



Newsletter/Cylchlythyr

Friday 20th September 2019

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Dear Parent/Guardian/Annwyl Rieni/Gwarchodwyr,

We have now completed week 3 of the term and the children have settled in very nicely to the school routine and their new year groups. They are all trying very hard in their lessons and playtime has been lovely, watching them construct the amazing den and laughing and playing with their friends. We are making the most of the mild weather and using the field as much as we can.

Forest School and Outdoor Learning (change of date)

To further develop the outdoors we will be working with Ms Polly Snape (from Plas Derw) over this next half term to develop action plans for outdoor learning and forest school's curriculum. This will develop ideas that the children came up with in the summer term. These sessions will begin on **Tuesday 1st October**, they will include both FP and KS2. Children will need to wear forest school clothing for the sessions. They can come into school in their forest clothes and remain in them for the day.

Topic

This term the children will be studying:

Foundation Phase – Work will be developed from the book “What is it like to be me”

Key stage 2- Conflict and Resolution (WW2) We will reading the books, The Lion and The Unicorn, Carries War and Swansea Spy.

PE Days:

Foundation Phase – Monday run by Aura (outdoors) and Friday with Miss Amanda (until half term)

Key Stage 2:- Monday run by Aura (outdoors) Friday (hockey until half term)

We expect every child to have their PE kit in school on the correct day and this must include a change of top and bottoms and trainers.

After School Sport Clubs

Aura Sports- will continue after school.

Every Monday 3:30 to 4:30 for years 2 to 6. £3.00 a session please support.

Autumn Term 2019

2nd September 2019 – 25th October 2019: Football and Athletics

4th November 2019 – 20th December 2019: Dodgeball and Gymnastics

Spring Term

6th January 2020 – 14th February 2020: Netball and Rugby

24th February 2020 – 3rd April 2020: Hockey and Basketball

Summer Term

20th April 2020 – 22nd May 2020: Golf and Tennis

1st June 2020 – 20th July 2020: Cricket and Rounders

Foundation Phase – Forest School kit

Please can you bring in on Monday 23rd September appropriate clothing for forest school, including Waterproofs and wellies. These can be left in school till half term.

Spelling and Reading

Foundation Phase

Children in Year 1 and 2 have been issued with a reading book and reading record. Spellings issued weekly. Please make sure your child has their reading book in school each day. All children in Year 1 and 2 will be heard weekly. Please make sure spelling books are brought in each Thursday ready for test.

Juniors

Children in KS2 have been given their new reading books. Please listen and share their reading with them and complete their reading records. **Please write a comment in their yellow reading records.** We will be reading some novels in our class lessons based on World War 2.

Spelling Activities have been given out. It has been proven that if children practise their spellings daily they have more success in retaining the patterns. **We ask that you encourage this daily practise at home.** You may notice repeat words on your child's spelling list, this is to ensure that they are learning and applying the patterns, NOT just learning the words for tests. Their homework will need to be handed in on a Friday. They will be tested on their words every Friday and given their new set to bring home.

Homework

Foundation Phase

Homework grids have been issued and should be returned by 23rd October 2019.

Juniors

Homework grids will be sent out next week and should be returned by 23rd October (6 weeks)

Children will receive their online maths, ABACUS, passwords again next week and homework will be set each Friday and must be completed by the Wednesday of the following week.

We will be doing READ THEORY in school this year rather than a homework task.

Alun Open Evening

The Alun Open Evening for year 7 – 2020 intake will be held on Monday 23rd September from 6pm to 8pm. They look forward to welcoming and meeting you.

Ysgol Uwchradd Argoed High School

The Argoed Open Evening for year 7 – 2020 intake will be held on Wednesday 25th September 2019 at 6:30pm. Prospectus and additional information available at www.argoedhs.co.uk

ALDI

This term we're collecting Team GB stickers with **Aldi's Kit for Schools** for the chance to be one of 20 primary schools to win £20,000 to build a health legacy at our school!

From 6 September–3 November, when you spend £30 or more in any Aldi store, you'll receive a special Team GB sticker – if our school works together to collect 300 stickers, we will automatically receive an exclusive school sports kit, in addition to entry into the £20,000 prize draw!

Please send any stickers you receive into school with your children, and we will add them to our Aldi's Kit for Schools sticker poster.

The Aldi's Kit for Schools campaign supports the aims of Get Set to Eat Fresh, Aldi and Team GB's award-winning school's programme, which has already beaten its target to reach 1.2 million young people in the UK by 2020, reaching over 1.5 million young people since its inception.

We hope everyone will enjoy collecting Team GB stickers and exploring healthy eating. Remember, Aldi's Kit for Schools Team GB stickers are available until 3 November when shopping in any Aldi store. We will keep everyone up to date with how many stickers we have collected, and how many we have to go!

If you want to find out more about Aldi's Kit for Schools you can visit getseteatfresh.co.uk/kitforschools, or get in touch with the school for more information on our plans.

Thank you so much for your support on this project – we look forward to receiving any stickers you collect!

School Meal Prices

The cost meals is **£2.25** per day. Please pay for lunches via school gateway. Please ensure online payments are kept up to date as the school does incur debts for school dinners. **PLEASE NOTE WE DO NOT ACCEPT ANY CASH FOR EITHER DINNER MONEY OR TRIPS/SNACK.**

Healthy snack

This academic year we will be going for our Phase 5 of the Healthy Schools Awards and Government Wales have issued strict rules on what we can offer to children in schools. We cannot give children any sort of sweet foods or crisps at break time. Under these rules we can offer plain water or milk, fruit or vegetables during break times. Children in Year 3-6 bring in their own snack and this will need to follow these guidelines too.

There are no guidelines to what to put in your child's lunch box. Thank you for your cooperation.

URGENT !!!Calendar Photography Competition- Cilcain Village !!!!

So far we have had no entries and it will be a shame if the school is not represented in the village calendar.

This task was sent home over the summer, just a reminder that the family photographic entries for the 2020 Cilcain Calendar need to be brought into school by 23rd September.

The theme is 'Life in and around Cilcain' we require A4 or A5prints.

RUGBY

The children taking part in the competition in Mold on Monday will need to be in school for 8.20am to leave at 8.30 am.

After School Hockey - Years 3 to 6

Tuesday 24th September there will be hockey for years 3 to 6 until 4pm.

Term Dates for 2019/20

Monday 2nd September	Staff Training Day
Tuesday 3rd September	School Opens for children
Friday 25th October	School closes for half-term
Monday 4th November	Staff Training Day
Tuesday 5th November	School Opens to children
Friday 20th December	School closes for Christmas
Monday 6th January 2020	Staff Training Day
Tuesday 7th January	School opens for children
Friday 14th February	School closes for half-term
Monday 24th February	School opens for children
Friday 3rd April	School closes for Easter
Monday 20th April	School opens for children
Friday 8th May	May Day Bank Holiday
Friday 22nd May	School closes for half-term
Monday 1st June	Staff Training Day
Tuesday 2nd June	School opens for children
Friday 17th July	School closes for Summer holidays
Monday 20th July	Staff Training Day

Calendar of Activities and Events for 2019/2020

Aura Sports years 2 to 6	Monday 9th/ 16th/ 23rd /30th September
	Monday 7th/14th/21st October
	Monday 4th/11th/18th/ 25th November
	Monday 2nd/9th/16th December
	(See above for timetable of sporting activities)
Cilcain Calendar comp closing date	Monday 23rd September 2019
Year 7 Alun Open Evening	Monday 23rd September @6pm
Year 7 Argoed Open Evening	Wednesday 25th September @ 6:30pm
Dodgeball Festival Yr 5&6	Wednesday 2nd October
Whole School PC Mark Jones	Thursday 10th October
Harvest Festival @ Chapel	Wednesday 16th October (Time to be confirmed)
Walkwise Years 1 & 2	Friday 18th October 2019 (letters Sent)
PTA Café @ Village Hall from 2pm	Saturday 19th October
Techniquet Reception to Yr2	Wednesday 23rd October (letters Sent)
PTA Halloween Disco @ the school	24th October @5:30pm
Bonfire Night @ Village Hall	Tuesday 5th November
Tempest Photography	Friday 8th November @ 9am
(Individual and Sibling)	
Walkwise Years 1 & 2	Friday 8th November
Parents Evening	Monday 11th November
	Tuesday 12th November
Indoor Athletics Yrs 3 to 6	Tuesday 12th November
Children in Need Day	Friday 15th November
Walkwise Years 1 & 2	Friday 15th November
Theatr Clwyd – Jack and the Beanstalk	Friday 6th December 12:30pm (details to follow)
Carol Singing and fair @Village Hall	Wednesday 11th December @5:30pm
Carol Service @ Cilcain Church	Monday 16th December (Time to be confirmed)
World Book Day	Monday 2nd March 2020
Sports Relief week	9th March to 13th March 2020

Year 4 & 5 trip to Nant BH	11th/12th/13th May 2020 (Initial Letter sent home)
Year 3 Trip to Kingswood	14th/15th May 2020 (Initial Letter sent Home)
National Welsh Tests	Tuesday 28th April to Tuesday 5th May 2020
Swimming Years 3 to 6 @ Holywell	Tuesday 2nd June 2020
	Tuesday 9th June 2020
	Tuesday 16th June 2020
Summer Play	Monday 22nd June 2020
	Wednesday 24th June 2020
Year 6 Cardiff Trip	1st/2nd and 3rd July 2020 (Initial Letter sent home)
Reports to be sent home	Friday 10th July 2020