

Newsletter 21st November

Heartfelt Thanks

This week we have seen the strength of our wonderful community. Out of such adversity there has been such care, kindness, compassion and generosity. Thank you all for your good wishes, gratitude and ongoing support for our team and our lovely school. It means so much to us all.

I must say the biggest thank you to the wonderful school staff who have pulled together and worked so hard for hours and hours to help ensure the Upper School was ready for all learners on Thursday. It has been very tough emotionally at times, but their commitment has been unwavering.

Go Fund Me

We are absolutely blown away at the £7000 total on the Go Fund Me page launched by the PTFA a few days ago. Thank you to family, extended families and wider community for your donations. The PTFA have already asked what we would like on our wish list, and we are carefully considering the additional extras that we have dreamed of!

If you would like to share with friends and colleagues, the link is:

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/osbaston-ciw-school-help-us-recover-from-storm-claudia>

Hot Chocolate and Mince Pies

As the colder weather draws in, the PTFA will be selling hot chocolate and mince pies at the end of the day on Friday 28th November on the Upper School yard. Please come and join us from 3.20pm.

Open Afternoon - Cancelled

Following the cancellation of our Open Afternoon for new Reception families last week, we had planned to reschedule the event to Friday 28th November. However, due to the flooding and the lack of space, this will not be taking place. Instead, we would like to offer any prospective families the chance to come to the Upper School and have a tour of our school and meet staff on an individual basis. If you would like to arrange a visit, please contact Mrs Kift. Please share this information to the wider community as we would love to meet new families and share the warm, caring ethos of our school.

Humanitarian Centre

We know a number of our families suffered losses last weekend and our hearts go out to you all. We understand how upsetting it is to lose things that mean so much.

The Shire Hall is offering supplies to families. More information can be found here:

<https://www.monmouthshire.gov.uk/storm-claudia/>

Recovering and Rebuilding

The Lower School building has now been completely stripped out and cleaned, and it is now being fully dried out. In the next weeks carpets and flooring will be laid and new fixtures and fittings replaced. We know the building is not going to be accessible until January, but we are hugely grateful to the teams of contractors and MCC employees who are working to repair the damage.

At this time, the Reception and Year 1 class are utilising a small break out room and the school hall as their learning zones. This is not ideal, and we are now looking at the possibility of a temporary portacabin being placed on the Upper School car park to provide additional accommodation.

We have received very good news that Welsh Government have provided a grant to cover the excess on our school insurance. This means all damaged furniture, equipment and resources will be replaced. This is a huge undertaking and will take some time.

We will continue with all seasonal plans, including the PTFA Christmas Fayre and Y6 Dragon's Den on Friday 5th December and the Lower School nativity on Thursday 11th and Friday 12th December. Inevitably there will be some compromises, but we will do our very best to make everything the best it can be!

School Lunch Menu

Dydd Llun- Fush fingers OR salmon fingers OR vegetable country bake OR filled jacket potato

Dydd Mawrth- Tomato pasta OR macaroni cheese OR filled jacket potato

Dydd Mwrcher- Roast chicken OR broccoli bake OR filled jacket potato

Dydd Iau- Beef chilli OR vegetable chilli OR filled jacket potato

Dydd Gwener- Cheese and tomato pizza OR cheddar and vegetable fritata OR filled jacket potato