

The M Paper

Wednesday 3rd April 2019

Nigel Ward Auction Café This Weekend

The PTA has the wonderful opportunity to run the Nigel Ward Auction Café on the 5th and 6th April. This is a fantastic fund raising opportunity as it is always very popular. For those not familiar with it the auction takes place in Pontrilias and Nigel Ward the proprietor kindly lets a local charity run the café. It is a very busy and traditional café serving bacon rolls etc and lots of fresh homemade cakes along with gallons of tea! We will need lots of volunteers to run the café on the Friday afternoon and evening for the viewing and all day on the Saturday for the auction.

To help to run the café (Fri afternoon and during the day on Sat) – sign up here <https://doodle.com/poll/aghaei48q6iyptfi> (A HUGE thank you to those already signed up.) It's great fun!!

Parentpay and Lunches

Just a reminder to everyone that we are now using Parentpay for all of our Lunch orders. You should have all received a letter in your children's bag last week which explained how to log in.

Please log in as soon as you can at parentpay.com to book and pay for next half terms school meals. Even if you don't pay for your school meals they still need to be booked on Parentpay. Going forward you will be able to pay for all school trips, bus fees and residential visits using this system.

If anyone is having any difficulty logging in, using the system, accessing a computer or paying for items upfront please contact us at school as we are here to help. Also if you haven't received a letter please contact us for a replacement.

Many thanks to those of you who have already signed in and we look forward to receiving your meal orders soon. The cut off for ordering meals for next half term is **Thursday 11th April**.

2019 School Fundraising Update

2019 has been pretty amazing for School/PTA fundraising so far. We kicked off with bingo at the Escleyside Hall, organised by Rosie and Olive, which raised over £300. Thank you both, you are great friends of the school. Then there was the Guard of Honour at Hereford Football Club. Alan Watkins, the local businessman behind our invitation to form the Guard of Honour, managed to raise over £600 for us from his guests at the match that day.

March continued to be a bumper time for us with an incredible turn out for the Mother's Day Breakfast at Vowchurch Hall. The team, kitchen and front of house, managed to serve 127 covers in just 2 hours – an astonishing achievement. It was absolute buzzing and so lovely to see so many people having a great time. Music was provided, once again, by the excellent Slippery Slope. We are still calculating the profit and will let you know the final figure when we have it.

The Mother's Day Breakfast was not the only fundraising event for the school on Mother's Day though. The Fourth Bridge Quiz, held at the Escleyside Hall on Sunday evening, was a great success with 15 teams competing for the top slot. The quiz was lots and lots of fun and will hopefully have raised another sizeable chunk for the school. Thank you Glyn Bufton for choosing us as the beneficiary and to Matthew Engel for being such a fab quiz master.

Finally we have the café at the Nigel Ward Auctions at Pontrilas. This promises to be another brilliant and highly profitable fundraiser. This year we are running the café on both Friday and Saturday so hopefully our takings will eclipse the amazing £1200 we made last year!

We therefore want to say a huge, huge thank you to everyone who has worked so hard and contributed so much to make these events happen. A special thank you should go out to Claire Carden, our super-woman of a PTA chair, who seems to be pulling together mega fundraisers on an almost daily basis at the moment. Also a special thank you to everyone who worked so hard at the Mother's Day Breakfast, either in the kitchens or front of house. You did a truly incredible job. And finally thank you to everyone who has signed up to work at the Nigel Ward Café this Friday and Saturday and to everyone who has baked cakes for it.

Gold Awards

- Una: For fantastic counting back
- Sid: For being kind and sharing at playtimes
- Lara: For contributing maturely to our debate in class
- Monty: For working hard in Maths with column addition and subtraction
- Nola: For great sportsmanship and a general positive attitude
- Gwilym: For excellent extended writing
- Molly: For great work calculating volume of cuboids
- Miles: For being helpful in class
- Vera : For passing Grade 1 Flute Exam

Swimming

Please look out for the swimming email. Swimming is starting on the first Monday back after Easter for Years 4, 5 and 6 this term. Details about Swimming and how to pay are also now on Parentpay. Please log in at **parentpay.com**. Please contact the school if you having any trouble setting up or using Parentpay.



Squirrel Class News

Last week we had a lovely trip to Rockyfold Farm, we bottle fed lambs, met cows and their calves and the children are still talking about seeing two lambs being born.

Open Day - We are looking forward to welcoming visitors to Squirrel Class for our preschool open day this Friday. Come and join us for Easter crafts from 9am until 2pm.

Preschool Dates For Your Diary

Stay and Be Curious

Join us in Escley Side Hall for every Monday from 9am until 11am

Stay and Be Curious Forest School sessions

Monday 8th April – Easter Egg Hunt in the Spinney

Monday 20th May – Porridge followed by make an animal out of mud

Monday 24th June – Making dens using sheets and different fabric and different materials found in forest school

Monday 15th July – Forest School Teddy Bear's Picnic Elkie's Wood

Open Days

Preschool Open Day 5th April – 9am -2pm

Preschool Open Day 14th June – 9am-2pm

Dates for your Diary	
Friday April 5th 9am –2pm	Preschool Open day
Monday 8th April 9am—11am	Stay and Be Curious -Easter Egg Hunt in the Spinney
Monday 15th April—Friday 26th April	Easter Holidays
Monday 29 th April	First day of Summer Term - CLUBS START
Monday 6 th May	BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY (No school)
Tuesday 7 th – Wednesday 8 th May	Year 3 and 4 Longtown Outdoor Residential
Monday 13th May—Thursday 16th May	Year 6 SATs week
Wednesday 22 nd May	Sapling Class Assembly
Thursday 23 rd May	Oak Class Trip to Hay Festival
Monday 27th May—Friday 31st May	HALF TERM