



ST ILLTYD'S PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Attendance week ending 20.10.23

REC	90.4%
CL1	86.4%
CL2	96.7%
CL3	92.6%
CL4	94.5%
CL5	94.8%
CL6	95.0%

A Big Da iawn to class 2 this week. There is a big improvement in attendance but some classes do need to try a little harder. You can do it!

Diary

23.10.23	Class 6 – Taster day Cefn Hengoed	All day
23.10.23	Harvest Service- Fr Robert	09:15-10:00
24.10.23	Parents Evening	15:40 – 17:30
26.10.23	Final day for Harvest collection	All day
26.10.23	Parent workshop- School nurse bedwetting	09:00
26.10.23	Parents Evening	15:40 – 17:30
27.10.23	End of Term	All day
6.11.23	INSET DAY	

INSET DAY- Please remember there will be no school for pupils on Monday 6th November.

20th October 2023

Fr Robert



A big thank you to Fr Robert who came to speak with every class to introduce their new RE topic. He is always ready to answer the children's questions and we love seeing him around the school.

Nursery parent meeting

Thank you to the parents who attended our meeting this week. We cannot wait to welcome your children into our nursery class after half term. I hope you found the meeting useful. If you know of any families who have young children who are looking for a nursery space in the future, then please do recommend our school and tell them to get in touch with the school office.

Parent Workshop- School nurse- Bedwetting

There will be a series of workshops for you to attend, led by our school nurse over this academic year. The first workshop will be on **Thursday 26th October in the Nursery House at 9am**. Please do come along if you do have any concerns around this topic. Refreshments will be provided.

Year 3/4 Football

Thank you to Mr Lewis for taking our football team to play at the festival in Pure Football. The team played really well, had fun and enjoyed meeting children from other schools. They showed great sportsmanship and I was very proud to hear how well they behaved. Da iawn.

Harvest Collection 2023 – Last chance to donate

The Mini Vinnies continue to promote their Harvest appeal this week. Thank you for your generous donations so far. Please continue to bring in any tins, jars pasta or rice by **Thursday 26th October**. All donations will be going to the local community food bank. There will also be a collection point at back of St Illtyd's church, so donations can also be dropped off at the church.



Shoctober- Emergency Service visit

Thank you to the Welsh ambulance service who came to school to speak with our Y4, Y5 and Y6 children this morning. The children learnt all about the important role that our emergency service play in our community. They are now well informed and should be able to react calmly in an emergency. The children even learnt some basic life saving skills.

Parents Evening- 24th & 26th October 2023- Last chance to book your appointments

There will be an opportunity to discuss your child's progress and targets on the above dates. Appointments will start at 3:40pm and end at 5:30pm. We will use the online booking system 'School Cloud' for you to book an appointment. Information has been sent out and booking will open Until Monday.

Reception/Year 7 school places- September 2024

Applications will close on **Friday 24th November 2023** for the Reception and Year 7 places for September 24. An email has been sent with the details of how to apply. If you need any help, please do contact the office.

Attendance - Welsh Government and Local Authority directive

As we return to the new academic year, the advice from Welsh Government is to focus on attendance. Therefore, the Educational Welfare Service will be following the 'All Wales Attendance Framework', which will also include the use of Penalty Notice and Court if appropriate. **Attendance in school needs to remain a priority** to ensure that children and young people are given the chance to achieve their potential. You will see from this week's attendance figures that attendance is quite low. I will be having fortnightly meetings with Jonathan Martin, our educational welfare officer, to discuss pupils who have low attendance.

Save the date: Class assemblies

Class assemblies will be held in our school hall at 9:30am. All welcome. Please take note and save the date for your child's class assembly:

Y6 Mrs Saer	Thursday 25 th January
Y5 Mrs Lynch	Thursday 14 th March
Y4 Mr Dalton	Thursday 2 nd May
Y3 Mr Lewis	Thursday 16 th May
Y2 Mrs Rees	Thursday 29 th February
Y1 Mrs Delaney	Thursday 18 th April
Rec Mrs Hickson	Thursday 13 th June



			Mid-term holiday begins		Mid-term holiday ends		Terms ends	Total Days
Term	Term begins							
Autumn 2023	Friday 1 September	Friday 27 October	Monday 30 October		Friday 3 November	Monday 6 November	Friday 22 December	76
Spring 2024	Monday 8 January	Friday 9 February	Monday 12 February		Friday 16 February	Monday 19 February	Friday 22 March	50
Summer 2024	Monday 8 April	Friday 24 May	Monday 27 May		Friday 31 May	Monday 3 June	Friday 19 July	69

INSET days

Monday 6th November 2023

Friday 9th February 2024

Monday 8th April 2024

1 Inset days to be confirmed

Bank holidays 2024

29 March - Good Friday

1 April - Easter Monday

6 May - May Day

27 May - Spring Bank Holiday

Please note that this calendar is subject to any changes that may arise as a result of Welsh Government issuing a direction on term dates.

The City and County of Swansea does not accept any liability for any losses incurred in respect of altered holiday arrangements following changes to the timetable in any direction issued by the Welsh Government.