



Foundation Phase Autumn Term Newsletter 2019

A very big welcome back to everyone, and a special 'Hello' to all of the new children joining us this year. We hope you have all had a lovely summer break and are looking forward to the term ahead.

Our topic for this term is **Happy, Healthy Me!** which focuses on the importance of happiness, health and well-being. At the heart of this project children will be actively involved in planning their own learning. Further information about our topic is detailed in the attached topic web.

Morning Routine

There is a trolley next to the classroom door where your child should put their lunch bag and drink. Book bags should be placed in the boxes in the cloakroom. Playing and learning is thirsty work, so please send a filled (**named!**) water bottle to school each day with your child.

To comply with our safeguarding policy and to encourage the children to develop their independence, **please say goodbye to them at the outside door.**

Snack

We have a snack-time break at 10.10am in the mornings when children are given a selection of bite-sized pieces of fruit and vegetables and offered a drink of milk. We have to charge £1.50 a week to cover this cost - this is paid half termly (£12.00 for this half term) through ParentPay. Alternatively you can provide your child with fruit from home (fresh fruit only please). ***Just a reminder that ParentPay accounts for new pupils can only be set up once pupils are in school and you have been issued with an activation code - we will get these out to you as soon as possible. In the meantime your child will be given credit for both fruit and lunch.***

P.E. will be on **Tuesday** and **Wednesday** afternoon. This term we will be doing outdoor learning and movement and dance. Children will need shorts, T-shirt and a pair of daps. **Reception** will be attending Forest School for the first half of the term, with Mrs. Thomas. Year 1 and 2 pupils will take part in Forest School later in the school year. We will, however, be learning outdoors as much as possible, so it would be useful if all pupils have a change of footwear (ideally wellies) and a waterproof coat in school at all times. It would be a great help if you could teach your child to dress and undress as independently as possible. Please make sure that all items of clothing and shoes are named to avoid mix-ups.

Homework (Year 1 and 2 only)

Spelling homework will be sent home on Monday, to be returned the following Friday. Please help your child to practice and learn these words ready for an informal test on Friday. Maths homework will be sent home on Thursday, to be returned to school the following Monday.

Cooking

We cook a variety of foods on a Tuesday morning, usually something related to our topic. Every child has an opportunity to take part, sometimes in a small group and sometimes individually, depending on what we are cooking. In order to provide this activity, we ask for a contribution of £3 a term towards the cost of purchasing ingredients. We appreciate your support with this as cooking is an activity the children particularly enjoy. Please send contributions for this into school in a named envelope, thank you.

Medicines

If your child has to take any medication during school hours, please fill in one of the forms that are available from the school office.

We try to be a paperless school whenever possible; weekly updates, newsletters and other information from Mrs Marshall will be emailed to parents. If you are not receiving this information, please check your junk folder as well as making sure we have your up-to-date email address. Dates of upcoming events and other useful information can be found on the school website - www.llangattock.powys.sch.uk. Follow us on Twitter @Our_Llangattock

Parent Helpers

We are always grateful for any parents who would like to come and help in school, whether that is listening to readers or doing some cookery with the children. If you would like to help out, and are happy to have a DBS check, please come and see a member of staff. Do you have any knowledge of Physical Health or Nutrition that you would be able to share with us, as part of our Topic?

Please contact us by email using the relevant addresses below if you have any questions or queries. We check our emails regularly and will respond to them by the end of the week, but if you require a more urgent or immediate reply then please telephone us or visit the school office to arrange to speak to us.

Kind regards,

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Safeguarding and Child Protection

In the interest of safeguarding, we politely request that parents do not come in to school at the end of the day, including after clubs, via any entrance other than the main entrance.

If you wish to speak to the class teacher informally, then please see them before school from 8:50am.

Kathryn Marshall