



Headteacher/Pennaeth:
Mrs. Julia Adams

31st January 2019

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Thank you so much for your understanding whilst the school continues to deal with the aftermath of the flood. A huge thank you must go to the staff and Governors who have enabled the smooth running of the return to school process by being so flexible and giving generously of their time.

Currently, entry to the school is by the staffroom door next to the Year 1 and 2 classrooms. Please wait at the gate or door and either Mrs Cross or Mrs Adams will let you in. If you have any queries please ask Mrs Cross at the door between 8.45 – 9.15 a.m. or 3.10 – 3.20 p.m. or you can telephone the school during the day. This door also remains as the entry and exit point for Breakfast Club and after school clubs.

We would like to take this opportunity to extend a huge welcome to the afternoon Nursery children and families, who joined us after Christmas. They have settled in so well, making new friends and exploring all the exciting activities available in the Nursery. We are thrilled to welcome them to our school.

A huge congratulations must go to our television star, Ewan Whitestone in Year 6, who appeared on Blue Peter on Thursday 17th January. Ewan was filmed live in the studio, helping the presenters create some delicious sweet treats. Ewan has his own YouTube channel, *The Scrunchbox*, which features videos of him showing how to make a range of recipes, from chicken pie to Swiss rolls!

We are pleased to announce that on Friday our defibrillator box was fitted outside the front of school. It will be available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, as the ambulance service will know our gate code and share it when necessary. Training will begin soon and there will be dates for both community and parents.

Your child will bring home a letter today about Sharing Day arrangements this term. I hope that you will be able to attend on the dates given.

We are so impressed in how the children have settled down after the Christmas holidays. All classes have new topics for the Spring Term, which are detailed below:-

Nursery: 'Weather' The children have been learning about the different types of weather and how to dress appropriately for different types of weather.

Reception: 'Why don't snakes have legs?' The children have been looking at food chains, life cycles, habitats of reptiles and how to keep reptiles healthy. They have used watercolours to create their own 'mixed up Chameleons' and made sea turtles using collage.



Year 1: 'Paws, Claws and Whiskers' The children have been observing the different features of animals and have sorted them in a variety of different ways. They have also been looking at animals in the Polar Regions and learning about the ways they are adapted to living in such a cold climate.

Year 2: 'Castles' The children will be looking at the features of castles and comparing castles around Wales. They will also be making models of towers, bridges and tunnels.

Year 3: 'Predators' The children are learning about predators, food chains, fossils and predatory plants.

Year 4: 'Misty Mountain' The children are looking at how mountains are formed and mountainous regions around the world. In art the children are studying the work of John Campbell, a mountain artist and in Science they are looking at electricity and circuits.

Year 5: 'The Victorians' The children had an exciting Victorian Day where their classroom was transformed into a Victorian classroom! The children compared similarities and differences between Victorian and modern day education and looked at the different types of games the children use to play. The children also worked on inventions, Dragon Den style.

Year 6: 'Frozen Kingdom' The children have produced some beautiful art work, based on the work of the Inuit, the Arctic's indigenous people. The children have identified how animals in the Polar Regions have evolved and adapted to suit their habitat and have considered how they might need to adapt in the future, as environmental threats increase. They have had fun getting messy, exploring how 'blubber' can act as an insulator for animals in Polar Regions.

For the safety of all stakeholders, may we please remind you that nobody is allowed to drive vehicles into the school grounds. Also, please show consideration when parking in Borough Close.

If anyone has had a new mobile phone and has a different number to the one we hold on file, please let Mrs Cross know so that she can update our records.

Please ensure your ParentPay accounts are always kept in credit. Mrs Cross is constantly having to send out reminders to parents who fail to do so, resulting in a debt on their accounts. As we have said before, any shortfall in the amount of income results in school having to pay out of the school budget, a cost we can ill-afford.

I wish to end this letter with some good news! Mrs Kelland had her baby boy on Monday 28th January and has named him Archie John Kelland. We are still waiting for news of the arrival of Miss Williams' baby!

Yours sincerely,

Julia Adams
Head Teacher