



LLANSANTFFRAID

Church in Wales Primary School

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Our School Value for this half term – Respect

8th September 2023

Welcome back! **Croeso nol!** We hope you had a lovely summer and a warm welcome to our new families. You will receive a Friday newsletter which tells you what's happening at our school – PLEASE find the time to read it to learn about what's going on. It will be shared on Seesaw and via email. As ever for the start of the new year, this week's newsletter is very full of guidance which we repeat annually.

We give a big warm welcome to Miss Ffion Davies as the Years 5/6 teacher and hope she is very happy as one of our team. The role of Acting Deputy will be shared between Mrs Jo Davies and Mrs Debbie Roberts who will each have different responsibilities. However, in my absence please contact either of them.

We all look forward to working alongside you as pupils and families, Governing Body, the Church, community and volunteers. We feel a strong sense of pride in our school and how we all work together.

Should you ever have any questions or issues, please do not hesitate to contact either me or your class teacher as appropriate to the query. We are proud of our policy of working alongside you for safe, happy, successful children. Our ethos of discussion and support is at the core of our approach.

Kind regards

Mrs Meinir Wyn Morris - Headteacher

IMPORTANT Communication – As ever, most of the messages in these first newsletters will be very similar to past years but are included for the purpose of new families and as reminders to us all. We aim as a school to keep parents as up to date as possible with what is happening. Please always let us know if you feel there are issues that you are unsure about. We always endeavour to keep communication channels open and transparent. We fully believe in the whole team approach, considering the views of all stakeholders, making balanced decisions. We encourage you all to register to receive Seesaw updates to find out about your child's work and also to get messages and letters from Teachers. Codes have gone out this week. You will also find a lot of information on our school website (address on this newsletter heading) which we update on an ongoing basis. We are also pro-active in celebrating our school on Facebook and Twitter.

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Our Values - you may know that we have a selection of values that we follow as the basis for our ethos as a Church Voluntary Aided school. The value for each half term is always listed at the top of our Newsletter. We are currently learning about Respect. The word *respect* is a translation of the Greek word *timēsate*, meaning honour or value. It literally means to place a great value or high price on something. It means to love all believers, regardless of colour, nationality, opinions, or affiliations. "We are the clay, you are the potter: we are all the work of your hand" Isaiah 64:8

Message from Powys County Council who wish to confirm that, at present, are currently not aware of any Local Authority schools in the county that contain RAAC. Our Strategic Property Team, who previously investigated the matter in 2020, are in the process of undertaking a small number of additional survey inspections of our schools and the wider corporate estate following the recent developments and the additional guidance that has been issued. Surveys on the highest priority buildings have already been completed with no evidence of RAAC being present. We are working hard to ensure all other surveys are completed as soon as possible and we expect to conclude the additional work within the next few days.

IMPORTANT Safeguarding – could we politely ask that all families ensure their children remain with them at drop off and collection as this week there was a near miss with a vehicle. Thankfully vehicles are very aware of potential dangers. As we dismiss at the gates, we always wave at any parents across the road so that they know their child is coming to them and we would expect you to cross the road rather than the children doing so.

Parent Pack – The contact/permission forms for new pupils have been issued this week. We rely on families informing us of new information and choices therefore for existing families, please inform us of changes or request a new pack. Could we ask that forms are returned as soon as possible so that we know we are fully up to date. We appreciate there are a lot of forms to fill but we have to be compliant to information and consent. As you consider your options, please be reassured that we never name pupils in photos and generally they will be of groups rather than individuals. We want to include all our children in celebratory group photos so they don't feel a sense of missing out. Many thanks.

School Day Procedures – Can we ask that children are in school by 8.50a.m latest as this is the official start of our school day and that they are collected at 3.10. After School Club may charge for children who are placed in their care until collection. We require a phone call for each day of absence and an indication of when you believe your child will return to school.

Term topic – the topic for the whole school this term is '**What is there to celebrate in our world?**'

Dosbarth Mrs Davies – The children in Mrs Davies' class are very excited about beginning their new topic question. We have been busy sharing ideas and questions about how we will investigate this topic using our learning powers from the Four Purposes of our squirrels! Top of our list to celebrate is of course ourselves! We will be celebrating our individuality, qualities, talents and of course our families! We have discussed the various celebrations that take place within our families and the important role our church and local community play in them. We will be investigating birthdays and how they are celebrated. The children have agreed on one thing, that this needs to include ... a party! We will all need to take on the role of a party planner and all that this entails. We will also be investigating other celebrations from across Wales and the wider world including Harvest, Bonfire night and celebrations from other cultures. We will complete this topic by learning about one of the most important celebrations that takes place each year, the birth of Jesus.

Dosbarth Mrs Roberts – Year 2 have listened carefully to some ideas as to how we can celebrate Our World and discussed the meaning behind the words. This led to a discussion as to what they would like to learn this term linked to our new topic, making sure we had strong links with the themes from the new Curriculum for Wales and the four purposes. After some careful thought as a class, we will start our topic by learning to celebrate the wonderful impact we have on our world before going out in nature and spotting what we can celebrate about our outdoor environment, looking for everything that is amazing and wonderful. We will celebrate the variety of music our world provides and compose some of our own songs for different celebrations.

Dosbarth Miss Morris – The children in Years 3/4 were excited to find out the question for this term's topic. As a class, we created a spider diagram of all the different things we have in our world such as the animals, the seasons, religions, sports and many more. We then displayed the six Areas of Learning, and the children came up with both ideas and questions of what they would like to learn or find out about throughout the term. Here are some of their ideas: to create a fact file about different animals, investigate the cost of farming and how crops are produced, to research the layers of the oceans, to celebrate different religions and other countries traditions, find out how different sports were invented or changed over time, and finally create artwork based on the 7 Wonders of the World. We may even have time to plan a class party!

Dosbarth Miss Davies - This term for our theme, years 5/6 have been sharing their ideas as to what they want to find out throughout the term which all contain the elements of the Curriculum for Wales. Some of their ideas include research tasks to find out what celebratory events different cultures have, writing recipes and cooking different celebratory foods from different countries, looking at sporting events including the upcoming rugby world cup and creating a newspaper report as well as recording their own news broadcast of the tournament, comparing how countries celebrate religious festivals throughout the year and using their numeracy and language skills to plan and create their own celebratory day festival.

Ladybirds Latest

We welcome you all back after the summer and especially new families joining us. The first week has been activities to concentrate on health, wellbeing, safety and routines. We look forward to the year ahead.

PE– You will already have been informed as to the days for P.E and your child’s team colours. Children come into school on their day in their PE Kits. We promote the school PE kit with the school logo so that children are still recognised as being in uniform on PE days. The T-Shirts are to be accompanied by plain black/navy/grey shorts or joggers, trainers/pumps and a school jumper/cardigan/fleece.

School Uniform – full details were issued before the Summer and on our website. Thank you for adhering to our request to make our pupils look as smart as possible, avoiding peer pressure. May we make a gentle reminder that hair accessories need to be plain and simple and of a school uniform standard too. All items of clothing need to be labelled please. We have ensured our items are very favourably priced.

School bags – Could every child please bring a bag to school to carry possessions, take home letters and to feel a sense of pride and responsibility for school day objects. Important resources like reading books and diaries, learning logs, spellings etc should be kept in a separate folder away from snacks and drinks. No unnecessary items should be brought to school.

After School Club – Club runs each evening. The price is £7.00 until 5.30 pm through Parentpay. If you wish to make a booking, see any member of staff. Registration forms will be going out over the next week – the annual fee per family to register is £10.

Breakfast Club - Children can arrive at school after 8 a.m. and there is NO need to make a booking. All children attend in order to eat a breakfast, being offered a choice of cereal/ toast and juice/milk at the cost of £1.50 per session through Parentpay. Please ensure they arrive by 8.25 a.m. at the latest in order to have time to eat.

Admissions – As ever, could we ask that if you know of any future pupils for our school, to keep us informed of them.

Volunteers – as parents you will possess a wide range of skills to offer the school which we value highly. If you wish to volunteer on a regular basis or one-off activities, please inform Mrs Morris so that we can get a DBS up and running.

Snacks for playtime continue to be fruit only should your child need a snack. May we ask that if children have grapes, especially the younger children, that they are cut in half due to potentially being a choking hazard. We encourage all children to bring in a bottle of water only.

Health and Wellbeing – could we ask that all pupils who are prescribed an inhaler have a spare one to keep in school which will be labelled and kept securely in their classroom.

School Dinners – just a reminder that the cost is £2.45 per day paid through ParentPay. Welsh Government are already paying for all Reception, Years 1 and 2 children to have free school meals. We will inform you when we know more of the rollout programme for other years.

Payments and Economy- Payments for clubs, Ladybirds, are also through the Parentpay system. For anything else could all cash/cheques be placed in a labelled envelope and placed in the black box at the entrance.

We encourage avoiding escalating debts and paying regularly for provision and meals. The Governing Body have agreed as per care provision in other schools and settings that fees need to be paid for Breakfast Club and After School Club in full by the following end of week at the latest otherwise we cannot provide spaces going forwards so that debts do not escalate. We make the plea as ever for outstanding debts to be paid urgently otherwise we cannot allow any further provision. We thank you for your co-operation with this.

Governors – the Governing Body will meet soon for the first time this year to discuss priorities and the strategic development of the school. We thank them for giving their voluntary time to our school.

Music Lessons – Mrs Helen Elliott has already returned to us on a Friday for Piano lessons. She has 2 spaces available so contact Mrs Morris if you are interested. Mr Mike Wilcock will return this coming Tuesday for guitar – there are also spaces available. We would also like to start offering Harp lessons but need at least 3 pupils interested so let Mrs Morris know.

Community Links – please note the poster below advertising the village bingo that starts TONIGHT!

SEPT 13th Cobra TAG rugby Years 5/6

18th and 19th Staff INSET training days whole of Llanfyllin cluster of schools – no pupils in

18th Secondary School Admission Round for Powys Year 6 learners opens

25th Year 6 Lifeline Oswestry

OCT 6th Harvest Festival

12th Year 6 Open Evening – Ysgol Llanfyllin

26th Parents Evening

27th Finish for Half Term

NOV 6th Return to school

10th Closing date for application for Secondary School for current Year 6

DEC 1st Year 6 cycling

5th Theatre Severn Pantomime

14th Church Nativity Service

21st End of Term

22nd Staff INSET



BINGO NIGHT

LLANSANTFFRAID COMMUNITY HALL
IS EXCITED TO PRESENT FAMILY BINGO

FRIDAY, 8TH SEPTEMBER 2023

DOORS OPEN 6:30PM

- 7PM START

BINGO - RAFFLE - BAR & REFRESHMENTS

EVERY SECOND FRIDAY OF THE MONTH

LLANSANTFFRAID COMMUNITY HALL, SY22 6AE

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® 'Your Incredible Child' group

For parents of
children aged
3-6 years old

(This course is suitable for all
Pre School aged children)

You will learn about

Child-directed play

**How to appropriately use praise,
incentives and rewards to promote
co-operative behaviour**

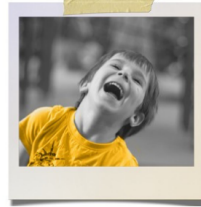
**Establishing routine, household rules
and setting boundaries**

**Managing inappropriate behaviours and
keeping yourself calm.**

**Helping your child to regulate their
emotions and learn some calming
techniques**

**Appropriate consequences and problem
solving skills**

**Supporting your child's Social and
emotional skills.**



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Starting Thursday 14th September
2023 for 12 weeks.

9:30am- 11:30am (2 hours per
week)

Welshpool Integrated Family
Children Centre (Oldford Old
School)- SY21 7SX

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