



Spittal V.C. School

Newsletter 8 - Autumn term 2022

Cross country – Congratulations to everyone who participated in the county cross country running competition this week. The competition has moved from Oakwood to Carew airfield, and sees hundreds of runners from all age groups from across the county participating. The children and their growth mindset and resilience were a credit to themselves! The children representing Spittal School were Olivia Bojanowski, Thomas Bues, Lyra Constable, Mostyn Constable, Elliot Fisher, Lizzie Griffiths, Henri Gwillt, Jacob Hamid, Hewi John, Penny Lewis, Rebecca Rushton, Tristan Smith-Hanna, Jacob Taylor and Evan Whitby. We are extremely proud of all of you!

A special thank you to Mrs Constable, Mrs Hamid and Mrs Whitby for being the point of contact for the school and keeping records for the children. We are very grateful for your help and support in a busy week.

Early years Harvest – Dosbarth Dale joined Spittal playgroup for our joint Harvest festival at St Mary's earlier in the week. The first joint harvest service for a few years it was lovely to see a full church and hear the children singing so confidently and enthusiastically. Following the service we joined playgroup in the village hall to have snack and play with our friends in playgroup.

Whole school harvest – On Thursday we all walked to St Mary's for our whole school harvest service. Joined by parents of year 6 children, Reverend Rees and Reverend Davies (Bishop's visitor to Spittal School Governing Body), Mrs Barrett-Evans (Foundation governor) and Mr Barrett-Evans we enjoyed singing our favourite harvest songs and listening to the readings by year 6. Thank you to everyone for the huge response to the non-perishable food donations for the food bank in Fishguard; these were very gratefully received.



Governing Body meeting and open school event – In the second half of the Autumn term we will be holding an open school event for parents with staff and governors. We will share the date with you as soon as we have confirmation.

Music - Two separate visitors to school this week commented on the music created by the children's singing and instrumental lessons. It is a treat to hear the music drifting through the corridor, which today was definitely the sound of Christmas songs!

Digital permissions – If you haven't provided us with your choice of digital permission regarding the use of photographs and filming of your child on Dojo, in the press and on social media, please use the link below

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=Ug4_TzS3ZEGUCRtgHRR5kyRL1sXOuQNAVjUtp_hrQ9UQ0o2T0ZER0tGukFORzQyVzVCSjlRMTg3VC4u



24th October 2022

Dear Parents,

Re: Your right to request a meeting with the school's governing body

The Schools Standards and Organisation (Wales) Act 2013 (The Act) removed the requirement for school governing bodies to hold an annual meeting with parents. Instead, new arrangements were introduced to enable parents to request up to 3 meetings in any school year with a governing body, on matters which are of concern to them.

If parents wish to use their rights under the Act to hold a meeting, 4 conditions will need to be satisfied:

1. Parents will need to raise a petition in support of holding a meeting.

The parents of at least 10% of the school's registered pupils/ 30 registered pupils (whichever is lower) will need to sign the petition. I can provide guidance, if requested, on how a paper or electronic petition can be raised. Please do not start a petition without receiving this guidance.

2. The meeting must be called to discuss matters which affect the school

The meeting cannot be called to discuss such matters as the progress of individual pupils, or to make a complaint against a member of the school's staff or governing body.

3. A maximum of 3 meetings can be held during the school year

The law allows parents to use their rights to request up to 3 meetings with a school governing body during the school year.

4. There must be at least 25 school days left in the school year

The law makes it a condition that at least 25 school days are left in the school year when the petition is received so that the meeting can be held. A "school day" means a day when the school is open to pupils.

Any petition requesting a meeting with this school's governing body should be sent to the Chair of the Governing Body at the school's address.

Further advice on how parents may go about requesting a meeting with a governing body is available on the Welsh Government's website at:

<http://gov.wales/docs/dcells/publications/130503-statutory-guidance-parents-meetings-en-v2.pdf>



Alexis Fletcher

Dates for the diary

- Week beginning Mon 7th Nov – face to face parent teacher meetings for Dale and Cwm-yr-Eglwys
 - Tues 8th Nov – Crucial Crew visit for year 5 and 6
 - Mon 14th Nov – School photographs – more details to follow
 - Fri 18th Nov – Children in Need
 - Mon 21st Nov – Odd Sock Day
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After a busy start to the school year over this half term we hope everyone has a restful half term.

Yours sincerely



Mrs S. Vaughan
Head teacher

