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Venerable Edward Morgan Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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Croeso Pawb From the Head

Welcome to the 1st newsletter of this academic year.

I hope you have all enjoyed the summer break. It's lovely to see all the children excited to be back in school and we extend a warm welcome to our new pupils and their families. We hope you will be very happy as part of our school family.

The children as always look so smart in their uniform. A huge thank you to all our parents and carers for supporting our uniform policy.

It is going to be a busy fun packed term and the staff are looking forward to the great activities planned for the pupils this term.

Please see below for the important dates coming up this term so far. There will be more added no doubt so please ensure to check our website and our schools app for any update

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club is open to all pupils from reception to year 6 and places are available weekly by **BOOKING ONLY!**

Please reserve your child's place using the school's booking system:

<https://venedwardmorgan.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

Please be aware that you must book weekly if you wish to use this service and secure a place for your child.

Breakfast club opens at 8:15am

Any questions please contact Mrs Clarke in the Office on 01244 830408.





Snack

A reminder that school no longer provides snack for pupils.



All pupils are welcome to bring in a fruit or vegetable based snack from home to enjoy during morning break. Pupils from Nursery to Year 2 will still receive free milk daily.

Uniform

A huge thank you to all our parents and carers for supporting our uniform policy and ensuring the children arrive so smart and ready to learn. A polite reminder that trainers must only be worn for PE and at all other times pupils must wear black school shoes (black trainers are not classed as school shoes).

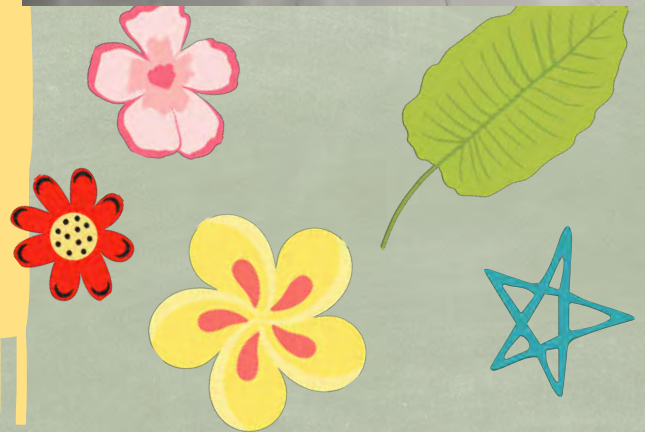
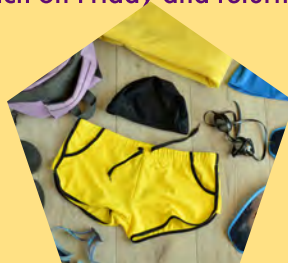
Swimming

Dosbarth Maple and Ash will start swimming lessons during this term.

Lessons will start on Friday 16th September 2022, in the afternoon at Connah's Quay Pool.

Pupils will walk to the sessions after lunch on Friday and return before the end of the School day. Pupils will need:-

- Swimming Costume or Trunks
- Towel
- Goggles
- Warm Coat



Universal Primary Free School Meals Initiative

In September 2022, the rollout of Universal Primary Free School Meals across Wales will begin, starting with learners in Reception. The policy is part of the Co-operation Agreement between the Welsh Government and Plaid Cymru, which will see free school meals extended to all primary school learners over the next two years.

The rollout of Universal Primary Free School Meals will begin with Reception in September 2022, and extend to Years 1 and 2 no later than the start of the Summer term, April 2023. The aim is for all primary school children to receive a free lunch in schools within two years.

What does this mean?

If your child is in reception they will be able to have a free school meal everyday. Parents can pre-order their child's school lunch using the School Gateway App (download for free from your App Store).

If your child is older than Reception class, they may be eligible to receive Free School Meals and funding for school essentials. It is very important to your child's school that you apply. The school can access additional funding for children who qualify for existing Free School Meals (eFSM) that will allow them to provide targeted support programmes, buy equipment and provide extra resources.

Existing Free School Meals



You might see the phrase existing Free School Meals alongside information about Universal Primary Free School Meals.

You need to apply for eligibility to receive free school meals regardless of the rollout of Universal Primary Free School Meals. By doing so you could be eligible for Free School Meals and School Essentials (Pupil Deprivation Grant Access), which can help pay for things like school uniform, footwear, stationery, sports kit and other equipment.

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Parking

Please can I remind all parents and carers to be mindful when parking to drop off or collect children.

Towards the end of the summer term school received a complaint regarding cars parked inconsiderately across driveways and too close to corners where vehicles need to enter and exit avenues.

A lot of our neighbours are elderly and require carers to visit regularly meaning they need immediate access to properties to aide their clients.

Most of our neighbours understand that parking can be awkward twice a day during term time, however it is just courteous that we consider them at these times and keep all gateways and corners clear. Thanks in advance for your co-operation in this matter.



VEM Saplings *Early Entitlement*

Is your child turning 3 between 1st September 2022 and 31st December 2022?

If they are did you know we offer 'Early Entitlement' places in our Nursery provision. Applications open on 14th November 2022 apply at: <https://www.flintshire.gov.uk/en/Resident/Schools/Early-Entitlement-Scheme-Flintshire.aspx>

Children can start attending in the term following their 3rd Birthday ie if they are 3 in November 2022 they can start VEM Saplings in January 2023. Eligible children can attend for 2.5 hours Mon-Thurs 9am to 11:30am. If either parent works 16 or more hours a week you can claim upto 30hours childcare through the Flintshire Childcare Offer - apply at <https://www.flintshire.gov.uk/en/Resident/Schools/Flintshire-Childcare-Offer.aspx>

Please tell your friends and family who have children turning 3 this Autumn Term. Please contact the School Office on 01244 830408 for more information.



REMINDER
VEM
TOTS!
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A Parent/Grandparent/Carer & Toddler/Baby Group

COME & JOIN US

starting Wednesday 14th September 2022

(no booking required, just turn up)

Every Wednesday Morning

(during school term-time)

9:15am to 10:30am

at VEM School, Caernarvon Close, Shotton, CH5 1AS

Enjoy a hot drink and company whilst your child plays

Please call school on 01244 830408 for more details

VEM Tots

Criw Cymraeg

Helo! Criw Cymraeg Yma!

We will shortly be recruiting new members to help us promote Welsh around the school.

All you have to do to apply is write down some ideas of how you would help pupils of VEM speak more Welsh.

Pob lwc!

MESSAGE FROM BISHOP PETER

The Relics of St Bernadette will be at St Mary's Cathedral and the Shrine and Well of St Winefride, Holywell later this month. The timetable of Masses and services is on the Diocesan website

<https://www.rcdwxm.org.uk/>



AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

- STARTING WC 12TH SEPTEMBER 2022



AMASING
TUESDAYS 3:15 TO 4:15
13TH SEPTEMBER TO 25TH OCTOBER 2022

FOR Years 2 to 6

Please book your child's via this link:-
<https://amasing-arts.class4kids.co.uk/>



FOR Years 5 & 6

Please book your child via the forms handed out to pupils or contact Mrs Clarke in the Office

DODGEBALL
TUESDAYS 3:15 TO 4:15
13TH SEPTEMBER TO 25TH OCTOBER 2022

JUDO ~ WEDNESDAYS 3:15 TO 4:15
14TH SEPTEMBER TO 12TH OCTOBER 2022

FOR Juniors ONLY

Please book your child via the forms handed out to pupils or contact Mrs Clarke in the Office



FOR Juniors ONLY

Look out for bookings opening at:-
<https://www.the-nomads.co.uk/qitc/>

FOOTBALL
FRIDAYS 3:15 TO 4:15
16TH SEPTEMBER TO A DATE TO BE CONFIRMED

STAFF TRAINING DAYS

School closed to Pupils

- 1st September 2022
- 2nd September 2022
- 23rd December 2022
- 17th February 2023
- 31st March 2023
- 5th June 2023



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

SEPTEMBER

Mon 5th ~ Reception to Year 6 return to school

Thurs 8th ~ Eco/School Council/Year 6 Ambassador Elections

Thurs 8th ~ Applications open for GIFT TEAM (pupils to write letter of application) & CRIW CYMRAEG (pupils to write ideas of how you will help pupils speak Welsh)

Fri 9th ~ 10am JUDO Assembly - Juniors will bring home information on how to sign up (club starts Wed 14th September for 5 weeks)

Mon 12th ~ Nursery starts School

Mon 19th ~ Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II State Funeral - School CLOSED to all pupils and staff

Week beginning 26th September ~ ASSESSMENT WEEK

Macmillan Coffee Morning ~ Date and time to be arranged

OCTOBER

Fri 21st ~ Interim Reports go home with Pupils

Weds 26th ~ 1st Progress Evening 16:00-18:30

Thurs 27th ~ 2nd Progress Evening 16:00-18:30

Fri 28th ~ Show 'n' Share Morning 09:00- 09:15

The Following Dates are set early for your convenience BUT please be aware they could be subject to changes!

DECEMBER

CHRISTMAS CONCERTS

Fri 9th ~ Nursery & Reception 10:00

ALL Nursery children to attend the morning session

Tues 13th ~ Years 1 & 2 14:00

Thurs 15th ~ Years 5 & 6 Concert 14:00

Date to be arranged ~ Years 3 & 4 Christingle

OTHER DATES

Fri 2nd ~ Christmas Tree Festival - Pupils 14:00-15:00 - Parents from 15:15

Mon 5th ~ FLU Vaccines Morning

Fri 16th ~ Show 'n' Share Morning 09:00- 09:15

Weds 21st ~ Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumper Day

Thurs 22nd ~ Christmas Pyjama & Hot Chocolate Day

Thurs 22nd ~ School closes for Christmas Holidays

Fri 23rd ~ Staff Training Day - School closed to pupils