



St Ethelwold's V.A. Primary School Newsletter

'Be The Best You Can'

20th September 2019

Hello and welcome to your weekly newsletter from our busy little school.

As **always** we are offering a rich diet of sporting opportunities to our pupils this year. We have entered teams into : dodge ball, water polo, athletics, tag rugby and table tennis competitions and although the size of our school makes it unlikely that we will win the events, we will keenly compete whilst at the same time teaching our pupils key life skills of determination, resilience and teamwork.

Last Friday afternoon saw skilled Taekwondo master Darren Richardson visit school to deliver Taekwondo sessions to each of our classes. The children played team games where they took it in turns to kick the huge pads which Darren brought along as well as learning some of the skills in this ancient martial art. Taekwondo is well known for developing self-esteem, confidence and discipline - children should have brought home leaflets detailing how sessions can be attended.

We have started collecting Aldi vouchers which, if we collect 300, will enable us to receive free sports kit for our various sports teams. In order to get a voucher you need to spend £30 at Aldi so please ask your family and friends to donate any vouchers that they may collect to help us reach this target.



Work is due to start on a new school roof on Monday 28th October which is the first day of half term. The contractors (MAC Roofing) together **with** Flintshire County Council visited school this week for an initial site meeting where we discussed the implications to the school. Part of the junior playground will be fenced off for their equipment and there will be fenced off scaffolding around the school. All doors will be accessible at all times but there will be some changes to the accessibility of our gates. Provisionally, all pupil access will be through the side gate (this will be the only access to the playground) and you will still be able to access the office from the main pedestrian gate by the turning circle. It looks likely that each class will be required to work in the hall for a day as the roof is stripped and made water-tight. School meals will continue as normal as Mrs Murray and her team will prepare the meals at Queensferry CP and bring them up here for lunchtime. We will bring you further information as and when it becomes available to us.

This week I would like to offer a huge thank you to Miss Hughes who is busy organising school council and who has also worked hard on the Flintshire Healthy Schools initiative in order for us to prepare our evidence in anticipation of achieving Level 4. Thank **you** Miss Hughes, the effort and hard work does not go unnoticed.

Another huge debt of gratitude goes to Mrs Weaver, our Family Support Officer, who unceasingly makes time for all of our parents even with her ever increasing workload. Mrs Weaver has somehow found the time this week to set up a support group in school for the families of pupils with ADHD. So impressed is Alan Roberts from the Neuro-Developmental Team, that he would like to use our school as a model school for the excellent practice in this area. Well done Mrs Weaver, you are a superstar.

Remember that we are always trying to improve our school, both for parents and for pupils and if you think that we are not getting it quite right, the best way to approach it is to come and see us - our doors are open to you always.

Whatever you are doing this weekend we hope that you enjoy it and we look forward to welcoming you back on Monday morning.

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Mr Oliver

Diary Dates/ Dyddiadur

23rd September- Junior Curriculum Information Session

24th September- Foundation Phase Curriculum Information Session

30th September- Tempest Photographers

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

24th & 25th September- Lost Property will be out after school

25th September- Deadline for Fundraising Committee nominations

27th September- 2pm Macmillan Coffee & Cake

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

Parent Support Group

This week saw the start of our ADHD/ADD parent support group led by Mrs Weaver and Alan Roberts. It was a great success and lovely to see so many attend. If you would like any more information about the group or would like to attend the next one please see Mrs Weaver or your parent group representative Nicola Newsham.

Next Parent Forum

Wednesday 23rd October 2019 at 9am



Your Parent Reps for 2019-20 are:

Class 1: TBA

Class 2: Jane Wilkinson/ Nicola Newsham

Class 3: Sarah Edwards

Class 4: Sarah Owen

If you have any issues or concerns regarding any aspect of school life, contact your parent rep or alternatively, post your comments in the suggestion box in the entrance foyer.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Join us for coffee and cake on Friday 27th September at 2pm. All donations of cakes and any help that can be given on the day gratefully received. And don't forget our cake decorating competition! Cakes to be in Friday morning with 50p entry fee where they will be judged by Mrs Murray.



Penblwydd Hapus

Ruby Roberts



Siaradwr Cymraeg- Welsh Speaker

Class 1- Navaeh Tagg Angell

Class 2- Layla Pugh

Class 3- Callum Duffield

Class 4- Lexus Beacher

Special Mentions/ Cyfeiriadau Arbennig

Class 1- Jack Peers

Class 2- Ruby Roberts & Lexi Duncan-Timms

Class 3- Stacy Dunn & Rylee Pugh

Class 4- Grace Brown & Maya Bhamrah

Attendance/ Presenoldeb

This week's class with the best attendance is Class 4 with 97.2%. Whole school attendance is 93%.

Prayer/ Gweddi

You are the Way, the Truth and the Life.
Hear our prayer for truth and integrity
in all segments of society today.

May the truth be spoken by us and affirmed in others,
that in seeking truth, the world will come to find You,
the Source of All Truth.