Newsletter: Autumn Term, W/C 24<sup>th</sup> September

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Dear Parents and Carers.

Thank you for attending the annual 'Meet the Teacher' sessions. We hope you found them informative. If you were unable to attend and would like the information circulated, you should find this on the class See-Saw platform. For other year groups, please contact the office for copies of handouts.

# A Farewell to Rev. Sue Collingbourne

It is with sadness that we bid farewell to Rev. Sue, who is due to leave the parish in early October. She has been a strong partner and supporter of the school in her role as Chair of Governors and will be greatly missed. We all want to pass on our very best wishes to her in her retirement. Rev. Sue will be conducting a farewell assembly with pupils on Friday.

### PFA News

The PFA AGM took place on Friday and was well supported by our community. The team will also circulate regular newsletters to keep us informed of any up and coming events as well as how proceeds have been used to support the school.

### Reception pupils

Reception pupils have settled in really well to their new routine. We look forward to welcoming parents of reception pupils for a special lunchtime on Wednesday and Thursday this week.

#### Jeans for Genes

Thank you for supporting our Jeans for Genes fundraiser on Friday. We managed to raise £297.65 in all which is fantastic!!

### Frothy Coffee Friday

We have had a wonderful idea put to us! As some of you may know, we are the proud owners of a posh coffee machine in Nursery and it was suggested to us that we hold a "Frothi Coffi Friday"! where the last Friday of every month we open the nursery doors for people to buy our coffees. We have travel cups available, both paper disposables and also reusable. We will alternatively fill

your own coffee cup to save on recycling and to promote our Eco friendly community. On offer will be:

Americano / Cappuccino / Latte / Flat White /Tea / Fruit Tea / Caramel Green Tea

All drinks will be £1.50 a cup. Mrs. Howarth has also been very kind in offering to make muffins which will be available at £1 each.

As it is Macmillan Coffee Morning around the country, a large percentage we make will be donated to this charity which is close to our hearts.

I hope you will join us in this new venture. Starbucks look out!

Thank you so much for your continuing support. Diolch, Mrs. Lane.

### Hwb Letters

Last week, a Hwb consent letter came home via pupil post for each child in the school. Parents/Guardians are requested to give consent for the Additional Services provided by Welsh Government for their child on the secure online platform. A polite reminder that these forms need to be sent back to the school this week, and if you wish to withdraw your consent then an email needs to be sent to the Headteacher, Mrs Lewis, confirming this.

# Sharing Celebrations

Congratulations to Victoria R (Yr2 JS) who came third in an ice skating artistic competition this Sunday.

# Community News

On Monday 1<sup>st</sup> October between 10am and 12pm, 3 of the ladies from Castleton Baptist Church will be "braving the shave" in aid of Macmillan. There will also be coffee and cake so please come along to support this very worthwhile cause.

### Change of Menu

Please note there will be a change to the menu on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> September to mark the school's Harvest Festival. The hot main will be Roast Turkey and the hot vegetarian option will be Sweet Potato and Chickpea Roast, both with carrot and swede mash and gravy and followed by Toffee Apple Crumble. Jacket potatoes and the cold option of the ham wrap will stay the same.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

Mrs. L. J. Lewis

Headteacher