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Dear parents and guardians,

I hope that you have all had a restful half term break. The sun did shine for a short while, showing promise of a spring that will come soon and bring us some real sunshine hopefully!

Firstly, can I personally thank you for all the efforts that went into Dydd Musig Cymru. Fantastic efforts making a thoroughly enjoyable and memorable day here at Lamphey School. A joy to see!

Now, with the daffodils fully in bloom all around Lamphey we find ourselves on the brink of March and St David's Day. Next week it's a busy week of fancy dress so as promised here are some further details.

Monday 2nd March – St David's Day Celebrations

Children will have the opportunity to dress up in Welsh traditional dress or anything connected to or celebrating Wales - a dragon, a daffodil, a rugby player, a famous Welsh person or just in red, white or green.

In the morning, we will gather as a school to hear each other's poems and songs in the hall holding our annual Eisteddfod. In the afternoon from 2pm in the main playground, we will gather again to perform our Welsh dances. I would like to invite parents to come and watch these dance performances and soak in the celebration of Wales. We will be joined by Welsh harpist Jess Ward, who will be accompanied by a flutist, Ceri, and together they will lead a community traditional dance where we can all dance together and have fun. Jess will be performing in the castle as part of the Pembroke town celebrations, so I'm delighted to have secured her to come and help Lamphey celebrate. Unfortunately, the weather may be against us so you will need to keep an eye out on our communication platforms nearer the time as this may need to be rearranged, due to the constant rain we are experiencing. I will of course endeavour to rearrange this event if it is rained off. If you wish to come and watch, then we politely ask that you park safely and respectfully in the village, utilising the village hall car park and walking as the best option.





Thursday 5th March – Playgroup Coffee Morning

We have an open coffee morning for anyone who would like information on our new playgroup facilities and the provision here. It's a time you and little ones to come into the setting and play, talk to staff and ask questions. We will be joined by Hayli Gibson, Head of Early Years for Pembrokeshire County Council. She will be here to answer questions on accessing 30 hours free childcare, Flying Start provision and is a font of knowledge on supporting early learners, so please come and support this event if you have little one. It's open to all and not just those already enrolled so please feel free to advertise this to friends with young ones. Invite them along to accompany you and find out more about we can offer!

Friday 6th March – World Book Day

At the end of the week, it is World Book Day on Friday 6th March. We will be celebrating here at school in style! Children can as dress up as their favourite book character or simply bring in their favourite book to read with a friend. The children will be taking part in activities to celebrate reading, and the joy and adventures held in their pages. We look forward very much to seeing them in their creations later next week. Please don't feel that you need to buy an expensive costume, a home-made costume or their favourite book is perfect. We are aware that this can be challenging for families so if you need help or support, please talk to staff.

As previously mentioned, from 9:00am till 9:30 parents are welcome to come into school to read and share a book with you child in their class to help us encourage and develop a love of reading. Class teachers/staff will be waiting to welcome you directly into class from their exit points. If you have more than one child, then of course you will be able to split your time visiting each class.

On this note, here's a World Book Day challenge from me! We are creating a space to celebrate reading and a love of books and so I would like to set the children a competition.

Competition Challenge

Can you take a picture of yourself reading a book in an interesting or unusual place?

Entries to be brought in before the Easter holidays and the best most inspiring ones will be framed and displayed in our new reading zone. Get your creative thinking caps on kids!

Further dates:

Friday 27th March - last day of Spring Term, start of Easter break

Monday 9-13th March -Parents Evening Week, appointment slots available to book in main foyer from today.

Monday 13th April – start of Summer

Term, children return to school





Have restful and enjoyable weekend, and we look forward to seeing you and your wave of Welshness on Monday!

Kind regards,

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