

# CAERLEON LODGE HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER 16th February 2018

### Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome to the first Newsletter of the Spring term.

We were absolutely thrilled to be awarded Green in the Welsh Government Categorisation again this year. This is an achievement that we are all very proud of and I would like to thank the staff and everyone who worked so hard over the last 12 months to make this happen.



### Community Links

We were very proud to welcome teaching assistants from our cluster schools who came to observe the teaching assistants in the Foundation phase this month. Our own TAs will now visit other schools in the cluster. This is a valuable opportunity to share some of the excellent work that is being done by these very talented members of staff in all schools.

This term we have been very excited to be asked to take part in a community project focussing on World War 1. The Year 6 children will all be composing poems and letters about World War 1 and we have already met with a Publisher and Mrs. Rosemary Butler to discuss making them into a book. Watch this space we will soon have published authors in school!

### Schoop

We have now adopted the online platform Schoop to enable us to continue to improve communications between school and home. If you have not already downloaded the app we would really appreciate you doing so. When you sign up, make sure you select all groups relating to your child—Year group, Class and Clubs. Please also complete the contact sheet including your child's name.

**Schoop ID: 9525**

Go to [www.schoop.co.uk/android](http://www.schoop.co.uk/android)

Or

[www.schoop.co.uk/apple](http://www.schoop.co.uk/apple)

If you require further information, please ask for a copy of the handout at the school office which gives step by step instructions.



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## ECO Committee News

Thank you for all of your unwanted Christmas Cards we managed to collect almost 18,000. The ECO committee will find out very shortly if we are one of the lucky winners.



## Policy Review

We are working closely with the school council to review and update the school Behaviour and Discipline policy. The council members on both sites are attending meetings to discuss what should be included in the policy and how they would like the information presented. They are then feeding back to each of their classes and collecting information from the rest of the children in the school that can be used to contribute to the new policy.



## House Logo Competition

We have had a number of entries for our competition to select the logo for each of our school houses. It will be a very difficult decision to select a winner from them all. The winning entries will be announced during our St David's Day eisteddfod. Thank you for working with your children to complete the entries we have had so far.



## New Build Update

There have been lots of developments on the new site. We were very excited to see the enormous concrete pump arrive on site as the builders prepare the foundations of our new build. The infant children visit the site regularly to observe the changes and the Community Engagement Officer from Morgan Sindall will be coming into school very soon to lead activities with the junior children. The latest newsletter from the builders should have come home to you this week and can be found on our website.

## PTA

Once again thanks to the PTA for all of their hard work and support. As well as providing enjoyable experiences for the children the funds raised help us purchase very valuable resources for the school.

## Digital Leaders

Mr Smith has continued to work with the Digital leaders in the juniors and digital leaders have been appointed in the Foundation Phase. There is a digital leader in each of the infant classes whose role is to support and celebrate the use of IT across the curriculum.



## E-Safety

E-Safety is as always a very important subject at Lodge Hill. We recently took part in Safer Internet Day as a way of raising awareness of safety issues when the children are using the internet at home and in school. Mr Smith is currently updating our school E-safety policy and the new updated version will be available on the website very soon.



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## Core Values

As a school we recognise that by promoting a school ethos that takes account of core values the children will develop as reflective learners within a purposeful environment and this will contribute to raising standards as children become more self-disciplined learners.

The whole school were involved in choosing 10 core values that they see as most important and we have introduced our first value this month.



The children have been asked to consider how important it is to show care and consideration for others and why this is important. The prefects on the Junior site and school council members on the Infant site have the important job of identifying 'Kindness Champions'. These individuals who embody the chosen value will be awarded a certificate in celebration assembly on Fridays.



## Attendance

We place great emphasis on good attendance and punctuality so that pupils may get the very best from their education from start to finish. Our attendance policy explains how attendance is marked and monitored and how we work together to ensure excellence for all pupils. Copies are available at the school or on our website. Excellent attendance is praised and celebrated.

Our school target for attendance is **95.5%**. This is a target given to us by the Local Authority. We would very much like all of our children to work towards achieving at least this level of attendance and thank you for your continued support in making this happen.

**Our whole school attendance figure for this half term is 95.4**

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## Extra-Curricular Clubs

All of the extra-curricular clubs are as usual very well supported. This term we have a wide variety of after school activities including;

### Junior Site

Football  
Netball  
Dodgeball  
Coding club  
Guitar club  
Art club

Drama club - which has proved enormously popular with over 50 participants. I can't wait to see their end of year production of 'Pirate of the Curry Bean'

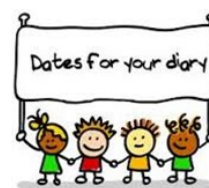
### Infant Site

Science club  
Choir



## **Inset Days / Dates for Your Diary:**

**Monday 26th February**—Parent Consultations  
**Thursday 1st March**— St David's Day Celebrations  
**Monday 5th March**—World Book Day Celebrations  
**Monday 5th March**—Nursery—Y2 Parent Consultations  
**Wednesday 14th March**—Year 6 Visit to Manor Adventure  
**Friday 30th March—Friday 13th April**—Easter Holidays  
**Monday 7th May**—Bank Holiday Monday  
**Tuesday 8th May**—Teacher Training Day (school closed for pupils)



Have a restful half term.

Mrs Julie Saville

Headteacher

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