

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2018

Dear Parents

## **NEWS REMEMBRANCE**

We had a very moving and reflective morning at St Nicholas to mark Remembrance Day and the centenary of the end of the 1st World War.

The juniors gathered around the memorial in the school's chapel garden and pupils from Year 5&6 read the poem 'In Flanders Field' by John McCrae. They also quoted from the poem "For the Fallen by" by Robert Laurence Binyon.

Miss Brown led prayers followed by Year 3&4 who each said a short prayer on the theme of remembrance.

We then held a minute's silence and listened to the 'Last Post'. Following this, pupils placed poppies on the monument in groups of four.

Many found the whole event deeply moving and the profound sense of respect, admiration and loss was really tangible.

## **HARVEST**

An update from the Harvest service. We are delighted to announce that £124 was raised for the Brecon Mountain Rescue organisation. We are awaiting news on the weight of our Foodbank donation but expect it to be a very good amount. Many thanks for your kind donations.



## FRIENDS OF CHRIST COLLEGE BRECON-EASYFUNDRAISING



### Do you ever make purchases online?

Many people choose to do shopping online, whether it be their weekly food shop or the odd gift. With one extra touch on your smart device or computer, you could be earning extra money for pupils at Christ College by going

through the Easyfundraising app or website. The app will take you directly to the site you wish to use eg Amazon, Tesco, John Lewis and when you log in and complete your purchase, a small percentage is raised for school funds at no extra cost or the need to dip your hand in your pocket.

We realise that old habits die hard, but it couldn't be simpler and once tried, it is a very efficient and easy way to raise funds for CCB pupils. Currently only 37 people are registered, but they have raised £655.82, so just imagine if we got more people on board. It doesn't cost a penny to use, but could raise lots of money for the school. There are over 3000 participating retailers e.g. Adidas, Amazon, Ebay, Tesco, John Lewis, booking.com, Next, Groupon, Currys, Apple to name but a few. Holidays, flights, IT gadgets, weekly shops, trendy clothes, latest trainers, Christmas presents, gifts for house parents can all be purchased this way!

Every time you shop online go through [easyfundraising.org.uk](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk) or download the app

It's so simple to get going all you have to do is:

1. Go to <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/sofoccbrecon/>
2. Sign up for free
3. Get shopping and start raising

No catches, no hidden charges and Society of Friends of Christ College, Brecon will be really grateful for your donations.

It would be fantastic if you could join in and really help make a difference! Do let us know how you get on! Here is a small selection of their retailers

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Collect FREE funds for us any time you shop with

easyfundraising feel good shopping

Sign up now

amazon.co.uk John Lewis ebay  
Booking.com TESCO Expedia  
M&S Argos Boots  
Clarks Waitrose lastminute.com  
GAP ASOS Virgin Media AVIVA  
Thomas Cook DEBENHAMS

## BATTERIES PLEASE!

School pupils across Powys are being urged to recycle as many batteries as they can and be in with a chance to win vouchers for their schools.

Powys County Council is once again running its battery recycling competition and is urging schools to sign up to be in with a chance to winning vouchers.

The school which collects the most batteries per pupil could win a share of £500 worth of Amazon vouchers. The competition is being sponsored by the European Recycling Platform, a leading battery and electronics firm.



Schools who sign up will be provided with a free battery box and will compete over the autumn term to collect as many domestic batteries as possible. This includes the standard AA and AAA nickel cadmium batteries, button cell batteries, power packs from tools and mobile phone and laptop batteries.

Batteries are made from recyclable metals including lead, cadmium, zinc, lithium and mercury. Each battery collected by a school can be re-melted and used to make new batteries rather than going to landfill.

We will have a box in SNH reception for any collected batteries.

#### EVENTS TO LOOK FORWARD TO...

##### **BRECON WITH BELLS ON-SATURDAY 17<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER**

Brecon's Christmas Fair is going to be bigger and better than before! There will be market stalls all through the streets and late night opening. The Friends of Christ College Brecon will have a stall at the fair and members of the school will be singing carols at the event. Items for a hamper are most welcome from the Friends of Christ College.



We will be hoping that as many St Nicholas House pupils will be available to sing on this day. After some carols from St Nicks, there will be a chance to sing with the senior school choir in a joint collaboration.

Please do let us know if your child is able to attend on this afternoon (exact time to be confirmed) so we can get an idea of numbers for this special event.

##### **PARENT CONSULTATIONS**

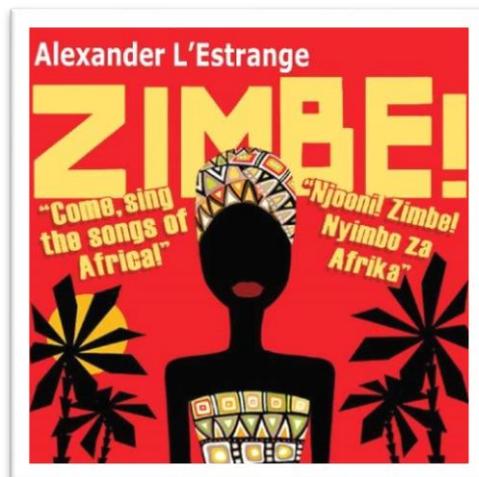
You will soon receive an email outlining the arrangements for parent consultations on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> November. Please could you inform your child's class teacher if you are unable to attend? As usual, you will receive a paper copy of your child's progress in Literacy and Numeracy along with their accompanying targets during your appointment.

To ensure that the meetings progress smoothly, please note that each appointment is scheduled for a maximum of ten minutes. Thank you for your co-operation.

## ZIMBE!

A reminder for parents to obtain tickets for this event via Ticketsource. The Choral and Orchestral Concert in Brecon Cathedral on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November at 7.00pm features a performance of Zimbe! by Alexander L'Estrange and involves all children from St Nicholas, the Chapel Choir and Monday night Community Choir as well as the Senior Choir from The Elms School Colwall and three Brecon Primary Schools. Alexander L'Estrange will be there himself, performing with his professional jazz band, the Call Me Al Quintet!

There will also be performances from the Chamber Orchestra and a massed percussion ensemble. Please put this date in your diary and note that **all SNH pupils will be expected to attend**. Tickets are available at £10 for adults and free for U18s. Due to the scale of the collaboration, we advise that you book early to avoid disappointment!



We anticipate this event ending at around 8.30pm. Please could you supply your child with a plain orange, red or yellow t-shirt for the event (no logos please). Mr Ling will be in touch with more details.

## ST NICHOLAS 'FRIENDS OF CCB' SPONSORED 'CHRISTMAS CHOCOLATE LOG & GINGERBREAD HOUSE' COMPETITION



On Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December we will be inviting parents, pupils and representatives of the Friends of Christ College Brecon to attend our annual competition evening. In true 'Bake-off Showstopper' style, pupils have been asked to produce an edible seasonal treat. Pupils in Year 3&4 will be asked to decorate a chocolate log and pupils in Year

5&6 will be asked to decorate a gingerbread house.



The rules are as follows:

1. Must be home made
2. Must be no bigger than 30cm by 30cm (no restriction on height)
3. Must be edible (not including decorations)

**Entries should be brought to school no earlier than Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December.**

On the night, please head to the Neuadd gallery where their chocolate logs and gingerbread houses will be on display.

Do feel free to wander around and look at the other entries. Refreshments will be served and there will be prizes for winners. Raffle tickets will be on sale. Winning entries will be announced at 5.00pm. Parents may collect pupils from 5.00pm

Representatives of the Friends and one or two experts will be in attendance and will then take some time to deliberate on the most impressive entries. We do hope to see as many of you as possible at this exciting event which will run from 4.00pm until 5.00pm in The Neuadd Gallery.

### CHRISTMAS HAMPER

We are appealing to the families of St Nicholas to contribute items to a Christmas Hamper that we will raffle off at the end of term.

We would be very grateful if you could encourage your child to bring a donation for the St Nicholas Christmas hamper. The last date for donations will be Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December to allow us time to decorate it and add finishing touches. The hamper will be on show at the CCB Friends competition on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December, so everyone can see how fantastic it is.

*The theme for the hamper is 'Blue and Gold' and items can be blue or gold or both!*

Items can be of any type as long as they follow the colour theme. We are happy for unopened/new food items, gifts, decorations, treats.....whatever takes your fancy! We will raffle off the hamper at the end of term and there is plenty of time to send in a donation.



### SPEED AWARENESS!



Another reminder to parents to ask that drivers slow down and observe the 10mph speed limit when driving on site. A small minority of vehicles are driving too quickly when entering the school site and so we would like parents to be especially aware of their speed at drop off/pick up time, particularly in the parking area in front of St Nicholas House when children are moving around in this space. Thank you.

If you have any queries with regards to the above, do get in touch. I hope you have a lovely weekend.

Yours,  
Mrs Julie Lewis (Head of Juniors)

*Dates for your diary....*

## **November**

Friday 16<sup>th</sup>- Hockey Wales coaching session 4 Y5&6 1.00pm  
Saturday 17<sup>th</sup>-Brecon with Bells On carol singing pm  
Friday 23<sup>rd</sup>-Zimbe! Performance Y3-6 at 7.00pm in the cathedral  
Monday 26<sup>th</sup>-Sports fixture V Llandovery Prep (away) 10.00am  
Monday 26<sup>th</sup>-Parent consultation evening Y3-6  
Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup>-Sports fixture V Llandovery Prep tbc  
Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup>-Ceramics workshop Y3&4  
Thursday 29<sup>th</sup>-Y6 parent consultation evening part 2

## **December**

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup>-PC Skyrme talk with Y6-Cyber safety 9.00am  
Monday 3<sup>rd</sup>-Sports Activity day with Llandovery (home) from 10.30am  
Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup>-Terrible Tudors performance at Brecon Theatre 10.00am  
Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup>- Nasal spray flu immunization 1.00pm  
Thursday 6<sup>th</sup>-St Nicholas Feast Day chapel service (parents invited) 8.25am  
Friday 7<sup>th</sup>-Sports Activity Day with Llandovery College tbc  
Monday 10<sup>th</sup>-SNH Christmas disco 1.00pm  
Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup>-CCB Friends sponsored event 4.00pm-5.00pm (Neuadd gallery)  
Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup>-SNH & Always House Team Christmas Quiz 4.45-5.30pm  
Thursday 13<sup>th</sup>-SNH Christmas party 4.00-6.00pm (SNH)  
Friday 14<sup>th</sup>-Carol concert at Brecon Cathedral 10.30am (compulsory)

*Friday 14<sup>th</sup> Dec -break up for Christmas please note that the end of carol concert marks the end of term for all pupils at 12noon*

***Lent term 2019 starts on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January for pupils***