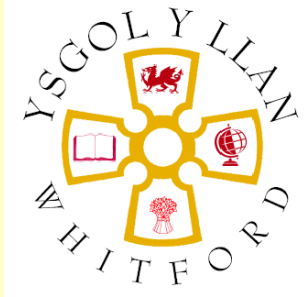


# Monthly Newsletter



## 8 weeks already!

Well that went quickly! We are at the end of our very long and very busy first half term.

The children have all settled back into school life really well and have been very busy working on some exciting new topics.

## A Thankful Harvest

We had a fantastic Harvest service, which was extremely well attended. The children all performed very well and we had a fabulous collection that was gratefully received by Flintshire Food Bank.

Here is an extract from the email received from the Church warden:

"A lovely service ... with wonderful support from parents, friends and family. The extremely generous gifts of food have been taken to the Food Bank at St. Peter's ... staff were delighted and wish to say a big thank you."



## Garden Party Thank You!

Earlier this term, we asked for assistance in our garden area. The response was overwhelming and we achieved such a lot on a glorious Saturday. We posted many pictures on Twitter but we wanted to say a special thank you to everyone who contributed on the day - **wonderful community spirit!**

A special thank you to a couple of Governors and their families for spending additional time to prepare the area where the garden sheds will be going. Thank you Heath Griffiths and Paul Owen.



## Attendance

We have already had many holidays taken this term and future requests. Please consider the effect that this valuable learning and teaching time may have on your children before making such requests. Education matters!

| School target % | Current school attendance | Class 1 R % | Class 2 Yr 1/2 % | Class 3 Yr 3/4 % | Class 4 Yr 5/6 % |
|-----------------|---------------------------|-------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| 96              | 96.1                      | 95.6        | 96.1             | 95.4             | 97.7             |

**PURPLE MASH** - We hope that children are benefitting from these resources at home.

## Church News & Christian Values

### St Mary's and St Bueno's Church

◦ Family Service is at 9.30am, Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> Nov.

### School

◦ Our Christian Value next half term will be 'TRUST'. Children will be exploring this value during collective worship and daily life. Please help at home to discuss this value with your children.

### Events

Church Armistice Service on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November at 9.15am.

### Prayers

We ask you to pray for Reverend Sue as she prepares for her last term with us. Reverend Sue will be retiring at the end of next term.

## Do you need any information?

We do our best to share information with you but there will always be times when you would like to know more.

If you want to know something specific to your child or their class, please feel free to approach the class teacher at the end of the school day or make an appointment to see them at a convenient time. If your query is more general, then please feel free to phone or email the school office and we will be able to assist immediately.

If you have a more pressing concern, and the class teacher is unavailable, then you may ask to see a member of the senior management team - Mr Griffiths or Miss Roberts.

Thank you in advance for contacting the school directly.

## Nursery Rhyme Challenge

A fantastic performance raised £238.20 so far!  
Well done to all Reception & Nursery children.  
Thank you to relatives for all of your support.

## Contact or Follow us!

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<http://moodle.flintshire.gov.uk/whitford/>

<https://twitter.com/YsgolyLlan>

## Upcoming Events

### INSET day/staff training

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October

### Half term

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October

### Own Clothes Day (for toiletries or 50p)

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November

### Dental Inspections (Yr 1)

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November (please return consent)

### Parent's Evening

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November

### Church service – Armistice Day

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November (all welcome)

### Small Schools Athletics Tournament

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November

### Children in Need

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November (theme to follow)

### Author in school (Neil Griffiths)

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November (Parents' workshop – details and times to follow)

### School Photographs

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> November

### Class 4 assembly

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November at 2.40pm

### School Council visit to County Chambers

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> November at 1.30pm

### Book Fair

26<sup>th</sup> November – 3<sup>rd</sup> December

### Own Clothes Day (for chocolates or 50p)

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November

### Running Machine (Tesco entrance)

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> November at 11am (info to follow)

### Flu Injections (Reception to Year 2)

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December – morning

### Children's Christmas dinner

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December (Christmas jumpers)

### Christmas Fair

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December at 3.30pm

### FP & KS2 Christmas rehearsals

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December (FP 1.15pm & KS2 2pm)

### KS2 Christmas Concert

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December at 6pm

### FP Christmas Concert

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December at 3.30pm

### Confirmation for Year 6 pupils (St. Asaph)

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December (details to follow)

### PANTO

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December (NO Nursery that day)

### Christmas Carol Service in Church

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm

### Children's Party Day in class

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December (own clothes)

### Meeting with Headteacher

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December (informal chat at 2.30pm)

Changed due to confirmation!

## Facebook



Please do not use social media sites to voice any concerns that you may have about children, parents, staff or the school.

We do understand that Facebook can sometimes be a quick method to get questions answered but unfortunately, it can sometimes lead to frustrations being aired online and this then becomes inappropriate, especially if conversations are misinterpreted. As the Whitford Village Community page is not associated with school, such school matters should not really be the topic of conversation on there.

If you do have any concerns or questions, please contact school in the appropriate manner - the first point of call is often the class teacher!

Please see our additional leaflet 'Compliments, Concerns and Complaints' for further information.



## TUBS4TABLETS

A member of staff brought this to our attention. If anyone shops at Tesco and buys Flora, please can we have your foil tokens? For every 50 tokens, we can exchange them for one free Galaxy tablet to use in the classroom. Registration started in September but we still have 4+ weeks to collect as many as we can!

## Good News

Well done to Lewis B who had brilliant news earlier this week - he is officially a 'Black Belt'.



Fantastic news for a budding Rugby player - Sian J has been selected to play for the North East Wales U'11s Rugby Team.

Thank you to pupils, parents and staff who joined us for the Urdd Eisteddfod Flintshire Proclamation Festival in Flint last term. The parade was enjoyable and all children performed their Welsh Folk Tale really well 'Pie Corbett' style. Da iawn pawb!

We hope to beat our previous record of 90 Operation Christmas Child boxes. This year, 121 boxes left the building. Thank you for helping!

We soon hope to launch a new website where we can share key information, documentation and policies with you. Further information will follow. Class Twitter feeds may also appear!!

## Requests

### Parking



PLEASE HELP US TO AVOID ANY FUTURE ACCIDENTS!

We have had a number of concerns lately from parents regarding the parking issue outside school and in particular a small number of vehicles.

This is a problem at many schools but we want to ensure that the children of Ysgol y Llan are SAFE outside school at all times. As a school, we do not have the authority to enforce anything outside the school gates but we do want you to be more CONSIDERATE and CAREFUL when parking vehicles or when driving away.

Some concerns raised were:

- The parking of vehicles past the pavement where the road narrows
- Vehicles not parallel parking (e.g. car sticking out onto the road)
- Vehicles leaving large spaces when parking (reducing the number of vehicles that can park)

We have contacted the community police who will endeavour to make random visits to encourage the safe parking of vehicles.

If you do not personally drop off or collect your child, please pass on these concerns to grandparents etc so that everyone receives the same message. Thank you!

## Governor Elections 2015

|                    |   |                               |
|--------------------|---|-------------------------------|
| Chair of Governors | - | Joe Williams                  |
| Vice Chair         | - | Martina Davies & Annie Dayson |
| Headteacher Gov    | - | Bryan Griffiths               |
| Teacher Governor   | - | Rhian Roberts                 |
| Foundation Gov     | - | Paul Owen (parent)            |
| Foundation Gov     | - | Rachel Goddard (parent)       |
| Foundation Gov     | - | Kate Thomas (parent)          |
| Foundation Gov     | - | Carole Blomfield              |
| Foundation Gov     | - | Reverend Nia (temp)           |
| Foundation Gov     | - | Heath Griffiths (parent)      |
| Local Authority    | - | Annie Dayson (above)          |
| Minor Authority    | - | Joe Williams (above)          |
| Parent Governor    | - | Martina Davies                |
| Clerk to Governors | - | Frances Taylor                |