



# St Ethelwold's V.A. Primary School Newsletter

*'Be The Best You Can'*

25th October 2019

## School on the Up!

Where has that half term gone? It seems like only yesterday that I was frantically searching the shops for school uniform for my children and telling them that 'growing room' was fashionable. This school has achieved a great deal in the last 8 weeks, and it is only when we take a step back to evaluate that you realise what we have accomplished as a strong, dedicated and committed team.

In just 8 short weeks we have:

- Introduced and embedded a whole school approach to marking and feedback that allows pupils to make progress in their learning in each and every lesson.
- Introduced a tracking system in maths which allows teachers to track the daily progress of pupils and put in extra teaching wherever it is needed.
- Introduced videos and QR codes in Welsh oracy (speaking and listening) which allows pupils to make improvements to their work.
- Introduced iPad technology which allows teachers to pinpoint errors and address immediately.
- Introduced a school wide way of planning and teaching literacy which clearly shows a consistent process which can be applied by all children.
- Introduced a split outdoor area in foundation phase which allows our very young pupils to explore their surroundings without being intimidated by the size of some of our older pupils.

The above is just the tip of the iceberg and we have introduced many more initiatives and systems which are having a significant impact on the progress and achievement of your children. To showcase what we are doing, you are very warmly invited to an OPEN DAY on Tuesday 26th November. During the day, the teachers will teach a normal day so that you are able to see the challenge that pupils receive, the excellent teaching going on, the behaviour of our pupils and the incredible educational gains made by our pupils. We are very proud of our school and would like you to celebrate the journey with us. We will also invite you to stay for lunch during the day and Mrs Duggan will give you further details of this.

## Dog Mess Tackled!

You may have seen the article in the Evening Leader this Monday where members of our school council, a trio of local councillors and I were interviewed about the concerns expressed by some parents on the issue of dog fouling on the alley between the hospital and the school. We hope that this has raised awareness and dog owners become more responsible.

## High School Decisions Needed

A reminder for parents of pupils in Year 6 that November 8th is the closing date for applications for high school places. Any applications after this date will be treated as a late application and you risk not getting your child into your first choice school.

## Fundraising Committee

It was excellent to welcome the new fundraising committee into school this week as we began to plan the Christmas Fair. It seems peculiar to mention the C word at this stage of the year but the Christmas Fair on 6th December is only just over 4 weeks away from the date we return after the holiday. We will be seeking further volunteers to help in the run up and during the day.

## Staff Shout Outs!

A special mention this week to Mrs Weaver who has used her own personal time to complete a course on Dealing With Loss. Mrs Weaver spent 8 hours of her own time on this training which will be incredibly useful when our pupils encounter loss.

That draws to an end an incredibly busy and thoroughly enjoyable half term and a well-deserved rest for your children. They are a total credit to you and each and every one of them has risen to the challenge presented to them this term. We are honoured to be entrusted with educating this incredible bunch of children.

Whatever you find yourself doing this half term, whether it's spending time with loved ones, seeing someone you don't see as often as you'd like, visiting a new place, sitting in front of the TV on a rainy afternoon or mooching around the shops buying nick nacks for your house, we hope you do so with love in your heart and the knowledge that the family of St Ethelwold's are doing our utmost so that your children get the best possible educational deal. See you all in a week.

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Mr Oliver

## Diary Dates/ Dyddiadur

25th October- 3.15pm School closes for half term

4th November- School Closed- INSET day

5th November- School reopens

6 & 7th November- Parents Evenings

8th November- School council visit County Council Offices

10th November- Remembrance Service at Church 10.45am

11th November- Non- Uniform for Children in Need

11th November- Mountain League Football Match

11-15th November- Anti-Bullying Week

12th November- Athletics Festival

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



Thomas and Samuel visited the Pensioners Centre to present our Harvest offering. Thank you all for your support and enabling us to reach out to the wider community.

## Penblwydd Hapus

Rhys Duncan-Timms & Luke Joyce



The Winter menu will start after half term. Mrs Murray and her team continue to provide delicious meals at a cost of £2.25 a day. If you believe you are entitled to Free School Meals please apply at <https://www.flintshire.gov.uk/en/Resident/Schools/Education-Benefits.aspx>

### MENUS: WINTER 2019/20



#### WEEK 1 - WEEK COMMENCING - 4TH & 25TH NOV, 16TH DEC 2019, 20TH JAN, 10TH FEB, 9TH & 30TH MARCH 2020

##### MONDAY

PIZZA  
TUNA PASTA BAKE  
SAUTÉ POTATOES  
SWEETCORN & COLESLAW  
PEARS & ICE CREAM

##### TUESDAY

MEATBALL IN TOMATO SAUCE  
VEGETABLE FAJITA WRAP  
PASTA/HERBY ROAST  
BROCCOLI  
NEWYDD BAKE OFF CAROLINE  
JELLY'S CHOCOLATE &  
CINNAMON COOKIES

##### WEDNESDAY

ROAST OF THE DAY  
SOUP & HALF BAGUETTE  
ROAST & MASH  
SEASONAL VEGETABLES  
FRUIT SHORTBREAD BISCUIT

##### THURSDAY

LASAGNE  
FISHCAKE  
POTATO WEDGES  
PEAS & SWEETCORN  
CHOCOLATE CAKE & CHOCOLATE  
SAUCE

##### FRIDAY

CHICKEN NUGGETS  
QUORN BITES  
CHIPPED POTATOES  
VEGETABLE STICKS  
COOKS FRUIT CUP CAKE

#### WEEK 2 - WEEK COMMENCING - 11TH NOV, 2ND DEC 2019, 6TH & 27TH JAN, 24TH FEB & 16TH MARCH 2020

##### MONDAY

BOLOGNAISE  
QUORN KEEMA CURRY  
PASTA/RICE  
SUMMER FRUIT CRUMBLE

##### TUESDAY

BREAKFAST WRAP  
VEGETABLE PIZZA POCKETS  
HASH BROWN  
BAKED BEANS  
FRUIT SPONGE & CUSTARD

##### WEDNESDAY

ROAST OF THE DAY  
TOMATO & PASTA BAKE  
ROAST & MASH  
SEASONAL VEGETABLES  
FRUIT FLAPJACK

##### THURSDAY

FISH FILLET  
MEAT FREE COTTAGE PIE  
POTATO WEDGES  
SWEETCORN  
FRESH FRUIT & YOGHURT

##### FRIDAY

BEEF BURGER  
VEGGIE FINGER WRAP  
CHIPS  
VEGETABLE STICKS  
COOKS BAKED BISCUIT

#### WEEK 3 - WEEK COMMENCING - 18TH NOV, 9TH DEC(2019, 13TH JAN, 3RD FEB, 2ND & 23RD MARCH 2020

##### MONDAY

FISH FINGERS  
VEGETABLE TORTILLA STACK  
HERBY DICED POTATOES  
BAKED BEANS  
BLUEBERRY MUFFIN

##### TUESDAY

NEWYDD BAKE OFF DAVINA  
ELLIS GF BACON & COURGETTE  
MUFFIN  
MAC 'N' CHEESE  
POTATO WEDGES  
MIXED SALAD & COLESLAW  
FRUIT JELLY & ICE CREAM

##### WEDNESDAY

ROAST OF THE DAY  
NEWYDD BAKE OFF VAL  
WILLIAMS ASSORTED BRUNCH  
QUICHE  
ROAST & MASH  
SEASONAL VEGETABLES  
CHOCOLATE BROWNIE

##### THURSDAY

SAUSAGE/VEGETABLE SAUSAGE  
& YORKSHIRE PUDDING  
FREE RANGE CHEESE OMELETTE  
CHEFS POTATO CHOICE  
BAKED BEANS OR PEAS  
REDUCED FAT & SUGAR LEMON  
& LIME DRIZZLE CAKE

##### FRIDAY

CHICKEN BURGER  
DELI WRAP  
CHIPS  
VEGETABLE STICKS  
NEWYDD BAKE OFF JENNY  
SHONE CHERRY & RAISIN OAT  
BISCUIT

AVAILABLE DAILY: JACKET POTATOES, PASTA OR NOODLE POTS, SELECTION OF SANDWICHES, FRESH FRUIT & YOGHURT & SALAD BAR



## Siaradwr Cymraeg- Welsh Speaker

Class 1- Phoebe Roberts

Class 2- Ellie Davies

Class 3- Alissa Hutchison

Class 4- Dziugas Uzusienis

## Special Mentions/ Cyfeiriadau Arbennig

Class 1- Leila Jones

Class 2- Daniel Duffield & Teagan Dunn

Class 3- Autumn Wragg & Alissa Hutchison

Class 4- Riley Harder & Dziugas Uzusienis

## Attendance/ Presenoldeb

This week's class with the best attendance is Class 4 with 97.4%. Whole school attendance is 91.4%.

## Prayer/ Gweddi

God of love, may I come quickly to thee, when I am in need of protection and sympathy.

Guard me against sorrow that is drawn from the imagination.

May I not allow grief to drag me into misery, but with strength and courage may I find happiness in thy daily will.