## Spittal V.C. School Newsletter 24 – Spring term 2022



Reading at Home

Car park safety – Thank you to everyone helping us to keep the car park a safe place for pupils and adults alike at both morning drop off and afternoon pick up. We ask that everyone is especially mindful of the dropped kerb at the school entrance end of the car par, in order that vehicles do not drive onto it whilst pedestrians walk along the pavement. Thank you.

**School uniform** - A big thank you to all the families whose children wear school uniform. Not only do the children look incredibly smart, it also impacts positively on their attitude to and readiness for learning. We continue to encourage the children to come to school ready in their PE kit on. Tuesday. A reminder that PE kit consists of a house T-shirt or a T-shirt in the house colour and grey or dark coloured shorts or joggers. Please ask the class teacher as to which house your child is in if you haven't had this information.

**Reading** – Please have a read of the 'Reading at home' document shared on Dojo by Mr Gibbens last week which explains the reasoning behind our approach to teaching reading skills.

**Neyland Community School –** On Friday we welcomed four members of staff from Neyland Community School to our school to share practice. The visit focussed on the learning environment for younger pupils in Dosbarth Dale and

how it is set up and organised to support the children being independent learners throughout the day. The visit also focussed on how we are developing reading comprehension through daily book talk with our youngest learners and their recording of their learning through floor books.

**Governing Body** – Following a very long break due to COVID restrictions in schools, we also welcomed governors back into the school building last week. The School Development Plan subcommittee met in person following two years of online meetings! Governors spent time walking around the school building to see the range of learning environments, the improvements being made to learning areas and the standards of pupils work on display. Everyone was in agreement that the school has used the Covid period to continue moving forward and making ongoing improvements to the standard of learning environments.

**Parent – Teacher meetings –** These will take place during the week commencing Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June and a letter will be shared on Dojo with all the relevant information.

**Personalised Assessments -** Formerly called Welsh National Tests, these will take place between now and the end of term for pupils in years 2 to 6. A letter will be shared on Dojo regarding the assessments.



**Bags 2 School** – We will be having a Bags to School collection on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> June. Bags can be brought into school on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> 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.





**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 30<sup>th</sup> May Half term break
- Mon 6<sup>th</sup> June Inset training day
- Tues 7th June First day back for pupils following half term break
- Tues 7th, Weds 8th and Thurs 9th June Parent Teacher meetings
- Week beginning Tues 7<sup>th</sup> June parent teacher meetings
- Mon 13<sup>th</sup> June & morning of Tues 14<sup>th</sup> June Bags 2 School
- Tues 12<sup>th</sup> July Sports Day
- Thurs 14th July Year 6 Leavers event
- Fri 15th July Last day of school year for pupils

Yours sincerely

Head teacher