



ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH IN WALES (AIDED) PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

Easter

Many thanks for your support of our Easter events. The service in Church was very well attended and my thanks go to Mrs. Rendall for organising the service and to the Year 6 pupils for leading a lovely celebration of Easter.

The Easter bingo was also a very enjoyable evening and many thanks to the Friends of the School for organising and to everyone who donated prizes for the hampers.

National Tests

National tests will be taking place from May 7th-14th for all pupils in Year 2 to Year 6.

There are two numeracy tests, one procedural and one reasoning and a reading test.

There is nothing that parents can do to prepare your children for the tests, apart from give reassurance. All we can ask is that the children try their very best, as we know how hard they all work throughout the year.

I have attached some further information about the tests if you want to know more.

Sporting events

Pupils in KS2 have recently taken part in tennis and swimming and I would like to congratulate them all on how well they represented the school. It is always pleasing to hear good reports from staff and often from others about how well-mannered and well behaved our children are.

Congratulations to the Year 5 girls' tennis team who have made it through to the next round and to Lucy who will compete in the second round of the swimming gala.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast club will continue as normal this term.

Could I request that any questions you have regarding the school day or issues related to pupils are not relayed to breakfast club staff as they are already very busy with welcoming, supervising and feeding the children. Could you instead come to the main office with any queries where someone will be able to help you.

After School

As the weather (hopefully!) improves many of your children, especially in KS2 will be out in the park and around the village after school. Over the past 12 months we are increasingly having to deal with the aftermath of arguments and disagreements that have happened outside of school.

Could we ask you to please be vigilant and help us in dealing with these issues at home, so that we can focus on teaching and learning during the school day.

I appreciate your help and support in this matter.

Parking

Could I give you a gentle reminder please, to be thoughtful in where and how you park at drop off and pick up times. We have again had complaints from our neighbours of cars parked on pavements and grass verges as well as blocking driveways.

Could I also remind you that the car park at the front of the school is for staff only, unless prior arrangements have been made with the school. Thank you for your co-operation.

Staffing and class structures for September

As we enter the final term of this year, I know that some of you will be already thinking of which class your child will be in next year. There will be some changes in September.

Mrs. Moss has sadly decided to retire at the end of the Summer Term and needless to say her departure will be a great loss to the school. She has been an excellent colleague and teacher for many years and we will be very sad to see her leave.

Congratulations to Mrs. Mumford who will be leaving us temporarily for the birth of her second child in September. We will look forward to welcoming her back in due course.

From September, Mrs. Holloway will be teaching Class 1 and we will be advertising for maternity cover for Mrs. Mumford in Class 2. Year 3 and 4 will be taught by Mrs. Rendall at the beginning of the week and we will confirm in due course who will be in Class 3 on Thursdays and Fridays.

Year 5 and 6 will be taught by Mr. Jarman, who we have welcomed to the school as our new Deputy Headteacher this term. This will provide important continuity for the pupils in Year 4 and 5 who have faced disruption due to staff changes this year.

Hopefully letting you know early in the term about these changes will help address any concerns that you may have for next year.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Mr. Phillips

Dates for your diaries

May

6th – Bank holiday – School closed

7th – National test window opens

7th – Bookslam competition

7th – Start of swimming lessons – Year 6

9th – Kerbcraft – Year 1 and 2

14th – National test window closes

16th – Kerbcraft – Year 1 and

22nd-24th – Year 6 residential visit to Broneirion

22nd – Cricket and rounders competition

24th – Visit from PC Sweetman – Reception to Year 5

24th – Half term

June

3rd – Back to school

6th – Visit from PC Sweetman – Year 2 to Year 6

7th – FP visit to 'The Ironworks' Oswestry

12th – Tennis second round

13th – Visit from PC Sweetman – Year 6

14th – Year 4,5,6 multisports

20th – Diocese Leavers service – Year 6

21st – KS2 visit to 'The Ironworks' Oswestry

22nd – FOS ladies day

28th – Year 1,2,3 multisports