



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

*'Be The Best You Can'*

8th March 2020

Hello all, we hope you are enjoying your weekend and you have managed to find some time to do the things that you like to do with your family. Why not make yourself a cup of tea and have ten minutes to yourself whilst you read our newsletter before you start the never-ending list of chores that we all do in getting our children ready for school on a Monday morning.

### **PC Kim Jones Visit**

Last week was kicked off by a visit on Monday from PC Kim Jones who spoke to our younger pupils about safe and unsafe drugs, PC Kim talked about the kind of drugs that doctors gave out and the importance of never touching them unless they were specifically for you. She then moved onto our lower juniors who were introduced to what actually constitutes a drug and they looked at nicotine and caffeine. The upper juniors then had a presentation on the dangers of drugs and how to avoid peer pressure. All of the pupils gained a lot from the sessions and we look forward to seeing PC Kim again in the summer.

### **Welsh Water Workshop**

Our Junior pupils were treated to a superb morning from the always excellent Arfona from Welsh Water who came to school and delivered an assembly and a workshop. The children learned about many things but particular highlights included the important message of water conservation and how even by making little changes we can make a big difference.

### **Story Prop Workshop**

Some of our foundation phase parents attended a Story Prop Workshop on Tuesday, prepared and presented by a very good friend of our school, Sarah McCulloch. Some of you may remember Sarah from her time working for Families First and we continue to use her expertise and services today. The workshop showed practical and fun strategies for helping a child with early reading.

### **World Book Day**

World Book Day on Thursday was a roaring success and I must offer my heartfelt thanks to you, the parents, for the effort and application that went into the costumes and to the children for embracing the day so wholeheartedly. We had such a spectacular array of costumes from Red Riding Hood to Dennis the Menace and Goldilocks to The Cat in the Hat. These days are always well received, and it is a good chance to let our hair down a little and have some fun. I am well aware of the irony of using the phrase 'let our hair down a little' before anyone starts!

### **Girls' Sports Session**

A team of girls from St Ethelwold's attended a multi-sport event at Deeside Leisure Centre on Thursday run by Dragon Sports, the Welsh Rugby Union and Hockey Wales. They took part in rugby, dance, hockey and circuits and the set-up of the day allowed the team members to work collaboratively in a setting different to the normal setting of school. Mrs Duggan reports that the girls were excellent throughout and that the confidence gained was beautiful to witness.

### **Jamboree**

On Friday, the whole school enjoyed a Jamboree in the hall in Celebration of St David's Day. There were a number of competitions including: poetry recital, handwriting, art and costumes. The children and staff all had a wonderful time in celebrating the rich culture and heritage of Wales and its language.

### **Fairtrade Coffee Afternoon**

The final event of the week was Friday's Fairtrade Coffee Afternoon organised by Mrs Blackburn and Class 3. The class busily and eagerly prepared cakes during the morning for sale in the afternoon. Thank you to those that attended.

We look forward to seeing you all tomorrow.

Mr Oliver

### **Diary Dates/ Dyddiadur**

**17th March**– Draw your Mum pictures in The Leader

**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

**22nd April**– Class 4 Wepre Park river clean

**27th April**– Class photographs

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

**29th April**– Visit from PC Jones

**20th May**– Share a pencil day

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

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

### **Prayer/ Gweddi**

Dear Lord, grant me the ability to speak kindly, respond gently and at times to hold my tongue. I want my actions and reactions to please You and reflect You and Your Love.