in on Monday morning to take individual and family shots. If you would like younger siblings (children not of school age) to be included in the photographs, please bring them in to school at around 8.50am and we will collect their siblings and arrange for the family photographs. Where siblings are in school already, we will ensure that they have their photographs taken together as well as the individual photographs.

A mention this week to a trio of dedicated teaching assistants in the foundation phase who attended a Welsh language training course on Tuesday and have come back enthused, invigorated and skilled in the use of the Welsh language. Well done to Mrs Evans, Miss Gerrard and Miss Knight who have described it as 'the best training ever!' We look forward to our pupils in foundation phase putting into practise what they have learned.

Lastly, you may have seen Mrs Ellis around the place lately and you will see a bit more of her in the coming weeks. Mrs Ellis is back in on her Keep in Touch days as part of her maternity leave and it is great to see her again. Baby Evan is doing very well indeed and apart from being apart from him, Mrs Ellis is enjoying being back in school!

We hope that you have an enjoyable weekend, that the sun the shines on your back, that your football team wins and that you have even a small thing that brings you happiness. See you all next week.

Mr Oliver

Diary Dates/ Dyddiadur

30th September- Tempest Photographers

30th September - Nursery/Reception admissions open on the Flintshire.gov website

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



We would like to introduce The Daily Mile for all the children and staff in St Ethelwold's and ensure its health and wellbeing benefits are available for everyone. As a school we are excited about this new initiative and we are looking forward to the benefits it will bring to your child/children. Every child in a school or nursery goes out each day in the fresh air to (run/walk or jog at their own pace for 15 minutes). It is not competitive though some will compete and that is fine. Most children will average a mile in the 15 minutes, with some doing more and some doing less. It is not PE, sport or cross-country but physical activity in a social setting which is aimed at improving the children's physical, social, emotional and mental health, and wellbeing. The children run in their ordinary school clothes with trainers being ideal but not essential. It can help children to focus and concentrate in the classroom and raise their attainment. And most importantly, the children really enjoy it.

We will be introducing the Daily Mile after half-term so please ensure your child has a coat with them every day,

To find out more about how it all works please visit: www.thedailymile.co.uk. Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions.



Have you signed up for My Account yet?

Flintshire County Council now has an account for residents and customers to enable them to access a number of services online.

If you would like to register your child for a school place, check when your bin will be collected or get the contact details for your local councillor on-line, the Council's new My Account is just what you need and you can do it all at a time and place that suits you best.

It's quick and easy to sign up. Go to flintshire.gov.uk/My-Account and register for My Account now!

Penblwydd Hapus

Erwin Bogdan, Ellie Davies, Owen Harder, Alissa-
Mai Hutchison, Kimberley Altmann



Siaradwr Cymraeg- Welsh Speaker

Class 2- Louise Hett

Class 3- Owen Harder

Class 4- Ella Grey

Special Mentions/ Cyfeiriadau Arbennig

Class 1- Amelia Bota

Class 2- Harvey Taylor & Teagan Dunn

Class 3- Stacey Dunn & Luca Bota

Class 4- Charlotte salt & Nicole Axon

Attendance/ Presenoldeb

This week's class with the best attendance is Class 4 with 95%. Whole school attendance is 92.5%.

Prayer/ Gweddi

So do not fear, for I am with you;
Do not be dismayed as I am your God.
I will strengthen you and help you;
I will uphold you with my righteous right hand