



Crossgates C.P. School NEWSLETTER

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Friday 26th February

I really hope that you all have a lovely half term even if it was rather soggy!

I just wanted say how **brilliantly** our Foundation Phase pupils have returned to school this week - it is wonderful having them back, **hearing their voices and laughter**, and seeing their interactions with the friends they haven't seen in such a long time.

Also, thank you for following the requests on mask wearing, social distancing and dropping off/picking up your child within the drop off windows. **You have been really supportive in following these measures.**

The Local Authority has advised our parent communities to remain vigilant to the **COVID symptoms** we all know of...**a new continuous cough, a high temperature, loss of the sense of smell or taste.** If your child or anyone in your household has any of these symptoms, the household must isolate immediately and book a COVID test for that individual.

This week I have shared with staff 'testing' arrangements which are about to be rolled out across Powys in a bid to isolate asymptomatic cases. I have shared **our** plan to test staff on Sunday and Wednesday evenings. A positive test would mean classes and/or bubbles would have to close at very short notice, just as they would also have to do if a positive test result is seen amongst our pupil community.

Therefore, pls ensure you check regularly your emails or schoop, to see if you have received one from us telling you of any closure arrangements.

In order for us to ensure, you hear promptly from us of any class closures, pls can I remind all parents/carers to pass on any changed **contact details** immediately...an email address change or a mobile phone...**it is vital that we are able to get hold of you should we need to do so.**

Class or bubble closure may bring about disruption (at very short notice) to your daily life, especially as it may affect you being able to attend your normal workplace - we understand the frustrations these enforced closures may bring about, but we ask that our parent/carer community keeps in mind that no school is wanting to close any class. However, we have a duty to follow Welsh Government guidance in order to **limit the spread of COVID19.**

Thank you for your continued support, we really appreciate it.

St David's Day- Monday 1st March

St David's day will be slightly different this year. Children are able to wear red or any other colour from the welsh flag to school on that day. We are asking children to upload a picture of themselves in their traditional welsh costume to HWB if they wish.

Classes have been set an art and literacy activity and the winners of these will be announced in the work of the week on the 5th March.

We will also share welsh challenges on Hwb and a St David's Day assembly which involves listening to the story of St David, watching a clip of the story, listening to the welsh national anthem and listening to Bronwyn from the voice singing some welsh songs.

We are also setting a family challenge- to decorate a wellie for Wales.

Turn your wellie into a dragon, or cover it in Welsh symbols, be as creative as you like!!

Please upload your photo to Hwb by 4th March and a winner from each class will be included in work of the week.

There will also be St David Day's challenges uploaded to Hwb for you to try.

3-7 year olds are back at school. We must still limit the spread of the virus to help keep schools and childcare open. So remember:

- Only share a lift to school if you have to
- Wear a mask for school drop off and catch up over the phone not at the school gate
- Always remember – hands, face, space
- School bubbles are for school only
- Keep your child at home if they are unwell – even if you don't think it's Coronavirus
- There'll be time for birthday parties and sleepovers before long... but for now, thank you for everything you're doing to keep schools and childcare open.



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gov.wales/coronavirus



Work of the week- A piece of work is chosen every week. The children's work can be viewed in gold awards under the class file on HWB or on TWITTER.

Dosbarth Yr Wyddfa	Emily
	Emrys
Dosbarth Pen y fan	
Dosbarth Afon Gwy	Jack S
Dosbarth Elan	Amelia
Dosbarth Camlo	The whole class!

Da iawn!
Children will be allocated a star on HWB

SOCIAL MEDIA

As well as our TWITTER page @CpCrossgates, we now have a facebook page, Crossgates Community Primary School.

We will share information, children's work and anything else we think you might like to see. Occasionally there may be pictures of children but names will not be given with the photographs. If you DO NOT wish for your child's photograph to be used on any of these sites please inform the office.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

To order School Uniform please use the link below from School Trends. We will no longer be placing orders for parents.

<https://www.schooltrends.co.uk/uniform/CrossgatesPrimarySchoolLD16RE>

This link is also on our website. It may be you need to copy and paste into your browser.

Alternative provider: My Clothing and the link for them is www.myclothing.com

Labels and taggits are available from www.wovina.com

C A L E N D A R 2021-22

Term starts	Monday 22nd February 2021 to Friday 26th March 2021
01.03.21	St David's Day