



Eyton Church in Wales Primary School  
Newsletter 12<sup>th</sup> January 2018

**Diary Dates** These are also in Calendar on the website [www.eytonprimary.co.uk](http://www.eytonprimary.co.uk)

10<sup>th</sup> January – Year 3 and 4 swimming starts

18<sup>th</sup> January – PTA meeting 6.00pm

25<sup>th</sup> January – Burns’ Night After School Club Fundraiser

12<sup>th</sup> February: HALF TERM WEEK

22<sup>nd</sup> March – Year 3 and 4 visit to Warburton’s Bakery; details will follow nearer the time.

**Estyn Report**

Our Estyn report is published on the Estyn website and is also on the school website. We were good in all 5 areas, so a huge congratulations to everybody! This is the very positive report that The Leader published about the school.

### Pupils and staff at primary school praised in report

PUPILS and staff from a village primary school have been praised following an inspection. Estyn visited Eyton CIW Voluntary Controlled Primary School in Bangor Road, Eyton, in October. And following the visit, inspectors have highlighted positive aspects about the school in a recently published report.

Currently, there are 62 pupils on roll, aged from three to 11, including four nursery children who attend part-time. There are three mixed-age classes at the school.

About nine per cent of pupils are eligible for free school meals. This is well below the national average (19 per cent).

The school identifies that around 11 per cent of pupils have additional learning needs. This is well below the national average (21 per cent).

Headteacher Louise Whitgreave took up her post in January 2017. The school's previous inspection was in July 2012.

The report states: "Most pupils make good progress in line with their abilities, although boys tend to perform less well than girls in key stage two.

"Nearly all pupils have very positive attitudes to their work and develop well as resilient learners.

"They behave very well in classes and around the school. Most pupils develop their numeracy and information and communication technology (ICT) skills well across the curriculum.

"Many pupils write effectively for a broad range of purposes. Most teaching is good and staff provide a broad, rich and engaging curriculum.

"The quality of care, support and guidance for pupils is good. The recently appointed headteacher provides strong leadership and has a clear vision for improvement.

"Other members of staff and the governing body support her well. Rigorous self-evaluation and development procedures ensure that the school continues to improve. The school manages its resources efficiently."

All areas of the school which were inspected were deemed 'good', which means there are strong features, although minor aspects may require improvement.

Four recommendations were put to staff to continue to improve in the future. They were tasked with improving the quality of pupils' spelling and punctuation in key stage two and ensuring that all teachers provide written feedback to pupils that helps them to improve their work.

It was also recommended to reduce the relative underperformance of boys in key stage two compared to that of girls, and provide greater opportunities for pupils to develop and use their Welsh language skills. The school will draw up an action plan to address the recommendations.

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**Swimming**

Swimming lessons for years 3 and 4 started on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January. The cost for transport to each session is £2.50, which is a donation so that we can fund the transport. Thank you.

**Eyton Extras/Sharing Time** Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February, followed by Eyton Extras meeting at 4.15pm. Please book into Eyton Extras in advance. We are keen that parents use our after-school club and book in advance, so that we can accurately forecast supervision levels. Please support our school and club by booking in and using it. Thank you.

**Payments** Please could we encourage everyone to pay for school dinners, trips and swimming using the Civic Pay online system. This will enable parents to have access to their own accounts and get up to date balances. Letters are going out with login details on and instructions of how to access the service.

When paying by cheque, please write a cheque for each item eg dinners and Eyton Extras, as they are completely different accounts. Please could we remind everyone that we can no longer accept the old £1.00 coin.

**Attendance** Please can we all make a huge effort to get to school, on time by 8.55am.

All parents of children who arrive late will be asked to sign the late book, as advised by our link attendance officer/Education Social Worker. Many thanks for your support.

Our attendance target this year is 96%.

**Free School Meals**

If you think that you might be eligible for Free School Meals, please phone 01978 298991 or 01978 297413 to find out. Anyone on Job Seekers Allowance (JSA) or Tax Credit can apply and it will only take 5 minutes on the phone. If your child prefers to bring a packed lunch or make other arrangements,

It is still important to register for free school meals for the school to receive the additional funding. This year the additional funding is £1150 for each child that qualifies.

Please see the leaflet on the school website.