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21st February 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

Dates for the diary

- Monday 24th – Friday 28th February 2025 – half term break
- Monday 3rd March 2025 – pupils return to school following the half term break
- Monday 3rd March 2025 – start of Year 4 week of swimming
- Tuesday 4th March 2025 – 1.30pm Year 6 rugby session
- Tuesday 4th March 2025 – 1.30pm Year 3 P.E. skills at University of Wales St Davids
- Tuesday 4th March – Friday 7th March 2025 – Book Fair in school
- Thursday 6th March 2025 – World Book Day
- Monday 10th March 2025 – start of Year 3 two weeks of swimming
- Monday 10th March – Friday 14th March 2025 – Science Week
- Wednesday 19th March 2025 – Re-arranged Spectrum RSE workshops for Years 2 & 6
- Thursday 20th March 2025 – Re-arranged Spectrum RSE workshops for Years 2 & 6
- Friday 21st March 2025 – 9.15am - 10.45am Wales Restorative Approaches Partnership parent workshop (more details to follow)
- Monday 24th March 2025 – Red Nose Day celebrated in school (details from School Council to follow)
- Tuesday 1st April – Thursday 3rd April – Spring Term Parents Evening Meetings
- Friday 4th April 2025 – 9.30am Year 2 Twmpath (Year 2 parents welcome)
- Friday 11th April 2025 – last day of the Spring Term
- Monday 14th April – Friday 25th April 2025 – Easter break
- Friday 23rd May 2025 – INSET day (school closed to pupils)

Carmarthenshire Schools Football Tournament

A huge well done and congratulations to the Year 5&6 football team for winning the Carmarthenshire Schools Football qualifier tournament on Tuesday. The team showed collaboration, determination and perseverance, values which are fundamental to us here at Johnstown Primary School. A whopping 36 goals were scored by Johnstown players, with only 4 goals conceded throughout the whole tournament. The squad will now progress to the next round of competition, with the overall aim of representing Carmarthenshire at the national primary schools' football competition held in Newtown this year. A special 'Diolch yn fawr' to Mr Davies, Mr Hughes and Mr Holmes for coaching the boys to their recent success.

St Davids Day celebration

Our school was a sea of traditional costume today for our annual St Davids Day celebration which was enjoyed by all. The day began with a wonderful Eisteddfod performance by Year 5 and also included a range of Welsh songs and games with some delicious Welsh cakes!

Year 1 – Space Day

On Thursday, Year 1 immersed themselves into their theme with a Space Day. All pupils dressed wonderfully to take off for a great day, read more about their learning below.

World Book Day

On Thursday 6th March the school will be celebrating World Book Day. Pupils are invited to dress up as something which represents a word from the English Dictionary e.g. spider, pirate, unicorn. There

will be prizes awarded for the best costumes! During the day pupils will be taking part in storytelling activities, and we encourage pupils to bring their favourite book to school, clearly labelled. Between Tuesday 4th March and Friday 7th March, pupils will also be able to visit the Book Fair on site. Sales at the book fair will help to support new reading materials for the school. Thank you in advance for supporting us with this.

Safety in our school car park

Please can I remind you of the importance of safely using the school car park when both parking and travelling through the car park. This is to ensure the safety of all users. Thank you for your support with this.

Spring Term Parents Evening Meetings

Parents Evenings will run between **Tuesday 1st April and Thursday 3rd April** this term. We look forward to sharing with you the successes of your child's learning from this term. Follow the link below for your child's class and select one of the times which suits you. Please make sure that when you follow the link, you scroll down to see all of the appointments available. Be aware that if you change your appointment time, this may not appear on the teacher's list – please can you make the teacher aware if you have changed your time. If you cannot make any of the times available, please contact your child's class teacher so that they can arrange another time for you.

Nursery do not appear in the list below as they have different arrangements in place,

Due to unforeseen circumstances, RB will not have their meetings on this week. Re-arranged dates will be sent out shortly.

Class	Teacher	Link
RE	Mrs Evans	Sign Up - Mrs Evans
1H	Miss Laxton	Sign Up - Miss Laxton
1T	Mrs Thomas	Sign Up - Mrs Thomas
2E	Mrs Evans	Sign Up - Mrs Evans
2K	Miss Keane	Sign Up - Miss Keane
3B	Mrs Bloomfield	Sign Up - Mrs Bloomfield
3H	Mr Hughes	Sign Up - Mr Hughes
4D	Mr Davies	Sign Up - Mr Davies
4R	Miss Rumbelow	Sign Up - Miss Rumbelow
5D	Mrs Driscoll	Sign Up - Mrs Driscoll
5H	Mrs Hughes / Mr Mellowship	Sign Up - Mrs Hughes / Mr Mellowship
6C	Mr Cousins	Sign Up - Mr Cousins
6W	Mrs Williams	Sign Up - Mrs Williams

ALN Drop in Reminder

If you would like an appointment to discuss any Additional Learning Needs (ALN) you feel your child may have then sign up for a discussion with Mrs Davies. Drop-in sessions will be held on the last Thursday of every month.

[Drop in Link](#)

Learning this week:

Nursery

We have had a busy and enjoyable few weeks in Nursery. Pupils celebrated Valentine's Day by decorating a biscuit with icing and hearts. We have been very busy clearing the yard ready for all our spring activities and pupils got their hands dirty and got stuck right in! Our Bedtime Stories event was a lovely experience and was enjoyed by all. Pupils joined us in their pyjamas and with their favourite teddies to listen to Mrs Davies read a story. We have been celebrating St David today and will continue after half term. We have enjoyed measuring length by using non-standard units. We also learned about Internet Safety through 'Smartie the Penguin activities'.

[Nursery](#)

Year 1

This week we have been very excited for our Space day! Throughout the day we needed to take on four missions. First, we started with an astronaut training session completing a variety of fitness circuits to build our strength, agility and balance ready for a day in space. Next, we made rockets and tested who's went the fastest. After that, we looked at the moon phases and used Oreo cookies as a fun way to show each shape of the moon during the month. Finally, we used iPads to animate our hand drawn aliens using sketchmetablab.com. We had a great day in Space!

[Year 1](#)

Year 3

Over the last two weeks, we have been working on our food explorers project creating a healthy snack bar. Firstly, we carried out a snack bar survey across the school to gather data about which class eats healthy snacks and which doesn't. Then we analysed the data and produced a bar chart to sort the data. We then looked at the ingredients of 4 different snack bars to come up with ingredient ideas to create our own snack bar. We looked at the wrappers of a variety of snack bars to prepare us to create our own. We came up with our favourite ingredients, designed a wrapper and finally made our very own healthy snack bar. We also sourced the ingredients on the Tesco website and produced our very own receipt to cost all the ingredients in bulk.

[Year 3](#)

Year 5

Year 5 have worked incredibly hard on preparing for their class assembly. Pupils have prepared paintings, lovespoons, poems and goodwill messages alongside learning their lines and songs. Pupils really enjoyed the opportunity to perform for parents and we are very grateful for your support and attendance. In maths this week pupils have been calculating the area and perimeter of rectilinear shapes and worded problems. They have also enjoyed a reasoning challenge based around fractions. In literacy we have developed language skills as part of our assembly preparations in both English and Welsh. We look forward to continuing our learning next half term.

[Year 5](#)

I hope you have an enjoyable half term break with your families and loved ones.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "L Reynolds". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'L'.

Mrs L. Reynolds
Acting Headteacher