

St Mewan C. P. School

Newsletter 2nd July, 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

Obviously, this is not our usual format for our newsletter but, as school has been without internet access for a week now, I have had to resort to writing this at my kitchen table at home and it lacks Mrs. Moyle's flair and artistry! However, it is important to write to you today as there are a few important pieces of information that need to be shared with you.

Mr. Dave Hacking

It is with great sadness that I have to announce that Dave Hacking, former Deputy Head of St. Mewan, passed away this week. Dave started at our school in January 1987 and taught in Key Stage Two until his retirement in August 2009. I know that many in our school community will remember Dave and may have been taught by him! I was lucky enough to work with Dave during my first year at St. Mewan and remember his passion for his beloved Burnley F.C. - the claret and blue strip colours were often used in his classroom displays! As a team, we are deeply saddened and send so much love to his family. If any parents wish to pay their respects to Dave, his family have asked for donations to be made to Kidney Research in his memory.

Transition Days

The whole school will move to their new teacher on 8th and 9th July for two full days. When your child comes to school on these mornings, they will need to go to their SEPTEMBER classroom. Please don't worry if you are not sure where this is, there will be staff on hand to guide you. Arrival and collection times will be as normal and most children can be collected from their new classroom apart from the current Year 5 and Year 6 children who will be collected from the playground as usual. Current Year 6 children will also be based in the hall for these two days and will take part in 4 different activities over the course of the two days - more information will be sent out about this in a separate letter next week.

Annual Reports

We are hoping that these will be sent home on Friday 16th July. If any parent would like a telephone call with their child's class teacher to discuss their child's report in more detail, bookings for calls will open on School Gateway at 6pm on Friday 16th July and close at midnight on Monday 19th July.

St Mewan Fun Run

Your child will soon bring home a letter and a sponsorship form for our St. Mewan Fun Run which will take place on Tuesday 20th July. We are hopeful that lots of pupils will come to school in fun fancy dress on this day to make it a real 'Fun Run' (trainers need to be worn though!) Children will participate in year group bubbles for 30 minutes each and all sponsorship raised will go towards reading books and musical instruments. Sadly, due to COVID restrictions, we are not able to have parents at this event.

COVID queries

I would like to remind parents that, as a school, it is vital that we follow the guidance given by the Department of Education, the NHS and Public Health England. Therefore, if we request that your child has a COVID test or we have to close bubbles or postpone events, it is as a result of us following very clear and strict guidelines in place to restrict the spread of COVID and protect our staff and pupils from infection. I would ask that any communication that is made with staff is polite and respectful as we are all trying our very best to keep our school community safe; it has been an incredibly difficult year for my staff team and I am proud of the way they have responded to each and every new challenge presented to them, sometimes almost daily!

School Uniform

I have a HUGE amount of un-named, high-quality uniform available in the school office. It is all washed and ready to be worn (as I write this newsletter it is all drying on my washing line!) I know how much uniform can cost so, if any parent would like to collect some of this uniform it is free to anyone who would like it.