

Lexia

Congratulations to Mia, George and Ffion W for completing a level on Lexia.

Harvest Service

We held our harvest service on Thursday morning. It was lovely to see and hear all the pupils singing together. A collage of photos will be available to view on the school website under 'Year in Pictures'. Thank you for all the donations for the Food Bank in Welshpool. These will be delivered during half term.



Governor Vacancies

Mrs Helen Williams has been appointed Foundation Governor and Mrs Rhiannon Kershaw is now LA Governor. This means that there are still 2 parent governor vacancies on the school Governing Body. This is an important and rewarding role both in ensuring there is a parental viewpoint within the governing body and but also enabling you to influence the direction the school is taking. Current governors are more than happy to talk to anyone who may be considering taking on this role to explain both the responsibilities and the rewards of being a parent governor. Nomination forms will be redistributed after half term.

Church Review – Community Consultation

Our local church has been reviewed as part of a general survey of churches in the area. St Michael's Church in Forden needs a new roof and because this is very expensive the Diocese would like to consult the local community to see if there is enough support for the church to keep it open.

They will be arranging a community consultation to 'identify if there is a sustainable desire to repair, invest in and to continue to fund the Church building here. Successful engagement and co-operation with the wider community is essential to determining the future of the church in Forden.'

A project to make a children's area available in the church, not only for services but for families to visit whenever the church is open has gained lottery funding, but the project is currently on hold due to the Covid restrictions.

Absence from school

If your child is absent from school, please contact the school before 9:00am with the reason for their absence. This contact can be by phone or email using the school office email address (office@forden.powys.sch.uk). Please do not ask staff about the absence of other pupils.

COVID_19

It is vitally important that any pupils or staff members displaying any of the symptoms of COVID_19 **do not** attend school and follow the appropriate isolation and testing

guidance procedures. If any member of the household is displaying symptoms then pupils should not be sent to school.

If your child only has a runny nose or other cold like symptoms, and none of the above symptoms a COVID-19 test isn't required. Your child can go to school if they are well enough to do so. If you are unsure if your child's symptoms are COVID-19 or cold-like symptoms please use the [gov.wales symptom checker](https://gov.wales/symptom-checker)

The following links contain up-to-date guidance from Welsh Government

[Test, Trace, Protect – information for parents/carers](#)

[What to do if a child needs to self-isolate – information for parents/carers](#)

We will be erring on the side of caution when it comes to symptoms displayed in school. If a pupil displays any symptoms in school, you will be contacted to collect them from school immediately. **This will be applied rigorously in all circumstances and we ask for your total compliance and support in this matter.**

School Newsletters

All past newsletters are available to view on the school website.

**Monday 19th Oct – Friday 30th Oct – Half Term holiday
(2 weeks)**

Friends of Forden

Online pumpkin competition – The 2020 Pumpkin carving Competition will be taking place on the Friends of Forden Facebook page. Please upload your child's creation (without their face in the shot) on their class thread on the Facebook page over half term. 31 per pumpkin / £1 per child will be collected in an honesty box at the school gate on return to school on Monday 2nd November.

