



Clyro Church in Wales
Primary School

Clyro School News

"Many hands build a house,
many hearts build a school"

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We are excited to be back - Welcome!



Diary Dates -
Don't forget these will be
available on the website also.

Welcome Back! I hope that you all enjoyed the glorious weather during the summer and had a lovely holiday break! We are all really looking forward to an enjoyable Autumn Term. We'd like to welcome our new Reception children in Class 1 and their parents and also a warm welcome to Jacob Davies, who joins us in Year 3 in Class 3 and William Jackson-Bourne, who joins Year 2 in Class 2. We hope that everyone enjoys a long and happy association with Clyro Church in Wales Primary School. Welcome back to Miss Burnett-Thomas who returns to Class 2 after being poorly. Our classes for this year are as follows: Class 1 is taught by Miss. Morgan, supported by Miss Turner, in Miss Lloyd's absence, Class 2 taught by Miss Griffiths, supported by Miss Burnett-Thomas, Class 3 by Mrs. Kenchington, teaching from Monday to Wednesday and Mrs. Phillips on a Thursday and Friday and Class 4 by Miss Long. Mrs. Groves will be covering the teacher's non-contact time in each class, plus also teaching on a Friday in Class 2. *Please can I urge parents to make use of our monthly newsletter, which is sent to you all via our online app Schoop, but you can also access it on our website, plus spare copies are available in the entrance of school and it is displayed on the noticeboard outside and in the entrance noticeboard. Important information is also available on each class web page on our school website as well as other useful information there. We also have termly Parent Consultation evenings. If you have any questions at the start of this term or at anytime throughout the year, please do not hesitate to ask your class teacher, the office or Mrs. Groves.*

- ◆ **Tuesday 3rd September** - Meet & Greet the Teacher event, 3.30pm school hall;
- ◆ **Wednesday 4th September** - First KS2 swim for Classes 3 and 4;
- ◆ **Thursday 13th September** - Drumming starts;
- ◆ **Friday 27th September** - Class 4 MacMillan Coffee morning, 10.30am in the hall, please bring your friends.
- ◆ **Thursday lunchtimes** - Judo Club for Years 3 upwards;

"Meet and Greet the teacher" - We would like to invite you all for a cup of tea and cake, so that you can meet your child's new teacher at a "Meet and Greet the teacher" event this afternoon, **Tuesday 3rd September** at 3.30pm, after school in the hall. Many of you will already know your child's teacher, but this will give you the opportunity, if you wish, to find out more information about what your child will be learning throughout the year, the teacher's expectations and ways in which you can help to support your child. This is your opportunity to ask any questions that you may have. We look forward to seeing you all.



At Clyro, we follow Values Education, which seeks to develop the whole child by teaching, guiding and aiding them to understand and reflect on Christian values that are important to us, how they affect ourselves and those around us. These values promote responsibility for our actions and teach the children respect for ourselves and each other, so that they grow socially, creatively, spiritually and mentally equipped for life with confidence, respect and purpose. Values work is carried out during Collective Worship and lessons.

Estyn and Section 50 RE and Collective Worship Inspections - We were absolutely thrilled and delighted with our two reports from our recent inspections in June and July. We have achieved the best inspection results for both of these, that we have ever had as a school and so we are rightly proud! For the Estyn Inspection, we are judged as a school against 5 inspection areas, we achieved the following:

1. Standards - **GOOD**
2. Well-being and attitudes to learning - **EXCELLENT**
3. Teaching and Learning experiences - **GOOD**
4. Care, support and guidance - **EXCELLENT**
5. Leadership and Management - **GOOD**

For the Section 50 RE and Collective Worship Inspection we were judged against 3 key questions and we achieved the following:

1. Has the school a distinctive Christian character and is this reflected in the experience of learners - **EXCELLENT**
2. How well does the school serve the needs of each learner and the whole school community? **EXCELLENT**
3. How well is the school led and managed as a Church school? **EXCELLENT**

All of the inspectors were extremely complimentary about the school, the pupils and staff, our strong relationships with our parents, the church and the local community. A big thank you to everyone who helped and supported us throughout this time and well done to the pupils, staff and governors.

**Our Values work for
September is based on:**

HOPE

"Hope is being able to see
that there is light despite all
of the darkness."

Desmond Tutu

Clubs for this term - Below is a selection of some of the clubs and extra curricular activities on offer this half term. These will start in the week beginning **9th September**. Some are during lunchtimes and others are after school, all finishing at **4.15pm**. A Schoop form regarding those clubs taking place after school will be sent out shortly. Please fill in the form and text back as soon as possible.

Monday - ICT Club with Mrs. Kenchington, (lunchtime)
 Wednesday - Welsh Club with Miss Morgan, (lunchtime)
 - Circuits Club with Miss Griffiths, 3.30pm
 Thursday - Drama Club with Miss Long, 3.30pm
 Friday - Choir with Mrs. Phillips, (lunchtime)
Welsh Club is open to pupils from Year 2 upwards, all other clubs are for Key Stage 2 only.

Topics for the term - At Clyro, we teach cross-curricularly, allowing the children to see links in their learning. We aim to involve the children as much as possible in contributing ideas and suggestions as to what they would like to learn. This gives the children a sense of ownership and responsibility for their own learning. Here are our class topics:

Class 1 & 2 - "Superheroes" - People who help us topic.

Key Stage 2 - **Class 3 & 4** - "The Empire Strikes Back" - Romans history topic.



Letters, monies, etc. - Just to remind you that there is a red letterbox in the entrance of the school, just outside the office, where you can post your envelopes with monies in or reply slips. This helps us tremendously when Mrs. Lewis is not in the office or other staff are busy. Most visits/trips/swimming is paid via the app ParentPay. Many thanks.

GOVERNOR NEWS

CHAIR OF GOVERNORS

Hello and welcome to the new academic year at Clyro School. I hope everyone had a lovely time over the summer. I was very excited to see the new playground equipment and paintings on the playground when I went to school this morning. The playground is looking fantastic and thank you to everyone who has planned and supported this work. I also wanted to say a big congratulations to all the teachers, staff, pupils and parents at the school for the wonderful Estyn report. The inspectors especially recognised the caring environment and the emphasis on well-being which is hugely important. This is something that we should all be very proud of and should work towards maintaining and growing further. On that note, I look forward to meeting this year's new pupils and saying hello to everyone else.

Mari Fforde

DIARY DATES - term dates can be found on the Powys website.



Parent Consultation Week - Please sign up when times are displayed by your class teacher. More information to follow.

Harvest Festival Service - Friday 25th October, 2pm at Clyro Church. Children can be collected directly from the church.

Break up for Half-Term - Friday 25th October.

SWIMMING - Key Stage 2 classes (Class 3 & 4) will be swimming this term at Brecon on a Wednesday. Their first swim is this **Wednesday 4th September**. Sadly, due to a problem with Hay swimming pool, the Foundation Phase will **not** be swimming this term. Please remember to send your child in with swimming kit. Thank you.

PE - Please ensure that your child has their PE kit in school at all times for the whole week and that items are clearly labelled. Thank you.

Water Bottles - We ask all children to please bring in a labelled water bottle so that they can have plenty of water to drink throughout the day. This makes life easier for staff, rather than pupils going out of class constantly to the water fountains. Thank you.

Peer mentoring - All new children who come to Clyro School have their own "buddy" that they are paired with from Reception through to when they become a junior pupil. This child will be someone that they can talk to, apart from a teacher or teaching assistant, if they are unsure of something or need help, but also someone to keep an eye on them and help them if they are worried. We have 9 new children starting with us this term who are:

- Otis Badham & Lily Jones (Yr.6)
- Corben Davies & Iwan Evans (Yr.6)
- Ruby Hindmarsh & Dylan Roberts (Yr.6)
- & Freddie Price (Yr.6)
- Harri Meredith & Ben George (Yr.6)
- Lacey Morgan & Clemmie Davies (Yr.6)
- Isla Morris & Nell Jenkins (Yr.6)
- Faye Pugh & Daniel Montejo-Gillespie (Yr.6)
- Isabelle Sly & Charlotte Lewis (Yr.6)



Volunteering - We are always looking for volunteers to come in to hear readers or help out in any capacity. You don't have to be able to come in on a regular basis but if you are interested, please let either Mrs. Groves or your child's class teacher know. Many thanks.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS - If you think that you may be entitled to Free School Meals, please see either Mrs. Green or Mrs. Groves who will be happy to help. All enquiries will be handled confidentially. Remember, you don't have to take up the meal, just register in order for the school to benefit.