



Newsletter



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Spring Term - February 9th, 2018

Director of education

Mr Aled Evans has arranged a meeting for parents - please see calendar entry. This meeting was promised after his first meeting with parents. He will be discussing the progress of the school and also taking parent views. This is your opportunity to raise questions, and pass comments that he will act upon accordingly. He will talk to you about the recent Estyn visit, categorisation and LEA support. He will also want to hear your views. Members of staff will not be in attendance unless they are a parent of a child in the school. Please make every effort to attend. On this occasion the school is prepared to offer child care for the duration of the meeting.

World book day

Please see calendar entry. The purpose of this day is to promote a love of books and reading. As you know, the school is working extremely hard at improving reading standards in school and I'd like to thank you for helping your children at home too. It makes such a difference to their progress. Your commitment is certainly making a difference in helping the actions that we are taking in school. Results are showing big improvements. So, for world book day (which is officially on March 1st but we have St David's day so we have moved it to the 2nd) we would like to ask the children to dress up as a character from a book and be able to talk about their character from the stories they know. It would be great if they can bring the book into school or a picture of the book. Please choose a character from a book that they have read, and not one that they have only seen on television. Please don't go out and spend lots of money on costumes as this is not the main focus. The focus is on the book and how they can talk about their character. It is part of the process when learning to read. If you want ideas for dressing up, please see the teachers - they are very creative and their ideas won't cost you any money!

Headlice

We are getting more and more reports about headlice in classes. Teachers are not allowed to single out parents / children when we notice that there is a problem. Hence, the message always comes into the newsletter. However, we try our best to make it clear, within classes, when we see a need, that parents need to check hair, treat accordingly and monitor their child's hair. If head lice are untreated it can cause health problems for children. It causes discomfort, skin irritation that can lead to infection and can eventually cause bleeding on the scalp. Long term affects, if untreated, can cause anaemia and loss of energy. Checking your child's hair and treating head lice is a part of meeting your child's needs. Please check your child's hair regularly, treat if necessary and take note of messages from school. We try our best to give out strong hints! It's also likely that you will need to treat the whole family if you find head lice in your child's hair. If you are unsure what you are looking for please ask your child's teacher. They will know, I can assure you! Also note that it is not a sign of being unclean. Head lice just love living in hair whether it's dirty or clean! The problem lies with them being untreated.

Fundraising day

As you know our chosen charity for the year is NSPCC. A charity that works hard to protect our children. We had to change the fundraising date and this will now take place on the last day before half term. We will have another non school uniform day and activities that will support the work of this worthwhile organisation. So, no school uniform on Friday 16th Feb. Just £1 donation. If every child contributes we will raise over £200 for NSPCC. Thank you for your support. Next academic year we will be looking to support another charity. If you have any suggestions, especially local charities, please let us know.

School website

Our digital leaders have put another video clip onto our website. Please take a look. They are improving each time. Thank you children! We would also like to hear your suggestions for the website. It has been updated recently. Does it provide the information you want? Do you use it regularly? What would you like to see on there? The website is for parents, and the community. It's a lot of work to keep it up and running so we would value your opinion. It costs the school money so we need to show its impact. We shall send out a survey for you to let us know your if you find it useful.

Space for a joke!

How do the oceans say hello to each other?

They wave!

Diary Dates

Feb 9th	Year 5&6 peer support training day.
Feb 13th	Shrove Tuesday (pancake day) School disco
Feb 14th	Whole School council day. What the pupils say and want for the school.
Feb 16th	NSPCC fundraising day
Feb 19th	Half term week
March 26th	Director of education meeting with all parents 3.30pm at school.
March 1st	St David's day
March 2nd	World Book Day
March 11th	Mother's Day

Parent drop in sessions

These are now in place for parents of pupils who are worried about their child's learning. This was recognised as good practice by the inspectors this week as it provides parents with further information if they have any concerns or need further information about the levels and outcomes their child should be working at. Please come along.