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Church in Wales Primary School

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Our School Value for this half term – Respect



9th September 2022

Welcome back! **Croeso no!** 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 and latest guidance— 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. Otherwise our newsletters have a mixture of celebrations and information.

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

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

Communication – As ever, many 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. 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

Parent Pack – This year we have decided to reduce paper and also ‘homework’ for parents by only issuing the contact/permission forms for new pupils. We’re sure that parents will be pleased about this. We therefore rely on families informing us of new information and choices. 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. Under any Covid-19 restrictions, please adhere to Government guidance. We recognise the decision that parents have to make in the morning if their child is ill is very difficult.

Term topic – the topic for the whole school this term is Yma o Hyd, a song by the Welsh Folk Singer Dafydd Iwan which has recently become an anthem in Welsh sporting events. It translates as ‘We’re still here’ despite everything and a sense of pride in Wales and Welsh identity.

Dosbarth Mrs Davies –

We have been thinking very hard in our Reception class, about what we would like to learn about under our new topic of **Yma O Hyd “Still Here”** and what questions we would like to investigate to discover the answers.

We have tried to link each of our ideas back to our squirrels of the four purposes from the Curriculum for Wales.

Ethel



Ethical, informed citizens!

We have decided that **Hywel** will help us learn new skills we can use in the dance, singing and instrumental performances of the very famous song, Yma o Hyd.

We have been trying to think of creative ways with **Richie** that we can share our newly discovered Welsh nursery rhymes and myths from the past that are still shared today.

Hywel



Healthy, confident individuals!

Ethel will be helping us to investigate about important traditions and historical buildings in our Cynefin and across Wales as a whole.

As ever **Amber** will help to reach for the stars and aim high in all areas of our learning.

Amber



Ambitious, capable learners!

Richie



Enterprising, creative contributors!

We will continue to be Try Hard Tortoises, researching the answers to our questions and of course a Not Yet Yeti when we continue to develop our oracy skills when sharing this new information.

Dosbarth Mrs Roberts – Years 2 and 3 have listened carefully to the Lyrics of the song 'Yma O Hyd' and discussed the meaning behind the words. This led to a discussion as to what they would like to learn this term, 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 how to sing Yma O Hyd and critique some other famous Welsh singers, actors and artists. We will find out how to write music and compose some of our own Welsh songs. We will look into the history of how mining led to the inspiration for the song and then find out more about Wales and its locality in the past and present through research and investigations into Castles and Churches in Wales, Welsh landscapes and how they are formed. We will delve into the history of Welsh as a language and debate how to keep the Welsh language alive.'

Dosbarth Miss Morris – The children in Years 4/5 were very intrigued when they heard our topic for the term was ‘Yma o Hyd’. With being a little unsure of what it meant, we listened to the popular song sung by Dafydd Iwan and looked at the English translation to help with some ideas. The children thought about the different Areas of Learning and suggested some wonderful ideas to incorporate the new topic. Throughout the term Years 4/5 would like to learn about different Welsh Myths and Legends which links nicely to Mabinogion, the history of

Welsh castles and how they have changed over time, Welsh celebrities, traditional Welsh folk dancing, create artwork on famous landmarks in Wales and finally, find out information about the rugby and football teams

Dosbarth Mr McWhinnie – The pupils have collaborated and generated a wide range of areas that they want to investigate about Welsh history. These include researching the various castles in Wales, identifying significant dates and events in Wales' history discovering how houses and homes have changed, researching famous Welsh artists and musicians and looking at the sporting success and achievements of Welsh sports teams and individuals.

Curriculum for Wales, a Curriculum for Life – this new framework that we have been working towards for a number of years is now mandatory in Welsh primary schools for all ages. Please follow the link below from our website to see our summary offer.

[Curriculum for Wales - LlasantffraidPrimarySchool \(weebly.com\)](http://www.llasantffraidprimaryschool.weebly.com)

'Sex and Relationships Education' (SRE) will change to 'Relationships and Sexuality Education' (RSE) in the new curriculum. RSE plays an important role for the safeguarding and protection of all learners in Wales. RSE will be a mandatory element of the Curriculum for Wales – so that every child has a right to access the full curriculum. It will also be part of a whole school approach including anti bullying, and learning about violence against woman and online safety. The RSE Code has been published to give parents and carers clarity and transparency about what their children will learn and when.

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 still come into school on their day in their PE Kits. As of this September we have introduced 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. 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 know there is currently a lot of discussion nationally about the price of school uniform. We have explored this and discussed as a Governing Body before the summer and feel 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.

Clubs – We are still endeavouring to source a Sports Club provider and will let you know when we find one.

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. We hope that we can re-open the shared water fountain this term to fill bottles.

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 £2.35 per day paid through ParentPay. Welsh Government as of this September are paying for all Reception 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 recognise that this winter is going to be difficult economically for all families however we also 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. We have to ensure 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. There are still vacancies on the GB. Please contact Mrs Morris if you are interested or know of somebody who is.

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. His fee is £9 for a 20 minute lesson.

SEPT 14th Cobra TAG rugby 26th Year 6 Lifeline Oswestry

OCT 3rd STAFF INSET DAY – no pupils in 26th School Eisteddfod 28th Finish for Half Term

NOV 7th Return to school 11th Application for Powys Secondary Admission closing date

DEC 8th Theatre Severn Pantomime 21st End of Term

