



## Newsletter 10 : Monday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2019

### **News: Our school in the community.**

Kirsty Williams, our Cabinet Secretary for Education, spent Thursday afternoon looking round our school and talking to children. The children explained how our school uses 'Guardian Angels' and 'Emotion Coaching' to help them solve friendship issues and combat bullying (have a look at our Positive Behaviour Policy on our website to find out more). Kirsty told children and staff how impressed she is with our school, especially with the way we develop positive relationships. Her secretary e-mailed the following message to me this morning:

"Thank you so much for the time that you gave to Kirsty and I today on Kirsty's visit to Knighton Primary School. Kirsty has asked me to pass on her thanks and to say how lovely it was to meet you, Mrs Spawton and some of your fantastic teachers and children. I have attached a photo that Kirsty would like to use on Facebook please, just to say she has visited the school and how much she enjoyed hearing about all the good work you are doing."

Have a look on her Facebook page! (Kirsty Williams AM)

**Foundation Phase** have been out and about around Knighton as part of this term's topic.

**Y3 and Y4** are continuing to work with our Arts Council Wales artist, Jim, on their moving models, films and animations.

**Y5 and Y6** had a super class assembly last Friday, stuffed full of information about their topic Ancient China ALREADY after just 8 days. Parents/carers then went back to class to find out about the New Curriculum for Wales which is being introduced over the next year.

**Thank you** to the amazing parents who have transformed our quad with wonderful new paving: Mark Smith and his 'happy helpers' John, Ricky, Andy and Barry.

**PC Ainsworth** was in school on Friday to talk to all the KS2 children: the younger children learned about staying safe and making good choices and the older children learned about safer internet use.

### **Information**

**Friday was our first taste of snow this winter.** Every child should have a NAMED pair of wellies, brought to school in a bag that can be hung on a peg or set on a rack. Children without a change of footwear will not be able to go out in the snow as we want to avoid cold, wet feet in class.

**If the school does have to close due to snow** we aim to get this information put on our Facebook page and on the Powys School Closure List as soon as possible in the morning. Go to [www.powys.gov.uk/schoolclosures](http://www.powys.gov.uk/schoolclosures) for details (you can also sign up for text alerts on the Powys website).

**A chance for parents/carers** to take part in a **discussion** with county **about ALN /Specialist Centre support** this Friday 25<sup>th</sup> January in Newtown. For further details, contact the organiser at [aln.transformation@powys.gov.uk](mailto:aln.transformation@powys.gov.uk) or ring Jenny on 01597 826666.

**Safer Internet Day – Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February** Would you like more information about how to keep your child safe on-line? Come and join our special assemblies in the hall on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February: KS2 pupils at 9.10am and Foundation Phase at 2.45pm.

**Parent helpers for the trip to Chester Zoo:** Just like last year, we are only asking parents who have children that need 1-1 support on a trip to help us with this visit. Class teachers have already got in touch with these parents. If you are disappointed and would like to help with other trips, for example walking around Knighton or visiting the church, please let Sarah or Mrs Fielding know to put you on our helper list.

**ParentPay** Could everyone please check their account and make sure that all outstanding Breakfast Club and dinner debts are paid.

Can everyone please make sure they register with ParentPay. As previously advised, we will be using this method to collect all payments for trips etc.: any problems, please contact Sarah in the school office.

**Free school meals:** If you are eligible for free school meals, we may be able to provide extra support for your child. If you think you may be eligible apply on-line at [www.powys.gov.uk](http://www.powys.gov.uk), or ask Sarah in the office.

**To register is easy and confidential. You don't have to tell the school.**

If your child decides to have the school meal on any day they just have the meal provided. Our school has systems which mean it is impossible for other pupils to know who is receiving free school meals.

**Who can get free meals?**

To get free meals in Powys schools, the parents/carers must get one of the following:

1. Income Support
2. Job Seekers Allowance (Income Based)
3. If you are an Asylum Seeker getting support under the Immigration and Asylum Act.
4. State Pension Guaranteed Credit
5. Employment and Support Allowance - Income based
6. Child Tax Credit - as long as you are not getting an amount for childcare paid with your CTC, or getting Working Tax Credit. HM Revenue & Customs must also have worked out your household income as £16,190 a year or less.

You can also get free school meals if you are entitled to a Working Tax Credit 'run-on' payment for four weeks after stopping work or reducing working hours to under 16 hours a week.

**Spare LEGO?** Our children just LOVE Lego and we have a new Lego Club for Y1 and Y2 pupils. If anyone has any spare, please could you send it our way?

**Oaker Wood:** the next instalment of £10 is due by Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> January. If you are not paying in instalments you should have now paid the full amount of £90.

**Bags2School:** the bags will be sent out later this week and will need to be returned by 9am on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March. If you would like more bags, please contact the school office.

**Ink cartridges, money raised** A big 'thank you' to everyone who brought in old ink cartridges. We raised £52.48!

These children will be receiving a 'well done' certificate on Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> January at 9.10am:

Madison Hounsell	Charlie Stocker	Jack Lloyd	Immie Davies
Noa Tromans	Freya Evans	Josh Alderton	Angel Ives-Kirtland
Charlie Morris	Axl Lovell	Darcie Ash	Angus Trogenza
Owen Price	Lucas McKelvey	Kai Branford	Niamh King
Dougie Roberts	Molly Price	Feddie Bryan	Sienna Pritchard
Zara Hardwick			