



Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this newsletter finds you all well as we fast approach the half term break. The threat of snow didn't quite reach the media's expectations so I'm hoping that it's an improving weather picture in the weeks and months ahead, although we have had snow in March!

This term has flown by so far and school has been particularly busy. I have been very impressed with how our children are applying themselves to their learning on a daily basis. They are enjoying their lessons and often like to share some facts or new knowledge with me when passing through the corridors.

It was great to see such a good turnout from parents in Years 4 & 5 for our meeting about Bryntysilio and the forthcoming residential visit in May. A huge thank you to those who have already paid their deposits. The deadline is next Friday so please don't miss out with on what is going to be an amazing experience for the children.

If you couldn't make the meeting or need any further information then please do not hesitate to contact either myself or Mrs McCulloch in the office.

Best Wishes

R. Dickson Principal



SAFEGUARDING:

We have had some recent episodes of online bullying brought to our attention. All of these incidents have happened outside school hours but the repercussions of such behaviours have then caused problems within school.

Many of these incidents are arising on PlayStation and Xbox live games such as **Roblox** and **Fortnite**, where children can communicate online with each other via headsets.

Other people can also communicate with children online and there is potential for these individuals to be adults posing as children. The most important aspect of safe gaming is firm parental controls and age appropriate settings yet in many of the incidents so far, we have found that children as young as nine have playstations with online access in their own bedrooms. Many of the parents and carers that we have spoken to are completely unaware of what their child is accessing or how to install parental controls.

It is not just limited to PlayStation's or Xboxes, many of our children have smartphones with online access and it would appear that many of these do not possess age appropriate settings and restrictions either.

Apps such as Snapchat, Instagram and Facebook have age restrictions for a reason. These restrictions are to protect your child from content that is not suitable for them to view so please be vigilant and ensure that your child is only accessing age appropriate sites and material.

We know and understand that technology can be a very difficult thing to manage but as a school we will do our very best to support our families. We have much to learn as well so it is important that you share information about new games and technology with us.

Online Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility so we must continue to work effectively in partnership to ensure the safety of our children.

DIARY DATES:

Monday	18th Feb	Half term week
Monday	25th Feb	Back to school
Wednesday	27th Feb	Last swimming lesson for Hawkstone Class
Wednesday	6th March	Swimming lessons start for Mrs Holmes's class—Ercall (6 sessions)
Wednesday	27th March	Stiperstones, Caradoc and Ercall visit to Chester Zoo
Monday	1st April	Lawley Class to visit Whittington Castle
Thursday	11th April	PTA Easter Bingo
Friday	12th April	Last day of term
Monday	15th April	Easter Holidays
Tuesday	30th April	Back to School



Hawkstone Class - Liverpool trip

On Tuesday Hawkstone had a fabulous trip to Liverpool. They went to the Museum of Liverpool, Maritime Museum and the Slavery Museum. They learnt so much about the Sixties which really supported their topic. Please visit the website on <http://www.holytrinitycepa.co.uk/hawkstone-news/our-trip-to-liverpool/>



BOOKA BOOKSHOP PRESENTS

A Morning with **FRANCESCA SIMON & HORRID HENRY**

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11AM DOORS OPEN 10.15
LION QUAYS HOTEL OSWESTRY

Story Time and Activity Session

ALL THE WAYS TO BE SMART

Selected as the Independent Children's Book of the Month, the award-winning duo Davina Bell and Allison Colpoys bring you this joyful ode to all the unique and wonderful qualities that make children who they are.

Join Becca for a delightful reading of this brilliant new picture book and celebrate your own creativity and individuality.

Wednesday 20th February
2pm - 3pm
Suitable for ages: 5+
Tickets: £3

(Value of ticket is redeemable against any children's book purchased on the day)

Tickets are available through Booka Bookshop. Places will be limited so booking is essential.

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Oswestry
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The STAR SPUN WEB
SINEAD O'HART

With her passion for scientific experimentation and her pet tarantula, Violet, Tess de Sousa is no ordinary orphan. When a stranger shows up at Ackerbee's Home for Lost and Foundlings, claiming to be a distant relative come to adopt her, Tess hopes to find some answers to her mysterious origins.

Join Sinead in celebrating the launch of her new book. Her fantastic debut *The Eye of The North* was a huge hit with our year 5/6 book club.

Don't miss this opportunity to meet an author, be inspired and maybe find your new favourite read!

Wednesday 13th February
Book Signing with **Sinead O'Hart**
4.30 - 5.30 pm
at Booka
This is a free event

booka Tel: 01691 662244 26-28 Church Street Oswestry SY11 2SP

Booka Bookshop

Booka have some very exciting workshops coming up in the next few weeks, please see above or ring the shop for more information 01691 662244

Prayer for RESPECT



Children should arrive at school for 8.30am ready for registration. They should come dressed in warm clothes with coats and trainers ready to take part in activities when they arrive. They will need to hand in any medications to Mrs Pike—if your child suffers from travel sickness please ensure that they have taken their medication before school.

STANDON BOWERS INSTRUCTIONS



Luke 6:31
"Do to others as you would have them do to you"