



Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this communication finds you well.

On Monday 24<sup>th</sup> March, Mr Goodarzi, our new deputy headteacher will be coming in to school at 2.40pm. He would love to welcome you all to the school hall for an informal introduction followed by a meet and greet with light refreshments.

Last Monday I took 13 children from years 5 and 6 to Longtown, where we participated in team building and outdoor activities using logic and skill. Although it was very cold, we all enjoyed the afternoon and the opportunity to mix with other schools.

On Wednesday Year 3 will be travelling to Swansea to visit the Egyptian Centre at Swansea University. A reminder to parents that children need to be at school for 7.35am prompt so that the bus can leave on time.

## **Easter Parade**

Children are invited to make an Easter bonnet at home for Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April where we will be holding an Easter Bonnet parade, more details to follow.

## **Pre-Loved Uniform**

We have quite a lot of pre-loved jumpers (24", 26" or 28") in school. If you would like a jumper, please come to the school office, where they are available for a donation.

## **VE Day**

During the next couple of weeks, the school will be making a mosaic which we will then be donating to the Village Hall on 8<sup>th</sup> May. There will also be a display of the childrens work in the hall for these celebrations.



**Save the Date!**

**VE DAY**  
**80<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY**  
**A SHARED MOMENT OF CELEBRATION**  
**8TH MAY 2025**

Event taking place at - Bartestree Village Hall hosted by the Bartestree and Lugwardine Parish Council from 6.30pm – 9pm

Join us to celebrate the VE day anniversary at a family fun evening  
Full event details to follow



## Miss Fodor – Stem Cell Donation

After 6 months of rigorous compatibility testing, Miss Fodor was chosen to be a stem cell donor and travelled to London where she donated and exceeded 8.5 million stem cells. We are as a school proud to support her both personally and as an organisation in this selfless act. To continue this, this half term we wish to use this charity as a focus for our own fundraising. Miss Fodor has written some words below to summarise her experience.

“Donating stem cells is a privilege and a chance to make a difference. It's a lifesaving gift to people living with blood cancer and serious blood disorder. You could be matched with a patient in need of a life-saving transplant if your tissue type matches theirs.

I'm grateful and it is an honour to be able to give someone a second chance at life. I registered with DKMS in 2021, after I saw "The incredible Olcan" local boy's campaign on social media. I signed up straight away, without any hesitation. 4 years later, when I saw DKMS was trying to contact me, I was shell-shocked. I was overwhelmed to find out I was a match; it was very emotional for me. The donation itself was very straightforward, the team are so specialised, they know exactly what they're doing and are so supportive.

You just have to see the bigger picture and think of that person on the other side – what you go through is nothing compared to their experience.

I have to say I couldn't have done this without my family and my wonderful colleague's at Lugwardine Primary Academy. I'm deeply grateful for their unwavering support and continuous encouragement. I'm so blessed to work with such supportive colleagues.

[www.dkms.org.uk/register](https://www.dkms.org.uk/register)"

We actively chose not to participate in Comic Relief Red Nose day as we are requesting donations for the Year 2, 3 and 4 production. All ticket sales will include light refreshments and all the proceeds will go to DKMS in support of Miss Fodor.

If anyone in other year groups would like to donate to this fantastic charity, donations are welcome to be handed in to school via the office.





Finally, can I ask that any outstanding balances for swimming, wraparound, breakfast club and past trips are paid by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025. If you need support or wish to discuss a payment plan, please contact me directly.

**Star of the week:**

EYFS – Max & Ezra  
Year 1 – Finley & Sonny  
Year 2 – Mabel M  
Year 3 – Clover & Faith  
Year 4 – Ava & Lena  
Year 5 – Tate & Zac D  
Year 6 – Maya & Betty  
Lunchtime – Year 4

Headteachers Award – Ellie Dixon

Kim Lane  
Headteacher



## Key Dates

Date	Event	Year Group
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 5 Swimming	Year 5
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Egyptian Trip, Swansea	Year 3
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Child Measurement Programme	EYFS & Year 6
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Netball Tournament	Year 6
Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Welsh Water whole school assembly	Whole school
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Cathedral Boys Football Tournament	Some pupils In Year 5 & 6
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> April	Eddie the Penguin Saves The World Play – 2 performances	Years 2,3 & 4
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> April	Last day of term	Whole school
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> April	Inset Day	Whole school
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank holiday	Whole school
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> May	Class Photos	Whole school
26 <sup>th</sup> – 31 <sup>st</sup> May	Half term	Whole school
11 <sup>th</sup> – 13 <sup>th</sup> June	Yr 6 Residential to Condover	Year 6