



St Ethelwold's V.A. Primary School Newsletter

'Be The Best You Can'

22nd November 2019

Good afternoon and welcome to this week's newsletter with news of events and happenings at our school.

Parent and Pupil Questionnaire Results

After reading through the responses of the parents and pupils' questionnaire from last July it became very apparent that our pupils and our parents have different experiences of our school and whilst the pupils experiences of the provision we provide puts the school among the top performing schools, the parents experience places us amongst the poorest performing schools. Areas where we scored poorly and therefore need to improve included the following:

- I am satisfied with the school
- My child likes this school
- My child is making good progress in school
- Pupils behave well in school
- The teaching is good
- Staff expect my child to work hard and do their best
- Staff treat all children fairly and with respect
- School helps my child become more mature
- The school is well run

We would clearly like to make improvements in these areas and to give our parents a more positive experience of school. This is one of the reasons we are opening our doors to you for the upcoming **Open Day** so that you can see at first hand the positive experience that this school offers each and every child each and every day.

Open Day Tuesday 26th November

The Open Day has been designed so that you can see the school in operation on a typical day. Our staff have not specially designed lessons for the day, rather they are following the curriculum plans to show you what the children experience daily. You are free to come for the day or any part of the day as we operate an open-door policy so that you can make the occasion suit you. You are also welcome to stay for a school lunch (Mrs Murray is cooking curry with rice/chips and also a pasta bolognaise) for £3.31. You will need to let us know by Monday by the latest if you are planning to stay for lunch and you will also need to fill in a form which is available from the office.

We are also planting 400 or so trees during the day. We received the trees after applying to the Woodland Trust for a pack and were delighted to have been successful. The pack we applied for is especially suited to our very wet field and should help to keep our play-ground dry in the coming years. If you would like to help with this part of the day, bring along some wellies or old shoes and some old waterproof clothes and be prepared to get dirty. **We could also do with borrowing some spades for this part of the day – if you have one, please could we use it?**

Staff Shout Outs

Many thanks to our cleaner Mrs Linda Bate who, after more than 30 years of sterling service, thought that she was retiring at the end of last week, however, due to circumstance, she has stepped in to cover absence. I don't think she was quite ready to hang up her mop just yet!

We have had a few members of our staff who are dealing with very private and very difficult personal situations at present. I will not mention names or circumstances, but they know who they are, and I hope they know that we have them in our thoughts and prayers.

We hope that whatever you are doing this weekend, you find the time to spend a little while with the ones that you love, doing the things you like to do, smiling and making those around you smile back.

Until next week.

Siaradwr Cymraeg– Welsh Speaker

Class 1– Jorgie Challinor

Class 2– Lexi Duncan-Timms

Class 3- Rhys Duncan-Timms



Special Mentions/ Cyfeiriadau Arbennig

Class 1– Daniel Georgiev

Class 2– Henry Timms & Katie-Leigh Roberts

Class 3- Rhys Duncan-Timms & Callum Duffield

Class 4– Shakira Haque & Lily-May Forster

WELLDONE!

Fundraising committee

The fundraising team are working hard behind the scenes to ensure our Christmas Fayre is a great success. If you could offer any help on the day please let the Fundraising committee or the school office know.

Thank You

Free Classes



Shopping on a Budget

Would you like help to manage your money?

Do you struggle to make ends meet?

Why not join our free 6 week course?

Brush up on your number skills to help you shop well for less.

Come along, meet new people and get ideas to save money on your weekly shop.

Friendly and informal - run by a qualified adult community tutor.



Free class starting Thursday 9th January 2020 9.30am to 11.30am at Aston Family Centre

For more information or to book a place, please ring Heather on 01978 267338 or email heather.williams@cambria.ac.uk

Diary Dates/ Dyddiadur

26th November– Open Day

29th November– Non Uniform day, Donation for the tombola.

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

Attendance/ Presenoldeb

This week's class with the best attendance is Class 4 with 95.2%. Whole school attendance is 89.5%.

Prayer/ Gweddi

We pray for children living in situations of uncertainty and fear,
within home and family,
neighbourhood and community.
strengthen all who give a voice for the voiceless,
and all who look to the welfare of the young.