

Friday 2nd November 2018

Message from the head



Welcome back to another busy and productive half term. I am looking forward to seeing you all at Family Supper on the 8th. This year, along with the national event we will be holding a high profile Brecknock Anti-Bullying Week. To launch the week we will be holding 'Odd Socks Day' on Monday 12th November. We would like everyone to wear odd socks on this day to underline the message that it is good to be different. We have prepared a leaflet about what to do in the case of bullying for children, parents and staff. We will be giving the leaflet to every child in the school so do look out for it coming home on the 12th. We will also be selling Anti-Bullying wristbands, the bands cost £1 each and will be available from the office from 12th November. Look out for more information about Anti-Bullying Week, as well as other key events, coming soon.

Dates for your calendar

Please check our website for term dates for the full year.

8th November	Family Supper 5-7pm
12th -16th November	Anti-Bullying Week
21st November	Year 6 to the National Theatre
29th November	Parent Conferences 1.30 - 7.00pm
3rd December	Tahiti to CLC
4th December	Hawaii to CLC
7th December	Christmas Fair
11th December	Year 5 to Unicorn Theatre Nursery Show 2pm
12th December	Reception show 2pm
13th December	Mersea Class show 2pm
18th December	Year 1 show 2pm
20th December	Year 2 show 2pm
21st December	Last Day of Term—School closes 2pm
24th - 6th January	SCHOOL CLOSED, CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS
7th January	INSET day, school closed
8th January	School opens for children
15th January	Curriculum Meetings Nursery, Y1, Y3 & Y5 (3.35pm)
17th January	Curriculum Meetings Nursery, Y2, Y4 & Y6 (3.35pm)



The Royal British Legion remembers the First World War (1914-1918) as one of the most significant conflicts of the 20th century, with its impact still being felt today. This November is the Centenary of Armistice Day. The school office will be selling poppies on their behalf.



Friday Teas

This is the schedule for the next three Friday teas. A massive thank you in advance to all the parents, carers and friends who contribute or lend a helping hand each week—we really appreciate it!

Before half term Reception raised £31.64!

9th November—Year 5 & 6

DATE TO REMEMBER
16th November —
Children In Need
TEA Event



Please don't forget to activate your ParentPay accounts. ParentPay is quick and easy to use and gives you the freedom to make payments to school whenever and wherever you like.



FAMILY SUPPER
come and join the fun on
Thursday 8th November
5 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Entertainment provided!



Be there or be square!



FREE ENTRY - just bring along a dish of food from your culture for everyone to share

Every year at this time we hold our Family Supper. It is a wonderful opportunity for us all to get together: staff, parents and children. We all bring a dish to share and we try and make enough food to cover at least the number of people we are bringing. Then we eat and chat and enjoy music and dancing entertained by the children. You won't want to miss it – Thursday 8th November from 5pm till 7pm, see you there!



We are the **Proud Schools Partner** for BBC Children in Need.

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Friday 16th November
is Children In Need.

School Council have asked for as many children as possible, to participate in a Non uniform day for a suggested contribution of £1 or more. Wear the spottiest clothes you have or stick spots on your ordinary clothes to raise lots of money for Children in Need.

There will also be a guess the number of Maltesers in the jar at the school office if people would like to have a go, as well as fundraising buckets will be at the school gates to collect spare change.



School Council News

Over the last couple of weeks School Council have been hard at work. They decided that the "blind spot" behind the shed meant that the whole pitch could not be seen and now the shed has been moved. We are hoping that now the adults and children can be seen more clearly, football games will run more smoothly.

Other good news is that the Chair and Vice chairs of school council have been voted in. Congratulations to Adam Ali, Ayaaz and Sienna, who will be taking it in turns to write the agenda and run the School Council meetings. They all showed a real commitment to making sure everybody's voice was heard and I am sure will continue to do so.



Anti-bullying/Respect week

It is national Anti-bullying week 12th -16th November and the theme is "Choose Respect". There will be activities going on in school over that week but we would particularly encourage children to wear odd socks on 12th November to celebrate the fact it is good to be different sometimes. There is no need to buy new sock just mix up some you already have!



Odd Socks Day
12th November

A Lovely Day for a Walk.

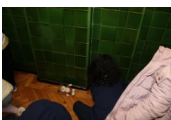
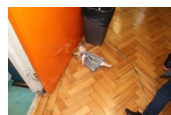
Mersea class had a lovely autumn walk in Clocktower Park. They found lots of leaves, squirrels, pigeons, some woodlice, feathers and logs. While there they visited the allotment and discovered some tomatoes growing.



The children in Nursery and Reception were excited to share their maths learning on Friday's Maths Open Morning. Parents were able to see a maths lesson and share ideas of how to further support maths learning at home.



Year 1 have been solving a mystery as part of their IPC topic.



When they arrived at the Year 1 classrooms after lunch, the doors were locked! They had to go to the hall for the register while Nimete and Federica searched for the keys. While we waited, we talked about what might have happened: "Somebody might be pushing the door shut," suggested Jake. "Someone might have stolen your key. It might have been the rabbit," Leo said.

Nimete and Federica came to the hall empty-handed but told them that something strange had appeared in the corridor. They all went to investigate. A strange trail of toys was winding down the corridor. When Daniel saw the first toy of the trail outside the hall he commented, "Perhaps they're part of the mystery."

They followed the trail of toys to the Year 1 classrooms and on the way, Sofia spotted the key to the doors. It was hidden in a cup! When they got into the classrooms, they found silver boxes in the middle of the carpet with a special note on the top from a mystery person. Inside the box were lots of games for them to play. While they enjoyed the games, they chatted about who could possibly have been into the classrooms and left the boxes.

"I think it was the magic toy giver," Ethan commented, "he came in the classroom and left a box of toys. And he left the key in a cup. He didn't want us to see how he looks."

"I think it's somebody who's sneaky. It could be someone with magic toys and magic powers," Kingsley.

Please be reminded that children should be wearing appropriate clothing for the weather. We have a lot of children coming to school without wearing coats.



Golden Book Awards! And this weeks winners are...



Beau & Alex —Mull, Aurora & Lola —Skye, Reilly & Jamilah —Guernsey, Saamia & Lola —Jersey, Finn & Della —Y3, Rizwan & Kah Yee —Y4, Eijaz & Daniel —Y5, Fjona & Mahir — Y6