



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

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Dear Parents,

A very warm welcome back to you all!

It has been fantastic to have all of the children back in school where they belong and they all seem very happy to be here. If you or your child have any worries or anxieties about being back, then please request to speak to the Class Teachers in the first instance who will be happy to help.

Thank you for your co-operation with our new arrangements at the start and end of the day, which seem to be working quite well at the moment. We are reviewing our procedures each week and following guidance as it changes. We are not expecting any significant changes to the guidance for at least the current term.

Sadly this means that we are not able to meet with you in the same way as previously but we are looking into different ways that we can engage with parents and keep you involved in school life.

We are also finding opportunities for the children in different classes to engage with each other and this started with our virtual celebration assembly last week, with children from each class sharing their work together.

Events

We are currently being advised that school events need to happen remotely, which will affect many things throughout the year. The first to be affected are parent's evenings which we will be conducting over the phone. If you have not already done so, could you please complete the form which was sent via email last week, to state your preference for an afternoon or evening appointment.

Normally we would be sending dates to you for the entire year, but as you can appreciate, this is quite difficult at the moment. We do have a few events planned for this half term.

On the 29th September, we will be holding a super hero day to mark the celebration of our very own superhero, St. Michael. We ask that the children come dressed as superheroes and there will be a range of activities planned during the day.

We will also be holding a creative arts week from the 12th -16th of October.

As we missed having a sports day in the summer, we also plan to hold a sports day for each class, with the house points added up as usual at the end of the week.

Our harvest service is likely to be shared with you by video, with more information to follow soon.

Breakfast Club

We are now in a position to be able to restart breakfast club from Monday 21st September. The arrangements for this have been sent in a separate email earlier. Please note that breakfast club places must be booked the previous week and we will not be able to accept pupils on day.

After School Club

We recently shared with you a survey to gauge interest in setting up an after school club at school. Thank you to all who responded and the feedback was very positive.

Illness

We have a large number of children suffering with colds and sore throats since returning to school, which is to be expected at this time of year and is likely to increase as the Winter draws near. We have shared with you a symptom flowchart from the LA which may assist you with decisions on sending your child to school.

In terms of Covid symptoms, you need to be looking out for either a new continuous dry cough, a high temperature or a loss of taste and smell. If you are in any doubt, please err on the side of caution and keep your children at home and monitor them during the day.

Many thanks for your continued support,
Mr. Phillips