

# Spittal V.C. School

## Newsletter 30 – Summer term 2022



**Senior Teacher appointment** – Following an interview last week I am really pleased to be able to share the news with you regarding Mr Gibbens' appointment as senior teacher at Spittal School, joining the senior leadership team. I am sure you will join with me in congratulating him on his appointment.

**Themed school dinner** – Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July is a theme school dinner day for Independence Day (moved in Spittal from Tues 5<sup>th</sup> due to the Foundation Phase school trip). Please see the image here and on Dojo for the menu. The meal can be booked on the day.

**Surfing trip** – Children in years 3, 4 and 5 started the week with a day of surfing at Broad Haven beach, led by Pembrokeshire Surfing School. With learning to surf and sandcastle building competitions, everyone rated the trip a success, supported by the beaming smiles and energy which everyone returned to school with at the end of the day. Thank you to the children for their fantastic behaviour and their resilience to keep going as they learnt new skills! Thank you to Mr Gibbens for organising a memorable trip and to Mrs Elston and Mrs Barrett-Evans for accompanying the children along with Mr Gibbens.



**Mrs Baylor** - Yesterday we said farewell to Mrs Baylor who had been teaching Dosbarth Skrinkle Haven since February. We are very grateful for the way she fitted into our school as part of the team and provided the children with great learning tasks and challenges. Mr Ashby who is known to the children will lead the class until the end of term.

**Sports Day** – This will be held on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July. The Foundation Phase children (Dosbarth Dale and Poppit Sands) will have their sports during the morning beginning at 9:30am and the Junior children (Dosbarth Skrinkle Haven and Cwm-yr-Eglwys) will have theirs in the afternoon, beginning at 1:15pm. This year we ask for your help by joining the 'bring-your-own' theme for seating, bringing a folding chair or picnic blanket. We look forward to you joining us for Sports Day following the last couple of years. The excitement levels are mounting!

**Open classroom session** – Join us on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July between 3:30pm and 4:30pm as we welcome parents into your child/ren's class for them to show you around and tell you about how they use the room, its areas and resources to support their learning and to visit their new classroom for September. My apologies for the shorter notice than we would have liked to give you; as restrictions around schools continue to be reduced we look forward to making events such as these a more frequent event.

**Nursery stay and play sessions** – On Wednesday and Thursday this week we welcomed the children who will be joining us in Dosbarth Dale in September to visit and explore the class along with their parents. Everyone enjoyed exploring the different parts of the classroom and playground and getting to know each other.



**Classes for next academic year** – Letters regarding the organisation of classes for the next academic year were shared via dojo messages yesterday. We look forward to the transition day next Friday where all pupils will spend the day in their new class. On this day the children should go into their normal class at the start of the day; they will also be dismissed at the end of the day from their usual playground door.

**Secondary School transition** – Year 6 pupils have been busy this week, visiting their secondary schools for their transition days. Everyone has welcomed the opportunity to get to know the other children in their classes and key staff.

**Pastor Jenny – Bethlehem Chapel** – On Wednesday Pastor Jenny joined us in person to lead assembly in the hall. She challenged us all to listen to different sounds and identify what was used to create each sound; there were some very tricky ones and even with working together we didn't get them all right, learning that some things are easier to hear than others and we need to listen carefully for God's words to us. Thank you Pastor Jenny for joining us back in the school building following the last couple of years.

### **Dates**

- Tues 5<sup>th</sup> July – Foundation Phase trip to Folly Farm
- Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> July – Open classrooms – 3:30pm – 4:30pm
- Fri 8<sup>th</sup> July – transition day spent in new September class
- Tues 12<sup>th</sup> July – Sports Day – see above for times
- Weds 13<sup>th</sup> July – Year 6 coasteering trip
- Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> July – Year 6 Leavers service at St Mary's Church – 10am
- Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> July – Year 6 Leavers event after school
- Fri 15<sup>th</sup> July – Year 6 Preseli walk
- Fri 15<sup>th</sup> July – Last day of school year for pupils

Yours sincerely



Head teacher