



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

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Dear Parents,

The new term is already half way through and the children have already been incredibly busy. If you would like to see what they have been doing, don't forget that there is still the opportunity every Friday after school to come and visit the classrooms. Please come and join us!

Attendance, punctuality and illness

We continue at the start of the year to have a large amount of pupils suffering with coughs, colds and sickness bugs. In case of sickness, please ensure that there has been a period of 48 hours before returning your child to school. This is in line with the guidance we have received from the Local Authority.

Also in line with Local Authority procedures we will be sending letters of concern to parents of pupils with an attendance of less than 90% during the Autumn term. We appreciate that the vast majority of absences are unavoidable through illness and ask that if you have any questions or queries about the letters that you receive, that you contact me to discuss further.

Could I also politely remind you that registration begins at 8.55a.m. and we would request that all pupils arrive in school between 8.45a.m. and 8.55a.m. please. Late arrivals do disrupt the start of the day for staff and pupils.

Watches

It has been brought to our attention that some pupils are wearing watches to school that have the capability to take photographs, send messages and access the internet. While these are, I'm sure, fun for our pupils, it does raise safeguarding concerns for us at school and we have already had instances where photographs of other pupils have been taken. I'm sure you will understand that on this basis we request that these watches are kept a home and not worn to school in future please.

Focus week

Next week will be our second focus week of the year and children across the school will be studying animals and issues that are related including ecology. The week will begin with our visit to Chester Zoo and all work for the remainder of the week will follow on from the visit. We are sure that this will be a valuable experience for all our pupils.

Building update

After a short delay, the removal of tiles from the roof is due to begin today. Class 2 have settled well into their new classroom and Class 1 will have an area partitioned for the time being while the first stage of the work is being completed. We are aware that collection at the end of the day is difficult due to the number of parents and pupils at the back gate. With this in mind, we ask that as soon as you have your children, if you could move from the immediate vicinity of the gate to ensure a safe exit via the path for all concerned.

We appreciate your patience and understanding during this disruption.

Many thanks for your continued support,
Mr. Phillips

<p>January 29th – Childhood Measurement Screening (Reception)</p> <p>February 3rd – Chester Zoo (Whole School) 3rd – Focus Topic Week – Conservation and the environment 12th – Cross Country – Newtown/Llanidloes/Machynlleth areas 14th – Half term 24th – Back to school 24th-26th – Llangrannog (Year 5) 28th – Police lessons (Year 3-6)</p> <p>March 2nd – St. David’s Day celebration 1.30p.m. 10th – Storytellers assembly 9.15a.m. 18th – Police lessons (Year 5 and 6) 23rd – Assessment week 24th – Final swimming session (Class 4) 30th – End of topic celebration (TBC) 31st – Parents Evening 3.30-6p.m.</p> <p>April 1st – Parents Evening 3.30-6p.m. 3rd – End of Spring Term 20th – Staff inset – non pupil day 21st – Start of Summer Term 28th – National Test window opens</p> <p>May 5th – National Test window closes 14th – Tennis competition 15th – Police lessons (Year 2-6) 22nd – Half Term</p>	<p>June 1st – Back to School 1st – Focus Topic Week – Enterprise project 3rd – Cricket and Rounders competition 19th – Multisports (Year 4,5 and 6) 26th – Extra non pupils day</p> <p>July 1st – Diocese leavers service – St. Mary’s Church Welshpool (Year 6) 3rd – Multisports (Year 2/3) 7th – Foundation Phase Sports Day (AM) 8th – Key Stage 2 Sports Day (Full day) 8th – Multi Skills –Year 1 10th – Summer Fete 14th – Foundation Phase Sports Day (Reserve date) 15th – Key Stage 2 Sports Day (Reserve date) 17th – End of Summer Term</p>
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