



## Newsletter 10: Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2021

### **News: our school during COVID-19.**

We're looking forward to welcoming all the Key Stage 2 pupils back next week. Following recent conversations in Teams meetings, teachers are aware that children are both excited and nervous. Because of this, staff have shared wellbeing resources to help make your child's return to school as happy and calm as possible.

Putting on school uniform is a great way to get ready to return. Until after the Easter holiday don't worry if your child wears a t-shirt underneath their school sweatshirt or wears a pair of jogging bottoms; it's more important that clothes are clean on every day. We are aware that school shoes may no longer fit and are happy for children to wear a suitable alternative (e.g. trainers).

Drop off/pick up at the start and end of the day hasn't changed. Staff have noticed that most adults are wearing masks now and are coming by themselves, which will help us to continue to keep our school open.

The children will be putting up hearts, 2 metres apart, on the school fence to help everyone stay far enough apart. As it's really hard to remember how wide 2m is, it's our school's contribution to the 'Share the Love' project in Knighton. Here are some important reminders for everyone:

- Only one adult should accompany their child to / from school. Wherever possible, avoid drop off and pick up by older family or community members (e.g. grandparents).
- Parents and carers are requested not to congregate outside school or in play areas and to observe 2m social distancing at all times.
- Where there is a need for parents to board a school bus to buckle their children in, as drivers will not be allowed to do this, the expectation is that parents/carers will wear a face mask and leave the vehicle as soon as possible.
- Parents/carers must ensure that their children observe a 2m distance from other children and adults while waiting for a bus/ taxi.
- If your child travels to school on a bus or taxi and is able to wear a face mask they should do so. They must have a bag to store their mask in when they arrive at school and they will be reminded to wash their hands after they remove their mask.

### **Message from the Foundation Phase team:**

#### **Hwyaid Bach - Reception**

We have listened to and joined in with the story of The Three Little Pigs in Welsh. We enjoyed helping 'Mr Blaidd i chwythu a chwythu a chwythu u tŷ i lawr!' We have been writing reports on Modern Day Houses using subheadings.

#### **Y1/2**

This week the children have enjoyed writing reports about St. David following St. David's day. We have also been learning about recycling and the pupils enjoyed sorting objects and materials into the correct recycling bins. In maths we have been developing our understanding of capacity through data handling and presenting data about containers in block graphs and pictograms. We have developed our map skills through making maps for the Big Bad Wolf to help him find his way to the Three Little Pigs' house.

### **Message from the Key Stage 2 team:**

Y3 have been learning about money and place value this week. We have played games with money and payed for items using the correct coins. We have also been creating an updated version of the game operation. We had to plan the game, research the organs, draw the organs and place in the correct place.

We have practised our story writing with Mr Dunfilling the dentist. We had 'pit stops' to help us think about capital letters, full stops, sentences openers and adjectives. Then we had to find the punctuation we had already used and go on to add more punctuation somewhere else.

In Science, Y4 have been looking at different types of teeth. We have modelled them using Lego bricks to work out how their shape matches their function. We also compared our teeth to those of other animals and identified the diets of animals from the type of teeth they have. In maths we have started using 24 hour clock time.

Y5/6 have designed and made stress balls and Easter string baskets. We've also made Mothers' Day cards. We've been working hard to create exciting adventure stories and to use fractions and decimals in maths activities. Our Bronze Ambassadors, Rosie and Seth, have led P.E. sessions.

### **Message from our RBSC**

Last week the children designed and made 'Stories in a Box' as part of their 'World Book Day' activities. Their artwork and cutting and making skills were amazing and they made Fairy, Minnie Mouse, Charlie and the Chocolate Factory and Knight Boxes. This week we have been learning about 'How to be Healthy!' We have designed healthy and tasty lunchboxes and the children have enjoyed exploring how our digestive system works. We had lots of giggles about it! In maths, the children have been investigating capacity and measuring. We have poured and measured using non-standard and standard units. As part of our 'Local Area' topic we have used Ordnance Survey Maps to locate places in Knighton and we have used map symbols to create our own maps.

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### **Information**

- Red Nose Day is Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> March. We suggest a £1 contribution to Comic Relief for a non-uniform day.
- We are still hoping that years 5 & 6 will be able to go to Oaker Wood and we will continue to update you as soon as we have more information from the Welsh Government/Powys regarding trips.
- Could all parents/carers please contact Sarah in the office if they have had a change of address, mobile number, email address etc that she hasn't already been told about.
- Also, if your child has any changes to their medical/dietary needs please get in touch before their return.
- Are you happy to continue receiving our newsletter and general letters by email and on our closed Facebook page? If you would prefer a hard copy, please let Sarah know in the office.

Thank you for your continued support and to our families who are following COVID guidelines. Hopefully this will help us all return to 'normal' as soon as possible.