



**Weather-** I hope everyone has managed to stay safe and out of the high wind today. Thank you to everyone for moving seamlessly to distance learning via Dojo. It has been wonderful to see the photographs and documents which have been shared throughout the day; there have been lots of busy learners today! Thank you to everyone for your support with this.

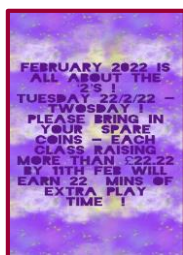
**Readathon** - We are pleased to be working with Gemma Doncaster (an Independent Usborne Partner) to launch our 'Ready, Steady, Read' event. Gemma visited school to read a story with each class in turn which was a real treat for the children. Thank you to Gemma for a chilly welcome to Spittal School, visiting each class at their classroom playground door! You should have received a letter and sponsorship form via your child/ren earlier in the week. We are looking forward to hosting an outdoor book stall with Gemma on Friday 4th March (weather dependent). In the meantime, I would be very grateful if you could take a few moments to complete a parent reading survey following the link below:

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**Pastor Jenny, Bethlehem chapel** – This week Pastor Jenny joined us virtually to lead assembly. We really enjoy hearing her stories and she always makes us think lots!

**St. David's Day parade** – Pupils in Skrinkle Haven class will represent our school at the parade and Jamboree taking place in Haverfordwest on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March. A letter regarding this has been shared with Skrinkle Haven parents via Dojo.

**St David's Day** – Please be aware that as a school we will celebrate St David's Day with dressing in Welsh colours and clothing and a day of activities **on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March.**



**PFA** – A big thank you to everyone who donated their spare change to the PFA's 22-22 challenge, which saw all classes earn their 22 minutes of extra playtime! That was definitely appreciated by the children. The amount raised stood at £100 but since then further spare change has been sent in. Thank you for your continued support.

**Rights Respecting Schools** – We already focus on the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child across the school and have signed up to working towards the Rights Respecting Schools award, which will take focussed work across the school over the coming couple of years. The following information is from their website:



There are three stages to the Rights Respecting Schools Award. Its transformative and rigorous approach means the journey to the highest stage can take up to four years.

Together young people and the school community learn about children's rights, putting them into practice every day. The Award is not just about what children do but also, importantly, what adults



do. In Rights Respecting Schools children's rights are promoted and realised, adults and children work towards this goal together.

There are four key areas of impact for children at a Rights Respecting school; wellbeing, participation, relationships and self-esteem.

The difference that a Rights Respecting School makes goes beyond the school gates, making a positive impact on the whole community.

We look forward to sharing our school's journey to becoming a Rights Respecting school with you.



**School dinners** - Please be aware of the change to the meal on Week 1 - Thursdays. This will come in to effect from this week and continue until the Summer menu is in place. The meatballs will be served with pasta and a tomato sauce in place of the current option.

**Covid restrictions** – As noted in the last newsletter all schools revert to working within the Local Decision Framework for Covid restrictions following the half term break and we will share information as to what this looks like. It does mean that the staggered end to the school day will not continue after half term and the end of the school day will be at 3:30pm for all classes.

**Governing Body** – The School Development Plan sub-committee met virtually this week to discuss aspects of teaching and learning across the school. The outcomes of monitoring of classroom learning environments, pupils' books and looking for learning classroom visits were discussed, along with hearing about a new resource teachers are accessing to support teaching and learning and actions to continue to move to the full roll-out of the Successful Futures new curriculum.

**Celebration assembly** – Well done and congratulations to the children who received 'Seren yr wythnos' certificates or were spotted for hot chocolate this week. What a range of reasons for celebrating were shared!

#### **Date**

- Week Beginning Mon 21st Feb – Half Term break (one week break)
- Tues 1<sup>st</sup> March – St Davids Day school dinner
- Fri 4<sup>th</sup> March – School St David's day celebrations including dressing in Welsh colour clothes
- Fri 11<sup>th</sup> March – School World Book day celebrations

Thank you to everyone for another very busy half term! I hope everyone has a good half term break and look forward to seeing you all on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February.

Yours sincerely

Head teacher