



Ysgol Yr Holl Saint All Saints' School

A Voluntary Aided Church in Wales School



Cylchlythyr – Newsletter – 10.03.2023

Dear parents and carers,

Thank you once again for your understanding regarding the school closures due to the snowfall this week. Closing the school is never an easy decision and never a decision that you can please everyone in taking, but, the decision was taken following a stringent assessment of the risk, in discussion with other local schools and with as much notice as possible to hopefully support alternative arrangements. Thank you for your understanding. I have been very impressed with the focus on handwriting following the launch of our Pen Pals Programme last week and the positive impact this is already having in school. I hope you have a peaceful weekend and please be vigilant as the snow melts and could bring ice to footpaths and roads.

Diolch, Mr Hatwood.



Red Nose Day – Friday 17th March 2023

For Comic Relief Day this year, the School Council would like everyone to wear Pyjamas to school.

They are keen to collect as much money as possible for this very worthy cause, to make things as easy as possible, we will be taking cash donations or donations via Parent Pay.

The School Council would also like each class to take part in the Lego build challenge, you can find more details on this here >>

www.comicrelief.com/rednoseday/schools/lego. Please do share entries with your child's class teacher via Class Dojo. The School Council will be awarding prizes to those who they deem to be the most creative.



Safe Routes to School

Our school access points face pressure at the start and end of the school day as is the case at many schools. We have worked to ensure the spread of drop off and pick up points to reduce congestion as much as possible and are working with the Local Authority to develop a third entranceway into school to help alleviate congestion further.

We would like to ask for you to drop your child/ren at school considerately. We have seen parents stopping and in some cases parking on yellow zig zags, letting children leave the cars into the main road and parking in accessible parking bays without the necessary badge. **Thank you for thinking carefully about where you stop, drop off your child and park around the site.**

Breakfast and Teatime Club

The Breakfast and Teatime Club provision continues to be increasingly popular and the number of children accessing this continues to grow. We are governed by the Care Inspectorate Wales to ensure the adult to child ratio within our provision meets legal requirements.

Unfortunately, there are still a significant number of parents and carers contacting us during the week to request places at Breakfast and Teatime Club for that week. Whilst we recognise that emergencies happen, there are a small, but significant number of parents and carers regularly not booking within the timescales and in turn not clearing debt on accounts.

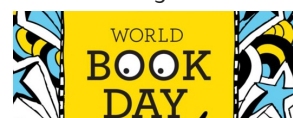
For this reason, I again ask that you do not contact the school to request places at Breakfast and Teatime Club after the **Friday at 10am** deadline and ask that if you experience difficulties in booking in advance of this that you contact the school before Friday at 10am to confirm bookings for the following week. Thank you for your support in this matter.

World Book Day

Our World Book Day activities are being delayed this year to coincide with our School Book Fayre.

The Book Fayre will be in school from **Thursday 23rd March – Thursday 30th March 2023** and will be open from the end of the school day.

Our School Council have discussed World Book Day and would like like pupils and staff to dress as their favourite book characters on **Tuesday 28th March 2023** and have asked each class to decorate their classroom door as a front cover of a book to celebrate our Book Fayre!



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Fascinating Facts

Pupils in Reception have been busy this week finding out about animals that live in the rainforests using non-fiction texts.



Library Visits

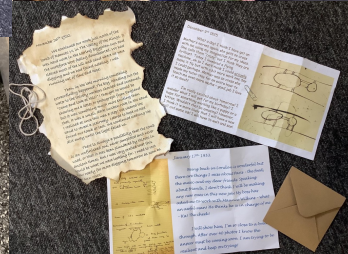
Our pupils have continued their library visits this week. We are very fortunate to have such a wonderful resource in our village and are pleased to make good use of it.



Diary Writing - Year 4

In English lessons Year 4 will be working on diary writing for the next few weeks. To inspire and engage the children, they were given an outdoor challenge to complete. Three diaries were hidden in the school grounds and they had to use their numeracy and mapping skills to locate them.

Once the sealed caskets with the diaries inside had been found, the children had more co-ordinates to help find keys or numbers to unlock the padlocks. Their final challenge was to work out who had written the diaries. The children were able to use the knowledge they had gained so far this half term to work out that the diary writers were Howard Carter, Rosalind Franklin and Ada Lovelace.



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Cyngor Eco – Eco Council – Dragon Bags Challenge

The first week of our Dragon Bags Challenge has come to a close and from next week we will be sharing our leader board which you can see on the right of this page.

The challenge will continue until the Easter Holidays where we will announce the winning class. The challenge has been designed by the Eco Council with the aim of supporting the recycling of clothing helping those who are less fortunate than ourselves and also raising money for the school to support the Eco Council Gardening Area.

Thank you for your support!

Dragon Bags

WHAT WE WILL ACCEPT



Remember – the class who collects the largest weight of items of clothing to be recycled will win a trip to the bowling alley!

Class	Weekly	Total
Early Years – Mrs Parker		
Early Years – Mrs Speed		
Year 1/2 – Mrs Mort		
Year 1/2 – Mrs Dobie		
Year 1/2 – Mrs Wright		
Year 3 – Mrs Coombes		
Year 3/4 – Miss Sedgwick		
Year 4 – Mrs Shelmerdine		
Year 5 – Mr Holmes		
Year 5/6 – Mr Szymura		
Year 6 – Miss Jones		
Whole School		

Universal Free School Meals

Since September, all children in Reception classes across Wales have been able to have free meals at school, and from April Universal Primary Free School Meals will be rolled out to all year 1 and 2 pupils in Wrexham as well.

This is the second stage of the Welsh Government's response to the rising cost-of-living pressures on families, tackling child poverty and ensuring no child goes hungry in school. The same offer will be available to years 3 to 6 from September 2023.

Does your child already receive Free School Meals?

If your child currently receives Free School Meals based on your circumstances, you may also be entitled to additional help through the Pupil Development Grant, which includes financial support for uniform, sports equipment and devices. To access this year's scheme visit [Pupil Development Grant \(PDG\) | Wrexham County Borough Council](#).

Has your financial situation changed in the last year?

If your child is not currently receiving Free School Meals, but your circumstances have changed this year, Wrexham might have support available for you. To check if you are eligible for Free School Meals, visit [Free school meals | Wrexham County Borough Council](#). If you are eligible, you may also be able to receive the Pupil Development Grant.

As the summer term approaches, we are urging parents and carers to apply for the support they're entitled to.



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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

Industrial Action – National Education Union

The National Education Union have confirmed that further Industrial Action will take place on **15th March and 16th March 2023**. As communicated via Class Dojo on Wednesday, the school will be closed to pupils on this day and any Breakfast/Teatime Club bookings will be cancelled and credited to accounts over the next few days. Thank you for your understanding and support.

Smart Watches

We have seen an increase in pupils coming to school wearing Smart Watches recently. Whilst we all understand how useful these are, there have been incidents where these have rang in class or where they have been damaged at playtimes. We will be asking pupils to remove these watches coming into class and handing these to teachers. This is the same as we do with the mobile phones our older pupils who walk to and from school bring into school.

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 has improved again this week which is very pleasing. **The table below does not include the impact of the snow this week.**



Class	Attendance	Punctuality
Nursery – Miss Williams	98%	1 session
Early Years – Mrs Parker	98%	1 session
Early Years – Mrs Speed	96%	0 sessions
Year 1/2 – Mrs Mort	99%	0 sessions
Year 1/2 – Mrs Dobie	97%	1 session
Year 1/2 – Mrs Wright	99%	0 sessions
Year 3 – Mrs Coombes	94%	0 sessions
Year 3/4 – Miss Sedgwick	98%	1 session
Year 4 – Mrs Shelmerdine	93%	0 sessions
Year 5 – Mr Holmes	96%	1 session
Year 5/6 – Mr Szymura	95%	0 sessions
Year 6 – Miss Jones	95%	0 sessions
Whole School	96%	5 sessions

Equates to:



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