Spittal V.C. School Newsletter 23 – Spring term 2022



NUT FREE school – A polite reminder that we are a nut free school and no nuts should be brought into school in any format including packed lunches and snacks. We would appreciate you also ensuring that cereal bars are nut free and no peanut butter is used. Children carry epi-pens for this allergy and we ask for everyone's help to ensure their safety.

Car park safety - To ensure the safety of everyone we continue to ask that parents and children use the path around the car park rather than crossing the car park itself. There are a significant number of cars in a small space at the end of the day and everyone using the footpath helps to ensure the safety of pedestrians and drivers. Thank you to everyone for your anticipated help with this.

Cluster working – Staff started the term by joining together with all schools in the Haverfordwest cluster for the first day of term. Teams of staff from all the schools in the cluster joined one of six workshops being held in different schools. Each workshop focussed on one of the Areas of Learning and Experience within the new curriculum, enabling collaborative working to develop a common understanding of the area and the skills, knowledge and understanding required in it.

PFA funding - Back in the Spring term we shared the news of the kind donation the PFA had made to each class in order to purchase new learning resources. The items which staff ordered are beginning to arrive in school (covid delays strike again!) and are being put into use with the children. Many of you will have seen the large delivery lorry deliver two outdoor learning sheds on the afternoon of the Easter egg hunt! These are now home to a number of our outdoor learning resources, enabling the children to access what they need independently. They also provide a chalk board surface for writing and Maths. Thank you for all your support for the PFA events and also to the PFA itself; we really appreciate the support it provides to the school.

Local Authority school visit – Earlier in the week we welcomed our Local Authority Challenge Advisor, Mrs Botarelli and the Headteacher of Neyland Community School, Mrs C. Hewitt to Spittal School for a two day visit where they undertook a review of the school and the progress it is making. Joining us for every part of the school day they were able to see how the school runs, the learning activities the children engage in and the progress they make. The school council met with our visitors and demonstrated their care and pride in their school and represented their peers exceptionally well. Once we receive the final outcome from the Local Authority we will share the key messages with the school community. As a school we were very proud of how well the visit went and how fantastic the children were as ambassadors for our school. Well done everyone.

Bags 2 School – We will be having a Bags to School collection on Tuesday 14th June. Bags can be brought into school on Monday 13th June or during morning drop off on the Tuesday. Bags will be sent out closer to the time. The PFA will receive a cheque

based on the weight of the recycled items.







School dinner - Theme day - Thursday 12th May - A special menu day for school dinners celebrating the Green Cross Code. Children can book the school dinner on the day.

School dinner Summer menu – A reminder that the new summer school dinner menu is now available on the county council website. The menu has been adapted to enable children to choose from three choices each day; the hot meal options, meat and vegetarian choices and also now a school dinner sandwich meal option.



Mr Rumbelow – We welcomed Mr Rumbelow from Haverfordwest High School earlier in the week as he visited to lead a session for year 6 pupils on rugby and team working skills. He was extremely complimentary about both the children's effort and conduct during the session. Da iawn blwyddyn 6!

Celebration assembly - Congratulations to the children who received 'Seren yr wythnos' certificates or were spotted for hot chocolate in the last week of term. These were awarded for a fantastic array of reasons and demonstrate what ambitious capable learners and ethical informed citizens the children are!

Dates

- Week beginning Monday 30th May Half term break
- Mon 6th June Inset training day
- Tues 7th June First day back for pupils following half term break
- Week beginning Tues 7th June parent teacher meetings
- Mon 13th June & morning of Tues 14th June Bags 2 School
- Tues 12th July Sports Day
- Thurs 14th July Year 6 Leavers event
- Fri 15th July Last day of school year for pupils

Yours sincerely

Head teacher