

Welcome Back!

We hope you had a restful Easter break. It's another busy term ahead.



Value of the Month

Our Value of the Month this month is Self Control. We have talked to the children about this being the skill of being able to control your own emotions, impulses and feelings. If you have good self-control, you're able to make positive decisions for yourself, manage your emotions healthily and delay gratification in certain situations (when required). We have put these [assemblies online](#) for you to look at.

Big Dig and Do Day

Thank you to those of you who have volunteered to join us this Saturday 13th April. We are calling on gardeners, carpenters, diggers, ploughers, planters, painters and much more. Many hands make light work and we would love to see you, whatever contribution you can make.

We aim to be ready by 9 am and off site by 2pm at the latest. Your lovely children are welcome to be helpers, but we are unable to take responsibility for them during the day.

PE - Summer Term

As of next week, Y4 will be swimming on Wednesday, so PE days are as follows:

Tuesday - Y4, Y5, Y6

Wednesday - Rec, Y1, Y2, Y3

Please be aware that although they come into school wearing their PE Kits on the days above, they may have PE on additional days as well, especially this half term as we get closer to Sports Day.

Sports Day 23rd May

Sports Day will soon be upon us. To allow you to plan for the day, Year 3 to Year 6 races will be in the morning and Reception to Year 2 races will be in the afternoon of 23rd May. Apologies - we got this the wrong way around in the dates section. Families are welcome to attend, sitting on the bank with picnic blankets/chairs. We hope the weather is kind to us and hope to see you then. Thursday 6th June will be the reserve day should the weather not allow us to put Sports Day on safely.

Ymadrodd yr Ywthnos - Phrase of the Week

Our Phrase of the week this week is

Ble est ti - Where did you go?

Have a look at the video of some of our Criw Cymraeg modelling the language pattern for you.



@[Siarad Cymraeg | Shirenewton Primary](#)

You can find a link to all of our phrases here! @[Ymadrodd yr Wythnos | Shirenewton Primary](#)



Chepstow Cluster of Schools

As part of our work to develop our curriculum, we work closely with our cluster of schools. Please see a letter written jointly by all of us with a request for your views. We will be undertaking a similar exercise with our children over the next few weeks, in preparation for our joint INSET day at the end of this half term.

Dear families,

Over the last couple of years, schools in Wales have been working towards a new Curriculum. (Please find information from the WG [here](#).)

As a cluster of schools in Chepstow and the surrounding area, we are working together to ensure our shared curriculum is purposeful to our pupils. We would like to start with 'cynefin'.

Cynefin is described as the place where we feel we belong, where the people and landscape around us are familiar, and the sights and sounds are reassuringly recognisable. Though often translated as 'habitat', cynefin is not just a place in a physical or geographical sense: it is the historic, cultural, and social place which has shaped and continues to shape the community which inhabits it.

As our families live in the local area, we would like to find out your views about what is important for pupils who live in Chepstow and the surrounding areas, as we want our pupils to "Know the parish before they know the world."

Please can you complete [this online form](#) to feedback your views on:

- Knowledge about the local area
- Opportunities for learning in the local area
- Inspirational people from the local area
- Experiences pupils should have around the local area
- Resources from the local area school can have access to
- Expertise from the local area that we can bring into our schools
- Any local events or celebrations schools should be a part of
- Any local organisations or clubs (including sports) that we should be aware of

Thank you for taking the time to complete this. We will be collaborating as a cluster of schools in the Summer Term to bring ideas together, and to start to plan a way forward for our pupils' curriculum.

Kind Regards

Chepstow Cluster

PTA Uniform Sale

The PTA will be having a flash uniform sale on Monday 15th at PTA's storage container in the staff car park. Come along from 3pm to get kitted out for the summer term.

★★★★★ **Seren yr Wythnos** ★★★★★

Congratulations to the following learners for earning themselves a headteacher certificate this week. "Longyfarchiadau" i...

Tîm Coed Coch		Tîm Helyg		Tîm Derwen		Tîm Collen
Dosbarth Derbyn	Blwyddyn Un	Blwyddyn Dau	Blwyddyn Tri	Blwyddyn Pedwar	Blwyddyn Pump	Blwyddyn Chwech
Paige Seya Marcus	Maddie Fynnley Izzy	Dottie Elliott Ruby	William Todd Mason	Daniel Henry Noah	Lucas Catherine Henry G	Anwen Max G Dima

Diary Dates 2023/24

New information highlighted in yellow

Summer Term 2024 – Key Dates	
<p>Saturday 13th April - Big Dig and Do Day (Weather permitting)</p> <p>Thurs 2nd May - Class Photos</p> <p>Mon 6th May - Bank Holiday</p> <p>Tues 21st May - Year 5 Playmakers conference</p> <p>Thurs 23rd May - Morning, Y3-Y6 Sports Day (weather permitting)</p> <p>Afternoon ,Rec-Y2 Sports Day (weather permitting)</p> <p>Thurs 23rd May - Afternoon, Fri 24th May - INSET Day</p>	<p>Mon 27th May - Fri 31st May - Half Term Holiday</p> <p>Thurs 6th June - Morning Y3-6 Reserve Sports Day (weather permitting)</p> <p>Thurs 6th June - Afternoon Rec-Y2 Sports Day (weather permitting)</p> <p>Fri 7th June - Maths parents session, 9:15am Year 2 (repeated weekly for 6 weeks)</p> <p>Fri 7th June - Maths parents session, 10:30am, Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 (repeated weekly for 6 weeks)</p> <p>Thurs 13th June - Y3-Y6 Tennis tournament</p> <p>Thurs 20th June - School Disco</p> <p>Mon 24th June - Y6 Swimming Gala</p> <p>Mon 1st July - Wed 3rd July - Y6 Llangrannog</p> <p>Wed 17th July - Last day for pupils</p> <p>Thurs 18th July & Fri 19th July - INSET Days</p>

Community Corner

Lots of notices in our community corner this week - please take a look

An appeal from Chepstow and Caldicot Lions

Dear Community,



For over half a century, the Chepstow and Caldicot Lions have been dedicated to serving our local communities through impactful initiatives and volunteer efforts. Our club is now facing a CRITICAL challenge that threatens our very existence. After 53 years of unwavering commitment, our membership numbers have dwindled significantly. Without an influx of new members, we may be forced to make the heartbreaking decision to close the club.

😞😞 The potential loss of Chepstow and Caldicot Lions would be an enormous blow to the communities we've supported for decades through projects like tackling hunger by supporting the Food Banks, helping to support childhood cancer care with Noah's Retreat, supporting Tŷ Hafan and The Kids Cancer Charity,

supporting Care Leavers, Litterpicking, Treeplanting, providing Message-In-A-Bottle, provisioning over 30 emergency defibrillators in prominent positions in the community, recycling spectacles for third world, and much, much more. Our club has been a driving force for positive change, and its absence would create a void that would be deeply felt.

👉 We urgently need passionate individuals to join us and revitalise our pride. By becoming a Lion, you'll have the opportunity to make a tangible difference in the lives of those around you while being part of a global network of service-minded people. If you've been seeking a fulfilling way to give back, build meaningful connections, and contribute to the betterment of Chepstow, Caldicot, and surrounding areas, this is your chance. We welcome people from all backgrounds and walks of life who share our values of compassion, community, and camaraderie.

🦁 Please, we implore you to step forward and offer your support. Your involvement could be the lifeline our club desperately needs to continue its vital work for years to come. We meet once a month at the delightful Mounton Brook Lodge - Chepstow. To learn more about joining our pride, to explore volunteer opportunities, or just for a chat, please in the first instance reach out to us through Facebook Messenger. Together, we can ensure that the legacy of the Chepstow and Caldicot Lions endures, creating a brighter future for all.



https://www.facebook.com/ChepstowLions2016/?locale=en_GB

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#WeServe #kindnessMatters

An appeal from Rev. Waters to parishioners of St. Peter's Church in Newchurch

YR EGLWYS
YNG NGHYMURU



THE CHURCH
IN WALES

18th. March 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

I understand how busy care givers are but I hope that you will find the time to read this note.

You may not know me but your child(ren) who attend Shirenewton school certainly will. I have been taking school assemblies for many years now and am also present at key times of the year for concerts and special assemblies. I use such times not only to talk to the children about Christianity but also to help reinforce some messages about how we choose to live our lives and things like respecting others.

I believe that you live on part of our Ministry Area that is served by a small church on the Devauden Road, namely St. Peter's Church in Newchurch. Since Covid we have lost a number of our regular worshippers due to prolonged illness and sadly in some cases death. So that we can try to re-build we have decided that on the 3rd. Sunday of each month we will hold a very informal Café style service. This is simply having cake and other refreshments and a drink - all free - and a short form of worship. We know that many children have active social events on the weekend so we have moved the time of our service from 21st. April to 5.30 and lasting for less than an hour, this is in the hope that this will be after other events and not too late for children before they prepare for school the next day.

I know that going to church is no longer fashionable these days but I wonder if you would be prepared to bring your child along and see if it is something that you as a family may be interested in on the longer term.

Churches and church services are no longer as stuffy as they once were so why not give it a try and come along at 5.30 on 21st April?

Yours sincerely,

Revd. John S. Waters (Parish Priest)

Devauden Village Hall New Community Café Tuesdays 10am to 2pm



FREE for residents of Devauden and surrounding areas

- Tea/coffee/cake/biscuits
- Daily newspapers and magazines
- Children's board games and crafts
- Soup and roll (between 12pm-1pm)
- Good internet connection for work or leisure





Café Church

Sunday April 7th at 3:30 in the Church Room
And thereafter on the 1st Sunday of each month

Café Church is perfect for families!
Or indeed anyone who would like to try an informal style of worship.
Café style refreshments and fellowship for adults and children -
meet new friends and neighbours
Children's activities (primary/ pre-school)
Newspapers

Short service featuring:

- Modern worship songs
- Bible story
- All age address
- Prayers for the issues important to you

Come and give it a try!