

# @YSGOLYFOEL

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## Healthy Snacks

As part of the Healthy Schools Initiative we encourage pupils to bring only healthy snacks to school i.e. fruit, health bars etc. We strongly discourage sweets, chocolate and crisps.

## Early Entitlement

Do you have a child, or friend who has a child, who will be 3 between 1st September and 12th April 2016? Funding is now available for 3 year old children in Flintshire to receive early years education at Ysgol y Foel. Please contact school for further information.

## Break Times

We endeavor to allow the children to play outside during all breaks whenever it is safe to do so. We would therefore ask that you please ensure that your child has a coat in school.

Dear Parent/Guardian,  
Annwyl Rhieni/Gwarchodwyr,

As we approach the Christmas period in school, all classes are very busy preparing for our Christmas Concerts. The rehearsals have been going really well and it promises to be a great concert!

## Home/School Communication

Home/school communication is very important. The ways Ysgol y Foel communicates has developed over the last year.

We communicate through:

- Text messages using School Comms
- Twitter @ysgolyfoel
- Website – [www.ysgolyfoel.com](http://www.ysgolyfoel.com)
- Monthly newsletters
- Letters sent home in book bags

The use of Twitter has been very successful not only sharing messages and reminders but also sharing our successes as a school.

## Policy Reviews

A number of school policies have been recently reviewed by staff and governors. These policies can be found on the school website. ([www.ysgolyfoel.org](http://www.ysgolyfoel.org))



## Christmas at Ysgol y Foel

These are the Christmas arrangements/activities planned for December:

Date	Event	Notes
<b>Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Dress Rehearsal for Concert at St Mary's Church in Cilcain	9:30am at St Mary's Church Costumes needed for dress rehearsal
	Christmas Fayre	Non uniform day, bring a bottle for the tombola stall 5:30pm to 7pm
<b>Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Christmas Pantomime 'Cinderella' at Theatr Clwyd	Leave school by coach at 9:15am Nursery pupils have been invited to attend the Cylch Christmas Party until 11:30am School dinners will be available as normal on return
<b>Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Christmas Concert at St Mary's Church in Cilcain	Concert times - 1:30pm and 6pm We ask children to arrive at St Mary's for evening performance from 5:40pm to 5:50pm.
<b>Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December</b>	School Christmas Lunch	£2.05 per child. Menus to be sent out soon
<b>Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Christmas 'Frozen' Party	1:00pm to 3:20pm Party Lunch - £2.05 per pupil Children to wear party clothes or dress in a 'Frozen' theme
<b>Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Christmas Jumper Day Christmas Golden Afternoon School Closes for Christmas	£1 donation per pupil to support National Christmas Jumper Day

## Christmas Fayre

Our Christmas Fayre is on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December and we will be holding a non-uniform day on that day. We ask in return for privilege of not wearing school uniform your child brings in a bottle which will be used as a prize on the tombola stall.

## Snack Money (Nursery, Reception and Year 1 Parents)

As from September 2015 the way snack money is paid changed to a flat fee of £40.00 per year, regardless of whether your child is in school or not. However, some parents are still paying 20p per day, per week. Could we please ask that parents adhere to this new routine.

Any monies paid so far this year will have been credited against your child's account. Snack can be paid for all in once for the whole academic year or in 4 instalments of £10.00. Snack can also be paid online and at any given time you should be able to see how much is owed for your child's snack via School Gateway.

## Pupil Achievements

Our pupils have been very busy during November. These are some of their notable achievements:

- The school football TEAM came 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Mountain League Tournament.
- Parents joined children for Forest Schools Family Learning Sessions.
- Year 5 completed a Bike Ability Training Course.
- Parents joined Dosbarth Yr Wyddfa for their 'Rememberance Day' Class Service
- Dosbarth Yr Wyddfa enjoyed a Victorian Workshop funded by our PTA
- All children learnt about the benefits of healthy eating with Laura England from Flintshire School Meals.
- We raised £62 for Children In Need by holding a Super Hero Non Uniform Day.
- PC Mark Jones visited all classes as part of the Schools Beat Programme.
- Alex Clewitt from HWB worked with Years 2 to 6 to develop their coding skills.

## Child Protection

At a recent meeting of the Governing Body the school's Child Protection Policy was being reviewed and it was felt that it would be very useful to share some key information with parents about the procedures.

- The school's policy follows Flintshire's Child Protection Procedures.
- The school's Child Protection Officer is the Headteacher (or Mrs Owen in his absence).
- The school's Child Protection Governor is Mr Darryl Williams.
- Staff receive updated information on an annual basis which includes advice on how to listen to children, how to make a referral etc.
- Staff are told never to delay emergency action to protect a child and whenever doubt exists a referral is to be made.
- Concerns as opposed to known facts, can and should be shared with the investigating agencies (Police, Social Services etc.).
- A child protection referral can be made with or without the knowledge or consent of the family, although it is good practice to inform the family, BUT not if this will further endanger/cause harm to the child.

A full version of the school policy can be found on our school website

## Diary Dates

### December 2015

4th	Christmas Fayre
8th	Panto at Theatr Clwyd
9th	Christmas Concert at St Mary's Church at 1:30pm and 6pm
11 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Running Club
15th	Christmas Dinner
17th	Christmas 'Frozen' Party
18th	Christmas Jumper Day, Toy Day and School Closes for Christmas

### January 2016

4th	School Closed for Staff Training
5th	School Re-Opens
22nd	Dosbarth Cadair Idris (Year 2, 3 and 4) Class Assembly

### February 2016

10th to 12th	Year 4 and 5 Residential Visit to Pentrellyncymer
12th	School Closes for Half Term
22nd	School Re-Opens & Welsh Week

Please remember that my door is always open to discuss any issues you may have...

Yours sincerely/ Yr Eiddoch yn Gywir,

Mr Spencer Williams  
Headteacher /Pennaeth

