



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

*'Be The Best You Can'*

1st March 2020

Hello and welcome to your weekly St Ethelwold's Newsletter with apologies for the lack of a newsletter before half term. Rest assured, we are back up and running now.

Firstly, I speak on everyone's behalf in offering a huge and warm welcome back to Mrs Ellis in Class 1. Mrs Ellis has been on maternity leave with her beautiful little boy Evan for a year and it is always such a difficult time when you leave them and return to work but it is to Mrs Ellis's credit that she has fitted back in so well. Huge thanks at this point also go to Miss Hughes for so expertly holding the fort whilst Mrs Ellis was away.

Tuesday saw the first session of a five-week block of Forest School for our Foundation Phase. Class 2 have the morning session with the class 1 session being in the afternoon. Thankfully the weather held (we were a bit nervous after the rain and high winds we have been experiencing for the past few weeks) and we were treated to a bright, albeit cold, day. During this initial session, the pupils took part in a wide range of activities including; learning the rules, hide and seek, exploring, searching for mini-beasts and touch 3 things. In the next session, the pupils will all take part in exciting outdoor numeracy games. There is no Forest School next week but it will recommence on Tuesday 10th March.

On Thursday we welcomed Liverpool University Maths Outreach Team to school who treated our pupils to an excellent and fun packed numeracy day. Each of classes 2, 3 and 4 enjoyed an hour workshop where the focus was on problem solving and numerical reasoning and the children responded magnificently to the challenges and succeeded in collaboration and resilience and skills. The rich numeracy opportunities gained by our pupils showcased their superb maths knowledge and they were all able to solve the numerous puzzles. Class 4 rounded the day off with a keenly contested quiz which was narrowly won by Team Peach comprising of; Charlotte Salt, Marley Durban, Thomas Roberts and Nicole Axon – well done Team Peach!

That rounds up this week's news. Next week, Sarah McCulloch joins us again in school on Tuesday for a Story Prop Workshop (Mrs Weaver will contact parents directly), children will take part in a jamboree on Friday morning and on Friday afternoon you are all invited to a Fairtrade Coffee Afternoon at 2pm.

We hope you have a fabulous weekend and we look forward to seeing you on Monday morning.

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Mr Oliver

### Attendance/ Presenoldeb

This week's class with the best attendance is Class 2 with 95%. Whole school attendance is 92.2%.

### Siaradwr Cymraeg– Welsh Speaker

Class 1– Jack Peers

Class 2– Erwin Bogdan

Class 3– Cherri-jo Haycock

Class 4– Lily-May Forster

### Special Mentions/ Cyfeiriadau Arbennig

Class 1– Amelia Bota

Class 2– Liam Roberts & Georgi Kolev

Class 3– Stacey Dunn & Kuba Bolda

Class 4– Chloe Dunn & Grace Brown

### Diary Dates/ Dyddiadur

**5th March**– World Book Day– Come in dressed as a character from your favourite book (staff and children)

**6th March**– Children may dress in Welsh costume/ red if they wish (no football kits)

**6th March**– Fairtrade coffee afternoon-2pm

**27th March**– Disney On Ice Trip

2nd April– Easter service at Church

**3rd April**– Easter Tea– Come and join us for a brew and a biscuit and test your luck on the Easter Egg Raffle

**3rd April**– School closes for Easter Break

**20th April**– School reopens

**27th April**– Class photographs

**28th April-5th May**– Welsh National Tests

**Friday 8th May**– School closed for Bank Holiday-This is an amended date

**Friday 26th June**– Teacher Training Day– School closed to pupils