



## Newsletter February / March 2020

### 'Together We Learn'

### 'Dysgwn Gyda'n

**Our value this month is:  
Bravery**

#### **Easter Egg Competition**

Ever year, we have a selection of wonderfully creative designs. Please send into school on 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> April.

**World Book Day:** We will be celebrating World Book Day this Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> March. Children may come to school dressed as their favourite book character if they wish.

#### **Cross Country tournaments:**

Well done to our junior children who have taken part- all children have done brilliantly! Da Iawn!



Attendance  
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#### **School Attendance**

These are our **class** attendance totals since September (up to February 28<sup>th</sup>):

- Class 6J 94.41%
- Class 1C 97.06%
- Class 2C 96.93%
- Class 4/5SL 96.56%
- Class RM 94.00%
- Class 1C 93.96%

**The school's attendance target is 95.90%.**

**The school's average attendance was 96%.**

#### **Additional INSET DAY:**

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June.** All schools in Powys will be closed for staff training on the new curriculum.

A big thankyou to the PTFA and other volunteers who continue to support the school. Diolch.

PLEASE LABEL ALL ITEMS OF CLOTHING, ESPECIALLY POLO SHIRTS AND JUMPERS. STAFF ARE SPENDING TOO MUCH TIME SEARCHING FOR LOST CLOTHES. THANKS.



### Diary Dates

#### **March 2020**

Monday 16<sup>th</sup>: Parents' Evening  
Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup>: Parents' Evening  
Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup>: Open Door Tour

#### **April 2020**

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup>: Children return to school

#### **May 2020**

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup>: Pandemonium Theatre in school  
Friday 8<sup>th</sup> : Bank Holiday  
Friday 22<sup>nd</sup>: Children finish for half term break

#### **National Tests:**

The National Tests for children in Years 2 to 6 take place between the 28<sup>th</sup> April and 5<sup>th</sup> May. Please ensure children are in school for these tests.

#### **Food Safety Packed Lunches and healthy snacks**

To reduce the risk of choking:  
– remove any stones and pips  
– halve small fruit and vegetables like grapes and cherry tomatoes  
– cut large fruits, like melon, into slices instead of small chunks.  
Thanks.

**FITNESS FRIDAY:** on Friday afternoons, the children work in mixed aged groups for Golden Time and Genius Hour. They are now taking part in Fitness Fridays, all activities based around health and fitness. Please make sure that children have their PE kits in school.

#### **Car Park and Slough Road:**

Parents are asked to switch engines off when parked in the car park to reduce fumes. Please do not queue on Slough Road with engines running. Local residents have complained. Thanks.

#### **READING:**

The school has been working really hard to update our reading resources and ensure that provision for and standards of reading continue to be at the heart of this school. Once again, many thanks to Dr Roger Morgan OBE and fellow trustees of the 'Youth Participation and Support' charity for their very generous grant donations. We wouldn't have been able to do this without their support.

For more information, and photographs, please visit the school's website at [www.presteigne.powys.sch.uk](http://www.presteigne.powys.sch.uk)