



# Trellech Primary School Newsletter

Week Ending - Friday 13th January 2017

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**Happy New Year and a warm welcome back to all for a very busy new Spring term 2017.**

We started with cluster INSET on Monday 3rd January, with Trellech Primary leading workshop on being a Curriculum Pioneer school, Usk Primary focusing on Lead Creative schools and Monmouth School leading on strategies to improve student engagement. The whole day focused on Teaching and Learning and it is always valuable to spend time with colleagues from cluster schools.

As part of our cluster working we have invited colleagues to participate in our termly monitoring and evaluation processes, as part of a 'Cluster Review' which will take place on Tuesday 24th and Wednesday 25th January 2017. We look forward to their feedback on lessons observed and scrutiny of children's work to help us further develop our teaching and learning practices.

This week we have had some unexpected but welcome visitors from the LA Shared Resource Services (SRS) department to migrate the local school server to a much larger LA server located in Blaenavon. This is something that all schools in Monmouthshire will be undergoing in the ongoing investment programme to ensure improved connectivity, Wi-Fi and overall ICT provision. We were not due to migrate until early summer; however the school server went down within the first two days of the new term and it was decided to bring this work forward as a matter of urgency. So this week it has been back to old fashioned teaching without Pc's, laptops, iPads interactive whiteboards, Chromebooks etc whilst all systems were rebuilt for the migration. We are delighted that everything seems to have gone relatively smoothly and as from Thursday 12th January 2017, school is back to normal. We would like to say a huge thank you to the SRS team for the way in which they have worked and supported the school to get systems up and running again.

### School Website

We are experiencing some problem with the website this week, totally unrelated to the school server issues, although the timing was a little disconcerting and we did spend some time thinking this was the problem. We hope to have it back on line by the end of the week and apologise for any inconvenience this is causing with communication. In the meantime twitter can still be accessed as can the homework blogs.

*'Living, Learning, Laughing Together'*

### Weather Update

There has been lots of information from LA to schools in light of recent forecasts and although the threat does not appear to be imminent, we may be considering the possibility of snow in the next few weeks.

We will do our best to communicate with you—the **quickest and easiest way is through our Twitter feed** which we update as regularly as possible to let you know about possible school closure, whether Breakfast and After School Club are running and any information from Phillips regarding the home to school transport. This information should also be available on the Monmouthshire website.

The decision to close will be made by the Headteacher and the Chair of Governors based on local conditions and school circumstances. The decision is never taken lightly, and will always be made with absolute regard to the safety and well-being of children, parents and staff who are all required to travel in difficult circumstances.

### Eddy The Explorer

Reception had a surprise visitor on Thursday. Eddy the Explorer was taking a rest in the class tent. He shared lots of amazing facts about his journeys. Thank you Eddy for giving your time, Dosbarth Mrs Phillips thoroughly enjoyed your visit.



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## Calendar 2016/ 17

**Tues 7th Feb**—Tales From Wales Performance (Whole School)

**Thurs 9th February**—Viney Hill parents' meeting @3.40pm

**Mon 13th— Tues 14th Feb-** Y4 Overnight Trip to Talybont

**Weds 15th February**— Year 1 Class Assembly @ 9.30am

**Fri 17th Feb**— INSET: School Closed to Pupils

**Weds 22nd—Fri 24th March** —Yr 5 to Viney Hill

**Wed 5th April**— Key Stage Two Assembly (TBC)

**Fri 7th April** —Individual School Reports out

**Friday 24th March**—Red Nose Day

**Weds 29th March**— Y2 Class Assembly @ 9.30am

**Weds 10th May**—Class photos

**Mon 5th June-** INSET: School Closed to Pupils

**Fri 9th June**—Sports Day

**Weds 28th— 30th June**—Yr 6 to Gilwern

### Dinner Money for Spring Term 2017

Half Term—£64.00                  Full Term £124.00

**Just a reminder that Parentpay will accept whole term payments as many of you preferred to do for the school office, rather than trying to remember to log in and pay on a weekly basis.**

**If you have mislaid login details please contact Mrs Appleton for new numbers and passwords.**

## Community Corner



*Monmouth Junior Chess*  
*Wednesdays 6 - 7pm*

The Grange, Hadnock Road [next to Monmouth School Sports Complex]

Spring Term 2017 begins on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> of January.

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Take part in the UK Chess Challenge 2017

## Sports and Outdoor Equipment survey

We are the process of undergoing our annual sports equipment and outdoor fitness trail survey—the Foundation Phase grassed area has been sectioned off for this purpose and also to allow the grassed area to recover and regrow. As soon as we feel it is safe to allow the children back into this area we will open it up .

### First Aid Update

Following update training for our First Aiders we would now like to inform you that we will only call you regarding head bumps if we feel there is a cause for concern.

Inhalers: Please could you ensure that children who have indicated on the Child Information Form that they need an inhaler, that they have one in school at all times.

Reminder: For children who have had sickness and diarrhoea they need to remain off school for 48 hours after the last incidence.

**Head Lice: We unfortunately seem to have yet another occurrence of head lice within the school. Whilst we cannot single out individuals we would urge you to check your own child/ children's hair regularly and treat accordingly.**



### Eddy the Explorer with Reception



### **PTFA Notice**

Upcoming dates will be published very shortly in the PTFA newsletter