

GLADESTRY CHURCH-IN-WALES PRIMARY SCHOOL

Website: www.gladestry.powys.sch.uk

Newsletter to Parents

Harvest Half Term

(Christian Value – Generosity)

15 September 2020

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the new school year; we hope you all had a lovely summer break.

We are delighted that your children are back in school following the lockdown and the summer holiday.

Thank you very much to our dedicated staff for coming in to school during the holidays to paint Class 1, it looks very clean and fresh.

Thank you

Thank you to all parents and carers for their prompt drop off and pick up of children, and the excellent social distancing around the school gates. Keeping our pupils safe is our top priority.

Our Learning

Class 1's theme this term will be "Once upon a time..." - the children have chosen to explore Traditional Fairy Tales.

After much discussion Class 2 have decided to look at our "Extreme Earth" – we will learn about the Geography of our Earth, some of its natural and man made features and spend time looking at Extreme Weather and Natural disasters.



"Our Covid Safe Classrooms"

Emergency Contact Details

To ensure that we are able to contact you in case of Emergency please notify us of any changes to your contact details as soon as possible.

Illness

We must stress that the children will need to stay at home as in normal circumstances if they are feeling unwell. You will need to contact the school by 9.15am to tell us the reason for your child's absence. If he/she is displaying one of the recognised Covid-19 symptoms, please follow the Welsh Government testing advice, which can be found at:

<https://gov.wales/test-trace-protect-your-questions>

What if my child starts to develop Covid-19 symptoms whilst in school?

Any child showing symptoms will be isolated with a member of staff who will be wearing full PPE. We will phone you and ask that they be immediately collected. It is essential we have up-to-date contact details for all parents, so please contact us if these have changed recently.

Snacks and Drinks

Pupils are very welcome to bring in fruit or vegetable snack to eat after morning break. Please can pupils bring in enough drinking water for the school day. Unfortunately we are currently unable to access the drinking water coolers due to Covid Restrictions but can fill up bottles from the tap.

PE

Please could all pupils wear their PE/Sports clothes to school every Tuesday and Friday. All PE sessions will be held outside so it is important that clothes are suitable for the weather.

Reading Books

Pupils are able to bring their reading books between home and school. Once they have finished a book it is posted into the quarantine box for a minimum of 72hours before being put back into our class library. Children will be reading regularly in school. Please continue to listen to your child read at home as much as possible.

Outdoor Learning

We are currently aiming to develop our use of outdoor learning. Miss Tame is spending lots of time using provision outdoors with her class. To improve this further we are looking for kind donations of the following items:

- Old pots, pans and kitchen utensils for the mud kitchen
- Unbroken drain pipes and guttering for our water wall.
- Wooden Pallets (these will need to be sanded down)
- Cable reel (wooden)

If you have any of these or other items you would like to donate please speak with Miss Tame at the gate or give us a ring!

Uniform:

Items may be ordered online at <https://myclothing.com/gladestry-c-i-w-school/20836.school> We still have some new and used old style uniform for sale in school, ask if you wish to check our stock.

Newsletters

We wish to send newsletters by email so please acknowledge receipt of this email so that we can confirm your details. If you change your email address or if you would rather a paper copy please let us know.

Dates for your Diary:

Flu Vaccinations (Nasal)

19th/20th November 2020

Term	Term starts	Half-term Dates	Term ends
Autumn Term 2020	Thursday 3rd September 2020 - Friday 16th October 2020	Monday 19th October 2020 - Friday 30th October 2020	Monday 2nd November 2020 - Friday 18th December 2020
Spring Term 2021	Tuesday 5th January 2021 - Friday 12th February 2021	Monday 15th February 2021 - Friday 19th February 2021	Monday 22nd February 2021 - Friday 26th March 2021
Summer Term 2021	Tuesday 13th April 2021 - Friday 28th May 2021	Monday 31st May 2021 - Friday 4th June 2021	Monday 7th June 2021 - Friday 16th July 2021

Thank you for your support.

Kind regards

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Headteacher

Mrs K Ingram
Assistant Headteacher