

## PARENT-TEACHER MEETINGS 17th & 18th NOVEMBER 2020

As these meetings are to be held by telephone this year, we would ask that you be aware of the timeframe allocated and respect that other parents are waiting for their call. If the time allocated you does not suit, please contact the school to let us know. Obviously we would appreciate it greatly if you can stick to one of these two days as we would prefer to complete the Parent-Teacher meetings on these two days.

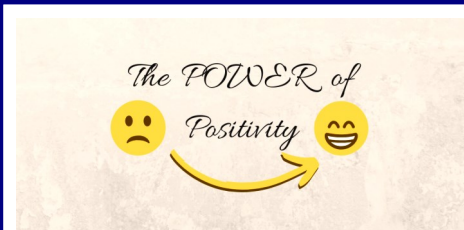
\*Attached schedule\*

# October Newsletter

Obviously, there is a much different feel to the current school year than in any other in living memory. We are delighted, however, that all our children are embracing all the changes and making the most of everything they ARE able to participate in by giving it their full energy and enthusiasm. We would like to thank them, and all our parents, for making it easier for the staff and children to come to a safe, happy and busy school each day.

Please, as ever, feel free to contact us if you have any questions or queries about anything school -related.

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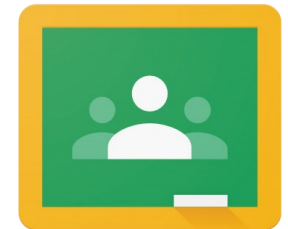


### LOCKDOWN

☺ In March 2020, we were all to discover a whole new way of living, learning and socialising. I would like to thank all who endeavoured to participate in the online learning programme and enthusiastically adapt to learning at home and coping with enabling children to learn at home while some were working, shopping for others or looking after cocooning family members. You all excelled and should be very proud.

☺ Unfortunately, we are not out

of the woods yet and, whilst we hope there will not be the need, you will be aware that the school have put measures in place to ensure that, should lockdown occur again, we will be much better prepared to supply uninterrupted and continual learning support for all the children. Thank you for signing up to Google Classroom and helping us take another evolutionary leap in teaching methods!



Google Classroom



On Friday 2nd October, we held our annual Blessing of the Animals ceremony led by Dean Paul. As we couldn't welcome the actual pets and animals from all our homes into the school grounds this year, we had the children bring in photographs and the Dean found out the names of each pet so that he could bless them all in their absence. The children are always eager to bring a little of their home and family life to school to share with their friends and classmates. It is a joy to see how many of them are able to share this home life with such a wide variety of creatures.

We look forward to future Pet Days when they can be brought in to be fussed over again.

# St. Edan's National School

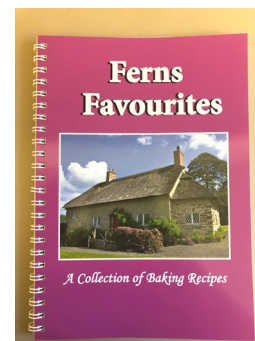
## PARENTTEACHER MEETINGS

On Tuesday 17th and Wednesday 18th November, we will be holding our annual Parent/Teacher meetings. Previously held in February, these meetings will henceforth be held in mid November. In light of current Government guidelines, this year's meetings will take place over the telephone. Each family has been allotted a time slot as normal but instead of attending at the school, the teacher in question will phone at the time given and speak for 10 minutes about each child's progress. We would ask that you be understanding on these calls that the teachers have a number of parents to talk to in a defined period of time. Should you have anything more substantial to discuss, the teachers will be more than happy to schedule a longer phone call at a future time. Timetable on back of this newsletter



## ANCIENT CONNECTIONS

The joint venture between Ferns and St. David's in Wales was obviously put on hold because of COVID-19. It is hoped it will be continued at a future date.



In order to raise much needed funds which they could not do during the lockdown, Ferns Union of Parishes have produced a lovely book full of recipes from all of their parishioners and are selling it for €10.00 a copy.

We have a number of copies available here in the school and would be delighted to be able to help by selling these to our families and friends. Please contact Fiona if you would like to purchase any!



## CHRISTMAS 2020

Well! No one knows where we'll be at come December 2020. but it is sure to be a Christmas to remember and I am sure that every family around the world will be endeavouring to make it a special one. St. Edan's NS may not be able to host the usual events but plans are in place to ensure it is marked in a memorable way and that each and every child will have a magical memory of Christmas 2020. I would like to thank the Dean, and also the Parents' Association, who are working hard on plans to please all and continue the St. Edan's Christmas traditions.

## HALLOWEEN CELEBRATIONS

With some alterations to comply with current regulations, Halloween will also go ahead with gusto in St. Edan's NS. On Friday 23rd October, the children are invited to come to school in costume, in pjs or in uniform. Halloween activities will take place within the different pods and there may even be some treats!!

