



# Spittal V.C. School

## Newsletter 12 - Autumn term 2022

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**Pastor Jenny** – On Wednesday we welcomed Pastor Jenny from Bethlehem Chapel into school to join us for Collective Worship where she talked about advent and the journey to Christmas over the coming weeks.

**School photographs** – Mr Field was extremely busy on Thursday morning as he took individual and family photographs. It was fantastic to see the smart school uniform and we are excited to see what are going to be great school photographs!

**Christmas production** – Rehearsals are under way with Dosbarth Dale and Dosbarth Poppit Sands as the children learn their lines and songs. They are now rehearsing on the stage and costumes are being sorted! We are looking forward to the performances of 'Born in a Barn'.

**Pembrokeshire Hogspital** – Yesterday Dosbarth Dale welcomed Ginny from Pembrokeshire Hogspital to our school. Accompanied by three rescued hedgehogs, the children spent the afternoon meeting the hedgehogs in person, learning all about their bodies, lives and diet. The children had prepared a very long list of questions and enjoyed discovering the answers to these and learning even more at the same time. All of the children took the opportunity to very carefully hold one of the hedgehogs, whilst one of the other hedgehogs took the opportunity to try to escape from the classroom; who knew that hedgehogs can move just that fast! Dosbarth Dale and Ginny also spent time outside looking at the school grounds to review how hedgehog friendly they are and plan further actions to encourage them to join us at Spittal School! The afternoon finished with the class sharing the gifts of hedgehog friendly food and cleaning products which were donated to the hogspital.

**Values Education** – As a school we have begun reflecting in collective worship on our current focus value of 'JOY'

**Staff training** – This week staff completed a twilight training session on motor skills and how to support these through motor skill programmes used as part of classroom learning.

**Digital permissions** – If you haven't already done so, please use the link below to review and update the digital permissions for your child/ren. This form does include new questions on different social media and for this reason we would appreciate all families completing it.

[https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=Ug4\\_TzS3ZEGUCRtgHRR5kyRL1sXOuQNAhVjutm\\_hrQ9UQ0o2T0ZER0tGUkFORzQyVzVCSjlRMTg3VC4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=Ug4_TzS3ZEGUCRtgHRR5kyRL1sXOuQNAhVjutm_hrQ9UQ0o2T0ZER0tGUkFORzQyVzVCSjlRMTg3VC4u)

### Dates for the diary

- Thurs 1<sup>st</sup> Dec – School photographs – these will be taken during the school day. Families wishing to have a photograph with a sibling not in school, the hall will be open between 8:30am and 9am for these photographs.
  - Weds 7<sup>th</sup> Dec – Dosbarth Dale trip to Picton Castle
  - Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> Dec – Save the Children Christmas jumper day (or traditional Christmas colours)
  - Mon 12<sup>th</sup> Dec – Pantomime @ Torch Theatre – afternoon performance
  - Tues 13<sup>th</sup> Dec (am) – Dosbarth Poppit Sands trip to Scolton Manor
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- Weds 14<sup>th</sup> Dec am – Early Years (Dosbarth Dale) Chringle with Playgroup @ St. Marys
  - Fri 16<sup>th</sup> Dec - Dosbarth Dale and Poppit Sands Christmas concert – afternoon performance
  - Mon 19<sup>th</sup> Dec - Dosbarth Dale and Poppit Sands Christmas concert – evening performance
  - Tues 20<sup>th</sup> Dec – End of term service at St Mary's for all pupils – Year 6 parents invited
  - Tues 20<sup>th</sup> Dec - Dosbarth Dale and Poppit Sands Christmas concert – evening performance
  - Weds 21<sup>st</sup> Dec – Christmas dinner and Christmas party
  - Weds 21<sup>st</sup> Dec – School carol service @ Bethlehem Chapel – a warm welcome to everyone
  - Thurs 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec – Last day of term
  - Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec – INSET day – no school for pupils
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Have a restful weekend.

Yours sincerely



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