



## Newsletter 6: Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2018

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

**A BIG thank you** to all the parents/cares who are dropping their children in the line or at the door and not coming into school in the morning (except on Fridays). This helps us to keep all our children safe. Only parents who have a special agreement with their child's teacher, because of an additional need, should still be coming into school with their child now.

**Remembrance Sunday** Our school mayor and deputy mayor will be laying a poppy wreath at the Cenotaph again this year.

**FP pupils were going to the Food Bank** this week, but the visit was rained off! Many thanks to all the volunteers who were ready to help us. The Food Bank are looking for gifts of Christmas luxuries for Christmas presents this year.

**Y3/4 pupils** have started this year's 'Creative School' project and are beyond excited. Ask them to tell you all about it.

**Y5/6 pupils** can now confidently create a database. Wow!

**Today's music assembly** was very enjoyable. Many thanks to the parents and grandparents who came to support the children.

**We'd like to say a big Knighton 'welcome'** to Miss Jeakings and Mrs Bodenham who have just joined our team as teaching assistant and cleaner respectfully.

**A huge 'thank you' to FOs and all the school staff** who ran the Halloween Disco.

### **Information**

These children will be receiving a 'well done' certificate on Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> November at 9.10am:

Archie Bennett	Angel Carpenter	Betsy Cadwallader	Chloe Newton	Riley Morgan
Ruby Powell	Mason Andrews	Evie Steadman	Ava Evans	Sophie Smith
Mia Evans	Grace Middleton	Alisha Dabrowski	Alex Hewins	Mercedes Wyles
Ellis Price	Jack Chick-Ford	Brody Hounsell	Lacey Smith	
Liberty Collins	Rupert Morgan	Sophie Ruell	Marley Jarvis	
Sky Kaur	Drew Davies	Corey Franklin	Yasmin Davies	

**Reminder:** On Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November Y3/4 (Jac-y-Do and Cnoc-y-Coed) have their class assembly. Parents/carers and governors are most welcome to attend.

**Christmas Cards** orders will be sent out during the middle of next week. Anyone who has ordered mugs will need to collect them from the office.

**School Photograph** proofs should be delivered to the school on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> November and will be given out either that day or on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November.



**Children in Need** If you would like your child to participate, we will all be dressing up in something 'spotty' next Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November for a £1 donation.

**Knighton Churches Together Advent Window; 2018** Once again, we've been invited to sing at the opening of this year's advent window extravaganza. This year, the first window is being unveiled at the Community Centre at 3.30pm on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November. If parents/carers would like to join in, please pick your child up as usual, from the playground at the end of the day, and we can walk down to the Community Centre together.

**Year 6 Science Day at John Beddoes** on 29<sup>th</sup> November. This will be during the normal school day and children will need a packed lunch. If your child is entitled to free school meals and they would like a pack lunch provided, please let Sarah know in the office.

**The next Full Governing Body** meeting is at 6pm on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December.

**Oaker Wood Payments** Everyone should have paid at least £40 now, unless they intend to pay in full by Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December. Please speak to Sarah in the office if you need to discuss payment.

**Cashless system** Most parents are now using the Parent Pay cashless system. By the end of this term, Powys are expecting ALL schools to be collecting money through Parent Pay.

**Reminder:** please could parents/cares ensure that any grapes sent into school are cut up as they could be a choking hazard. Also, a reminder that we have a child with a SEVERE nut allergy so please do not include nuts in your child's packed lunch.

**Secondary School applications; a reminder** These need to be submitted on line by Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November. If you are having any problems with this, please contact Sarah in the office.

**Breakfast Club** To ensure that we can continue to charge 50p per day for Breakfast Club, please could everyone keep their payments up-to-date. Thank you to those who already do this.

**A KS2 Cluster Cross Country Event** is being held here on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> November. Letters regarding this will be sent home on Monday with those children who are interested.

**Flu Vaccinations** for all children at school should be happening on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December unless they have already had it at their GP Surgery.

Due to staff training, the **Office will be closed** on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> November until approximately 2pm. The answer phone will be on so please leave a message if it relates to your child being collected at the end of the day.

**Parking Permits; a reminder** We are able to continue issuing parking permits for the Community Centre carpark for short periods of time before and after school. Please see Sarah in the office if you would like a permit.

**School Development Plan 2018/19:** Every year all schools look at how they performed in the past and decide on priorities to develop to move the school forward in the future. Here are our priorities for this year's development plan at Knighton. If you'd like to know more about them, please make an appointment to see Mrs Strong.

**Priority 1:** To improve quality of spelling at Key Stage 2 (years 3-6) and develop a wide range of sentence structure across the school.

**Priority 2:** To improve our children's scores in the National Numeracy Procedural Test (maths).

**Priority 3:** To improve our children's independent use of scientific vocabulary and written recording (years 2-6).

**Priority 4:** To improve attendance.

**Priority 5:** To develop the Computational Thinking, Citizenship and Producing strands of the Digital Competency Framework (go to the Welsh Government website to find out more about this).

