



Clyro Church in Wales
Primary School

Clyro School News

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Here's to 2018!

A very big welcome back to everyone. I hope you all enjoyed a lovely Christmas and have had a great start to the new 2018! What an exciting 2018 we shall have, with staff returning, new staff arriving and moving into a brand new school later in the year!! A big welcome back to Mrs. Phillips, who returns to teach in Class 3 on a Thursday and Friday, after her maternity leave and also, a very warm welcome to Mr. Bufton who joins us as our new class 4 teacher. Hello and welcome to Layla Lloyd who joins us in Year 1 in Class 2.

Diary Dates -

Don't forget these are available on the website

- ◆ **Monday 15th January** - Clubs begin this week;
- ◆ **Friday 26th January** - Black Mountain Lions Quiz for 4 pupils from Yr.6;
- ◆ **Wednesday 31st January** - Cross Country at Clyro;



Snow, snow and more snow! This was our school after the snowfall in December, what an amazing amount we had! A great big thank you to Mr. David Williams, who valiantly cleared the snow from the school driveway with his tractor, enabling us to open on the Wednesday. Without him this wouldn't have been possible, thank you.



LIVING VALUES
EDUCATION

Our Values work for
January is:

HOPE

“Hope is the little voice you hear whisper “maybe,” when it seems the entire world is shouting “No!”

Black Mountain Lions presentation: Mrs. Pat Holmes from the Black Mountain Lions came into school at the end of December to our Celebration Assembly to present the children of “Bees Knees” After School Club with a shield and a monetary donation for winning the Bonfire Night Guy competition. Well



done to everyone who went to After School Club and helped to make the Guy!



Polite Reminder regarding the start of the school day: Due to an increasing number of children arriving after 9.15am, we would like to remind parents that school starts promptly at 9.15am when the register and dinner register are taken. If your child arrives after 9.15, once the register has closed, they will be marked as late, which is the equivalent of an authorised absence. Thank you for your understanding and co-operation in this matter.



Topics for this term are:

Foundation Phase - (Classes 1 & 2) "Big Wide World" (Geography based); Key Stage 2 - Class 3 - "The Wonders of Wales" (Literacy based); Class 4 - "Energy, Light and Sound", plus the poem "The Sound Collector" by Roger McGough and other short stories.



Clubs for this term for Yr.2-6

Extra-curricular activities on offer this half term will start in the week beginning **Monday 15th January**. All clubs, unless specified are after school and finish at **4.15pm**. Watch out for a Schoop, with more details.

Monday - ICT club with Mrs. Kenchington;
- Multi-Skills Sports Club with Mr. Bufton;
Wednesday - Reading and Story club with Miss Griffiths;
Thursday - Lunchtime Judo Club with Mr. Jones;
- Eco-Club with Mrs. Groves;
- Welsh Club with Miss Morgan;

(After half-term - Choir Friday lunch with Mrs. Phillips)

GOVERNOR NEWS

Literacy Book Scrutiny - Thursday 9th November 2017. Literacy workbooks were provided by the class teachers and our task was to scrutinise each piece of writing using seven different guideline categories:- Presentation; Achievement/Learner progress; Marking Policy in practice; Diagnostic marking and targets for improvement; Learner response to teacher comments; Self/peer assessment; Evidence of levels, grades and targets. Various graded criteria were suggested on which we could base our judgements, ranging from "Excellent", "Good", "Adequate" to "Unsatisfactory". I am pleased to say that in the majority of cases we judged each category for each piece of work to be "Excellent", with just the remaining few as "Good". In these latter cases we felt that perhaps we were being very exacting and over zealous, but we also felt that we had to be fair and appropriate in our judgement. On a personal level, and as a retired teacher, I was amazed at the high standard of work throughout all the age ranges...both from the pupils and the staff.

Lynette Gallagher



Happy 2018 everyone! A new year, a new term and lots of fundraising events planned. Starting with a children's Valentine Disco on Friday 9th February with dancing, snacks, drinks and a raffle for the children. So, if you have any unwanted Xmas gifts, please drop them off at the office. On Saturday 10th February, it's the adults' turn with another "Supersonic Disco" at The Globe in Hay. The last one was 'supersonically' good, so book those babysitters now. Tickets should be on sale within the week- we'll let you know via schoop. Many thanks, Eileen.

GOVERNOR NEWS CHAIR OF GOVERNORS

Welcome to 2018 and to the new term and I hope everyone had a lovely time over the holidays. The governors would also like to welcome back Mrs. Phillips, who is now sharing class 3 with Mrs. Kenchington, as well as greeting Mr. Bufton who starts full time with class 4. It is great to see the new school progressing so well and it is very exciting to think that we will be back in this year. Let's hope you all have a great 2018. **Mari Fforde**

App of the month for January is **Pic Collage** - most of the children have experience of using this in school, it is a great way of combining images and text. Why not have a go, if you haven't already!



Veg is Cool! Remember to order your fruit and veg bags! This will restart this week beginning 8th January when orders will be taken. Please remember, money in by Wednesday's, for deliveries on a Friday.

We raised £87.60 for "Wear your Christmas Jumper Day".
There is no swimming this term.

Safeguarding - Tuesday 10th October 2017.

I met with Mrs. Groves to discuss the various Safeguarding Processes and Procedures that are in place throughout the school. "Safeguarding" cannot be covered adequately with just one policy. Some of the aspects that have to be taken into consideration are:- Health & Safety; Behaviour; Substance misuse; ALN, Equal Opportunities, to name just a few! Each of these aspects has its own policy and, having read each one, I have found them to be excellent, all encompassing, well written, considerate and fit for task. Guidelines from these policies are familiar to the staff and are in place throughout the school and are very much in practice. All necessary Advisory and Information posters and notices are on notice boards, appropriately positioned, throughout the School. Emergency procedures are in place. A visitor's log book, for signing in and out, is immediately visible on entering the School. All aspects of the Safeguarding procedures for Clyro Primary School are firmly in place which obviously leads to a secure, caring and happy environment. This, of course, is conducive and supportive of an excellent learning atmosphere throughout the School. **Lynette Gallagher**