



Cylchlythyr – Newsletter – 31.03.2023

Dear parents and carers,

It is hard to believe we have come to the end of the Spring Term! Our pupils have worked very hard over the past term and I have been very pleased with the progress that they have made and continue to make. The school closes today for the Easter Holidays and will reopen to pupils on **Tuesday 18th April 2023** as Monday 17th April is a staff training day.

I would like to thank you for your continued support with attendance and punctuality. We continue to monitor this closely and engage with the Local Authority to provide support where needed. Sadly, we have been made aware of some parental posts on social media which portray the Attendance Policy negatively. The school has adopted the Local Authority policy and has a legal duty to ensure absences are recorded. Where we are not informed of an absence, we must follow appropriate processes to ensure registers are completed accurately; this may involve engagement with the Local Authority Attendance Officer. Thank you for your understanding in what I am sure you agree is a very important matter.

I hope you have an enjoyable Easter Holiday and we look forward to an exciting Summer Term with lots of activities planned! Diolch, Mr Hatwood.



Easter Holiday Club

We look forward to welcoming those pupils who have been booked into Holiday Club over the next two weeks. It promises to be an exciting couple of weeks and we are delighted to be working with George to provide some additional sporting and games activities for the children.

During school holidays, Holiday Club can be contacted by calling the school number (01978 852342) and following the relevant options. Parents and carers can also speak to staff when dropping off or collecting their children. Class Dojo and email addresses are not monitored over the school holidays and it is not possible to accommodate any late bookings or amendments to bookings once the booking window has closed.

School Meals

After the Easter Holidays, pupils in Year 1 and 2 will be eligible for a Free School Meal every school day in addition to all pupils in Reception.

Should you wish to take advantage of this, please ensure that you book your child's meal on Parent Pay in advance of them returning to school. Parent Pay bookings **cut off at 8am on the day that the child has their meal. Booking on Parent Pay is essential.**

The Local Authority have advised that parents and carers in Year 1 and 2 should wait until **Saturday 15th or Sunday 16th April 2023** to book their child's meals once the system has updated to reflect the changes and eligibility for all pupils.

Should any issues arise and payment be taken, refunds will be made in full from the Local Authority.

World Book Day

It was wonderful to celebrate a belated World Book Day in school this week. Pupils spent the day immersed in literacy based activities to promote reading for pleasure. Thank you for supporting the children with their fancy dress and reading regularly at home; regular reading at home is essential to support progress in reading.



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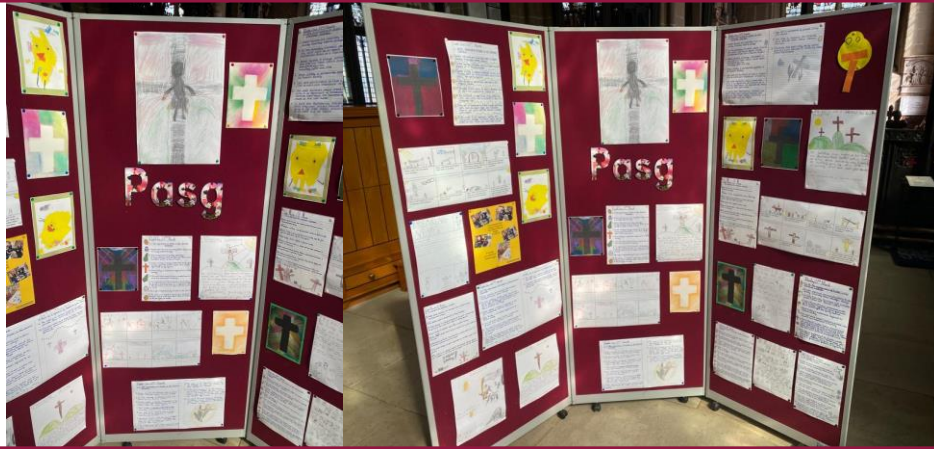


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Easter

Miss Devaney has worked hard to pull together a selection of work from all classes for our display in All Saints' Church. Pupils have worked very hard learning about Easter, the Easter Story and what this means to Christians. We hope that the local community enjoy seeing the work going on in our school when they visit the Church over the Easter period.



Open the Book

We enjoyed a visit to the Church on Wednesday for a performance by Open the Book all about Easter and the Easter Story.



Measuring

As part of their studies, Year 1 and 2 have been busy measuring their bodies and learning about units of measure this week.



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Cyngor Eco – Eco Council – Dragon Bags Challenge

Our Dragon Bags Eco Challenge has certainly created a buzz around school over the past few weeks! We were pleased to welcome staff from Dragon Bags to school this morning to hear all about the challenge and how it has worked.

The final totals will be counted today and added to the weekly totals on the right, our winning class will be announced after the Easter Holidays, everyone in school is excited to find out the winning class!



Dragon Bags

Diolch yn fawr –
Thank you
from the Eco Council for
your support
in this competition!

Class	Weekly	Total
Early Years – Mrs Parker	62kg	127kg
Early Years – Mrs Speed	75kg	107kg
Year 1/2 – Mrs Mort	40kg	130kg
Year 1/2 – Mrs Dobie	60kg	111kg
Year 1/2 – Mrs Wright	167kg	318kg
Year 3 – Mrs Coombes	18kg	113kg
Year 3/4 – Miss Sedgwick	40kg	112kg
Year 4 – Mrs Shelmerdine	395kg	590kg
Year 5 – Mr Holmes	501 kg	719kg
Year 5/6 – Mr Szymura	24kg	103kg
Year 6 – Miss Jones	23kg	130kg
Whole School	1405kg	2560kg

We look forward to sharing the final results shortly!

School Uniform – September 2023

Following consultation with our pupils, parents and carers, the Governing Body have determined that only minor changes will be made to the school uniform for the 2023/24 school year.

We have listened to feedback regarding supply, quality and availability of the current school uniform and following this wish to advise that the school uniform supplier will change from Forester Sports, Mold, to **RAM Leisure, Wrexham** from when we return after the Easter Holidays.

We are removing the split between the Winter and Summer uniform to support families with the rising costs they are experiencing. Pupils are able to wear their uniform flexibly (From the list of uniform items below) as we are aware patterns of weather are becoming ever more difficult to predict! To this end, the school uniform will be made up of the following from September 2023:

**Grey trousers/shorts/skirt or light pink gingham dresses,
Light blue shirts/blouses/polo shirts, school tie (when wearing shirts/blouses)
Burgundy jumpers/cardigans.**

School jumpers available from RAM Leisure will have the school logo, however, plain jumpers are also acceptable as part of the school uniform. School shoes (which can be polished) must be worn and trainers are only permitted for P.E. Days. The P.E. kit will remain unchanged in a plain white t-shirt (plain black hoody/school jumper when cold) and black shorts or tracksuit bottoms. The school tracksuit will continue to be available from RAM Leisure as will items such as Reading Bags.

The ordering system for RAM Leisure will open when we return following the Easter Break on the following link > <http://www.ourschoolwear.co.uk> RAM Leisure can be contacted directly on 01978 360360 and can be found at the following address: RAM Leisure, Unit 31, Trinity House, Whitegate Industrial Estate, Whitegate Road, Wrexham. LL13 8UG.



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"let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in Heaven." Matthew 5:16

School Year 2023/24

We are starting preparations for September 2023 and although this seems a long time away, will come around very quickly.

When forming our classes for the next year, the school will apply the Mixed Classes Policy to ensure fairness and to this end, we request that parents and carers do not make contact to express preferences as we must ensure the policy is fairly applied to all pupils in the school.

A consultation is soon to be launched with parents/carers in Year 2 and 3 (Year 3 and 4 next year) regarding mixed classes and a letter regarding the make-up of Year 5 and 6 classes next year will be shared imminently. Thank you for your support in this matter.



Attendance and Punctuality

We continue to focus on improving attendance and punctuality at school, you can see how each class has been doing in the table below. Whole school attendance and punctuality remain positive this week, but have dropped from last week. Please ensure your child attends regularly and on time.

Class	Attendance	Punctuality
Nursery - Miss Williams	96%	0 sessions
Early Years - Mrs Parker	89%	0 sessions
Early Years - Mrs Speed	99%	0 sessions
Year 1/2 - Mrs Mort	93%	0 sessions
Year 1/2 - Mrs Dobie	96%	2 sessions
Year 1/2 - Mrs Wright	96%	1 session
Year 3 - Mrs Coombes	94%	0 sessions
Year 3/4 - Miss Sedgwick	86%	1 session
Year 4 - Mrs Shelmerdine	96%	2 sessions
Year 5 - Mr Holmes	95%	0 sessions
Year 5/6 - Mr Szymura	95%	0 sessions
Year 6 - Miss Jones	98%	0 sessions
Whole School	94.5%	6 sessions

Equates to:



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