



FORDEN SCHOOL NEWS

Friday 22nd October

Harvest Service

All the hard work the children put into their Harvest Service last week was appreciated by our Bishop's Visitor who attended. Photos will be uploaded on the school website. Thank you for the donations for the Food Bank in Welshpool. These will be dropped off next week.

Lexia

Well done to Demi, Olivia W, Ollie, Mia, Rhys, Florence, Amelia B and John for completing a level on Lexia.

Online Safety Concerns

Since PC Lyndsay visited and spoke to children about the importance of only accessing material suitable for their age, we have had children disclosing that they have accessed the film / clips on You Tube of the TV series *Squid Game*. This has also been observed in some of the games on the playground. Parents need to know that the level of violence is very intense in *Squid Game*. Characters are systematically tortured and killed for the sadistic pleasure of a game master.

[Squid Game TV Review \(commonsemmedia.org\)](https://www.commonsemmedia.org/)

Criw Cymraeg

Wythnos diwethaf, siaradwr yr wythnos yn Dosbarth Bedwen ydy Neive, yn Collen ydy Fletcher ac yn Ysgawen ydy Florence. Heddiw, siaradwr yr wythnos yn Dosbarth Bedwen ydy Rhian, yn Collen ydy Olivia C ac yn Ysgawen ydy Gethin. Llongyfarchiadau i bawb!

Goodbye

Today we said a huge thank you and goodbye to Rachel Stevens who has worked at Breakfast Club since it's early days.

In addition, Rachel has helped at Netball Club and Running Club, volunteered in school on many occasions, helped transport pupils to sporting fixtures, worked with Friends of Forden to raise funds and been a valued member of our community. She will be missed at school.

There is currently a vacancy for the role of Breakfast Club staff. Mon-Fri 7:45- 8:45. Please contact the school for further details.



Clubs

This week was the last week of Netball Club until after Easter. Thank you to all the pupils who attended. We have some very good netball players. Hopefully, there will be opportunities to play matches against other schools in the future.

Parent/Teacher meetings - survey

Following the recent online parent / teacher meetings, please use the attached form to give feedback. This will ensure our future practices meet your needs. [Parent/Teacher meetings Autumn 2021](#)

Friends of Forden – Half Term Challenge

Your child has brought home a sheet of Autumn Challenges to complete over half term. Friends of Forden will be awarding a prize to all pupils who complete at least three of the challenges. Thank you to Harriet for designing and creating the sheet.

Attendance / lateness

If your child is off school - due to illness, medical appointment, etc – please contact the school on the first day of their absence before 9:00am. This can be by email or telephone.

office@forden.powys.sch.uk / 01938 580334 (answerphone available)

Please note the school day begins at 8:50am and this is the time that the register is taken.

Pupils can come into school between 8:40am and 8:50am. Pupils arriving after this time will need to come to the front door and will be marked as late in the register.

Ongoing school response to Covid-19

If your child has any of the 3 main symptoms (persistent cough, high temperature, loss of taste/smell) they must not attend school and should get a PCR test (call 01874 612228). They should not return to school until the test result has come through. Tests can also be booked the Powys Teaching Health Board website at <https://pthb.nhs.wales/coronavirus/coronavirus-testing/symptoms/> If your child has other symptoms (runny nose, sore throat, flu-like symptoms) you can still request a PCR test and your child can attend school whilst waiting for the result. Your co-operation in this is greatly appreciated. **If your child receives a positive PCR test, please contact the school to inform us.** Due to the pressure on TTP at present, the first notification for pupils who are considered close contacts may be from school and not TTP.

Welshpool High School Open Evening

Please follow the link for an [introduction to WHS Virtual Open Evening](#) given by Mrs Forsythe, Deputy Headteacher. The event itself goes live on Monday 11th November.

Applications for secondary school need to be made the deadline of Friday 12th November.

Primary School Admissions

The Primary School Admission Round for learners born between **01/09/2017 – 31/08/2018** is now open. Parents/Carers need to complete an online application at <https://en.powys.gov.uk/article/1158/Applying-for-a-School-Place>

Applications need to be made by the deadline of **Friday 7 January 2022**.

If a parent / carer is unable to apply online they can contact admissions@powys.gov.uk

Future dates

Mon 1st November Return to school

Wed 22nd Dec Break up for Christmas
