



# 25<sup>th</sup> January 2019

## Our Christian Value for this term is **Courage**

Rise up! Take courage and do it!

Ezra 10:4

This week we have been thinking about facing challenges and Vicar Jon told us all about Saul who saw the light on the road to Damascus and then became Paul and spread the Good News of God's love. Vicar Jon reminded us that even when things get tricky we should try to have courage.

School has been busy this week with lots of learning and fun. Don't forget you are invited to join us for our internet safety sessions next Monday - see below for information.

Year 5 children enjoyed interviewing musicians who will be working with them as part of their lead creative school project. They are focussing on how music can help us with our maths and will be undertaking a project over the next term.

Year 1 and 2 are making great progress with their drumming and samba lessons. Well done!

**Internet Safety Day Monday 28<sup>th</sup> January** - Typically Internet Safety week is celebrated in February but we have secured PC Emma Mudie to come to school on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> January to run some parent workshops. Parents who have attended previously have always said how excellent they are and so needed in this fast paced world of technology. We have arranged 2 sessions:

- Foundation Phase Parents are invited to school for 9am to attend a presentation and then work with their children following the presentation. The session will be from 9am -11.15
- Key Stage 2 Parents are invited to school for 1.15pm to attend a presentation and then work with their children. The session will be from 1.15-3.15

Due to the nature of the presentation/activities parents would need to attend the whole session. PC Emma has also asked us to remind you that no younger siblings will be allowed to attend due to the nature of the content discussed.

**Mother's Day Raffle** - we have been donated a beautiful wicker hamper by Mr Panayi containing chocolate, biscuits, wine, beer and toiletries and have decided to raffle it as a Mother's day hamper to raise funds for school. Tickets are £1 a strip and can be bought from Mrs Hazelton in the school office. They will also be on sale during our Parent's Evenings.

**Lost Property** - We have a growing pile of lost property in the Year 4 cloakroom - please pop in and have a look. Anything unlabelled may be taken. Currently we have 3 coats on the rail along with lots of other school items!

**Contact Numbers** - Please can you ensure contact numbers are kept up to date. It is essential that we have a number to contact you on in case of emergency.

**Parking Reminder** - Lately we have been visited by PCSOs who have been monitoring traffic. Thank you for the improvement in this, however we have received a number of calls regarding how drivers

are using the road narrowings. This is particularly difficult when cars are parked directly outside the school. We know the community council are looking into this but please can you be mindful of the rights of way. Also we have had reports of parents who have spoken sharply to others. Please for the sake of our children be friendly.

**Wear Red for Wales and Velindre** - Next Friday children are invited to wear red clothing for a £1 donation. The work of Velindre is close to many of our hearts. Thank you for helping us to support their work.

**Network upgrade** - Next Thursday we will be having our network upgraded to super-fast fibre! We don't expect to have much time without the internet and have been told this won't affect our phone line. Watch out on twitter for news of any disruptions.

**Callio** - If you have received **red** callio letters please pop into school. It is so important to us that your child attends school as regularly as they can as poor attendance has been proven to impact negatively on learning. Thank you.

**Parents' Evening 6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> February** - Parents evening bookings are now open. Please be mindful these meetings are 10 minute slots to discuss your child's progress. Pupil books for children from Reception to Year 6 will be available to look at in classrooms. Nursery Parents are invited to look at children's work with Ms Shalom during their discussion.

**There will be no appointments for those children who joined Nursery in January** (please see Ms Shalom if you have any concerns).

If you have any queries about your child please remember you are welcome to pop in any evening for a quick chat, or we are always happy to arrange longer appointments at a mutually convenient time.

**Parents evening slots are strictly 10 minutes long.** Please be mindful of other parents and stick to allocated slots.

To book please go to <https://gwenfo.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/> and log in with yours and your child's details. You can also access the booking system via the front page of the school website

<https://gwenfocwprimary.co.uk/>

Parents evening is held in the school hall, please come in the main entrance.

We will be sending out a parent questionnaire link which we would like you to complete to help us celebrate areas of success and work on areas that we need to improve. Ipads will also be available on the evening to complete the questionnaire.



**Our chicken rota is looking a bit empty!**

**If you can help please see Mrs Ford or Mrs Hazelton.**

Date	Name
26 <sup>th</sup> -27 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Molly Treharne and family
2 <sup>nd</sup> -3 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	Thomas Newman and family
9 <sup>th</sup> -10 <sup>th</sup> Feb	
16 <sup>th</sup> -17 <sup>th</sup> Feb	

### Attendance:

Class	% Attendance	w/e 18/01/19
Reception	92.0	Well done Year 2!
Year 1	90.3	
Year 2	99.3	
Year 3	94.7	
Year 4	96.9	
Year 5	98.1	
Year 6	97.9	
Total	95.5	

## School Clubs

After school Clubs are listed below. Please book in advance and be aware that places are limited and dependent upon excellent behaviour.

**Junior Choir** - every Wednesday lunchtime.

**Infant Choir** - every Tuesday lunchtime.

**Netball Club** - every Tuesday at 3.30-4.30pm at St Richard Gwyn.

**Rugby club** - every Tuesday after school for Year 4, 5 and Year 6.

## School Trips

29<sup>th</sup> January - Year 5 trip to Sophia Gardens - please consent and make payment via ParentPay

31<sup>st</sup> January - Year 3 and Year 4 trip to Techniquest - please consent and make payment via ParentPay

5<sup>th</sup> February - Year 1 and Year 2 trip to OrchestrAdventure - please consent and make payment via ParentPay

11<sup>th</sup> March - Year 3 trip to Techniquest - details to follow...

25<sup>th</sup> March - Year 3 and Year 4 trip to Big Pit - please consent and make payment via ParentPay

## School Dates to note:

28<sup>th</sup> January - Internet Safety Day

1<sup>st</sup> February - Wear Red for Wales and Velindre day

5<sup>th</sup> February - School Nurse screening of Reception children

6<sup>th</sup> February - Parents Evening

13<sup>th</sup> February - Parents Evening

22<sup>nd</sup> February - last day of school

HALF TERM 25<sup>th</sup> February- 1<sup>st</sup> March

4<sup>th</sup> March - back to school

6<sup>th</sup> March - St David's Day celebrations

15<sup>th</sup> March - Red Nose Day

22<sup>nd</sup> March - Year 1 class assembly

12<sup>th</sup> April - last day of school  
EASTER HOLIDAYS - 15<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> April  
29<sup>th</sup> April - back to school  
7<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> May - National Test Week  
18<sup>th</sup> May Reception Class Assembly

## Events in the local area

**WIN A VALE SCHOOL TRIP!**

We are offering a limited number of **FREE SCHOOL TRIPS** at a range of exciting destinations in the Vale of Glamorgan. The prize **INCLUDES COST OF TRAVEL!\***  
Nominating your school is easy.  
Simply comment on the Facebook competition post with the name and location of your school or message us directly at [tourism@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk](mailto:tourism@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk)  
Schools with the most nominations will be offered a free trip of your choice!

Check out our **Vale School Visits** pages for a world of choices.  
\*Schools must be able to travel to us within 2 hours, and arrive by 10am  
For full competition terms and conditions see the website

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