

Llanfair Primary School

February 2023 Newsletter



Dates for the Diary

Friday 10th February	Year 3 Class Assembly at 9.15am
Friday 10th February	PTA Valentines Disco (3.30pm—5.30pm)
W/C 13th February	Year 4 and 5 swimming lessons every day
Thursday 16th/Friday 17th February	Year 6 cycle proficiency training
Thursday 16th February	Dolygaer residential meeting at 4pm on Microsoft Teams
W/C 20th February	HALF TERM
Tuesday 28th February	St David's Day Eisteddfod
Wednesday 1st –Friday 3rd March	Dolygaer Residential for Y5 and Y6 pupils
Wednesday 8th March	World Book Day
Friday 17th March	Comic Relief (more details to follow)
Tuesday 21st March	Parent evening consultations
Wednesday 22nd March	Parent evening consultations
Friday 31st March	End of Spring term
Monday 17th April	Pupils return to school

* anything amended/ extra that has been added to the original dates for the diary which was sent at the start of term

Health snacks and Healthy Eating

We are always looking to promote healthy eating at Llanfair. We are still noticing a number of pupils bringing unhealthy snacks for consumption at break time. We would like to encourage the pupils to make informed decisions about what they consume. One idea is to set up a healthy snack shack which is run by the older pupils. Pupils will be provided with healthy snack at morning break time. In the first instance, we would like to gauge how many parents would support this initiative. Payment for the fruit/ vegetables would be required before hand and a commitment for a half termly period would be required. We are anticipating that it would cost 30p per day equating to £1.50 per week.

You are still welcome to provide a healthy snack for your child should you wish to do so.

Please fill in the very short Google form below to inform us of your response

<https://forms.gle/FLivX96BAR8nKtWC9>

Instagram

Thank you to those parents who have taken the time to fill in the Google Form, it is very much appreciated. The general consensus from the Google Form is very much in favour of moving over to a closed group on Instagram as our main social media platform. However, unfortunately, we have received very few responses which would not represent the general population. Please can I ask those who have not already done so to please fill in the form. It will take no more than 2 minutes. As you can imagine, the school does not want to invest time and effort moving over to Instagram if it will not be fully supported so your opinions and views are essential.

A Google form to submit a response to the above can be found by clicking the link below:

<https://forms.gle/n2K48apbsc6j85FJA>



Year 3 Class assembly

Mrs Norris and the year 3 pupils in her class will be leading a class assembly on Friday 10th February on the value of **perseverance** at **9.15am**. Parents/ guardians are welcome to join us for this assembly. Following the assembly, there will be a chance to stay and take part in some activities with your children in the classroom. We hope that you are able to join us for this event. If you are attending the assembly please do not arrive in the car park before 9am due to the drop off system still being in use. If you arrive later than 9am, you will be able to use the drop off parking spaces. We look forward to welcoming you into the school.

Llanfair Primary School PTA

♥ **Valentine Disco** ♥

Friday 10th February

3.30-5.30pm

All years welcome

**Ticket's £5.00 each which
will include a hot dog and
unlimited squash**

**Payment for tickets via
Parent pay prior to the
event**

**If any children have any dietary requirements
please let us know**

llanfairprimaryschoolpta@gmail.com

Uniform

Please remember that as part of our uniform policy necklaces, rings and jewellery are not permitted. This is for the safety and protection of your children. Due to health and safety requirements looped earrings are not permitted in school. Please could you make sure that only stud earrings are worn please.

School Bags and belongings

Please ensure that all items of clothing, lunchboxes, water bottles and belongings are clearly labelled with your child's name. Can you please ensure that children do not bring toys to school as they get very upset when they lose them. We also ask that large bags are not brought into school unless absolutely necessary as these are causing a trip hazard in classes particularly in the Foundation Phase. A labelled small lunchbox or snack pot is sufficient.

Sponsorship opportunity

We are looking for sponsorship to be able to provide a netball and football kit to our teams. We are hoping to organise school matches with neighbouring schools in the next couple of months and would love for our children to look the part. If you or anyone that you know would be willing to sponsor our team kit please could you let Mr Jones know.



Attendance & Punctuality

We place a high emphasis on Attendance at Llanfair. We aim for an attendance target in excess of **95%** for every pupil. You will receive a breakdown of your child/children's attendance at the end of this half term. I appreciate that there have been bouts of illness particularly during the Autumn term, however, it is important that children attend school on a regular basis for their wellbeing and academic progress if they are fit and healthy.

The letters you will receive outline if we have any concerns about your child's attendance. We will monitor attendance levels of pupils where we have concerns and if there is no improvement we will seek support from external agencies.

Also please can I remind you that school gates open at **8.50am** and all pupils should be on the premises by **9am**.

Reading helpers

If you or someone that you know would be willing to support pupils reading in school we would love to welcome you as a reading volunteer. Even if you can spare an hour of your time we would really appreciate it. There would need to be checks carried out including a DBS certificate. This would need to be obtained before you are allowed to work with the pupils but this is something that the school can source. If you would like further information please contact the office.



Thank you for your continued support.

Mr R Jones



St David's Day



As a school we plan to celebrate St David's day on **Tuesday 28th February** due to the fact that Y5/6 are on a residential visit on March 1st. On this day the children are invited and encouraged to wear Welsh costumes, Welsh Sports kits or just Welsh colours!

During half term we are asking the children to create entries for the competitions listed below. Though children do not have to enter all competitions, we would encourage everyone to enter at least one! All entries need to be returned to school on **Monday 27th February**, so that judging may take place before our Eisteddfod celebrations. Please ensure that ALL entries have your child's name and class clearly marked.

PLEASE NOTE- While we recognise that parents may need to assist in the making of some entries. We will be looking for the children's **OWN** work.

Competition 1

Design a card to celebrate St David's day. If you were going to send a card to a friend for St David's day what would it look like? Be as creative as you like. Pop up cards welcome. (Nursery pupils can take part in this competition)

Competition 2

Make a recycled Welsh Dragon. Use any recycled materials found at home/ work/ in the garden and make a proud welsh dragon!

Competition 3

Create an advertisement for Wales using **ICT**. This could be a poster, information leaflet or a movie about Wales. This can be either printed or uploaded into Hwb files (pupils will need to let teachers know if they have completed the competition on Hwb)

Competition 4

Dress a leek! This quite simply is what it says on the tin. Let your imaginations run wild and dress a Leek in the most fabulous costume you can think of!

FAMILY competition, for which we would ask entries are only brought into school on **Tuesday 28th February**. **THE BAKE OFF!** – Children are invited to bring in six of their family's best homemade Welsh Cakes for judging bake off style!

We are looking forward to seeing and judging the wonderful creations that the pupils will no doubt come up with and thank you for your continued support with this, and all the other activities we do at school.

Have fun and good luck!