



Ysgol y Foel News

September 2015

Dear Parent/Guardian,
Annwyl Rhieni/Gwarchodwy,

Welcome Back

Welcome back after what I hope has been a relaxing and enjoyable holiday for you all! A special welcome also to new parents and children, we look forward to working with you. Everyone has settled into their new classes and they all look smart in their uniforms.

Contact Details and Medical Information

Please ensure that we have up to date contact numbers for your child, particularly if you've had a new mobile phone over the holidays or you have any updated medical information.

If your child requires an asthma inhaler or any allergy medication to be kept in school, please could you visit the school office over the next week to fill out a form and provide us with more details etc.

*It is school policy that we do not administer medication for short-term medical needs. This does not affect the administration of medication for long term or chronic medical needs.

Staffing

We are sad to announce that Miss Lynette Williams is leaving school next week. Miss Williams is leaving us to work in a Nursery in Mold. I would like to thank her for her commitment and hard work as a Foundation Phase Classroom Assistant and Midday Supervisor and wish her the very best for the future. We will really miss you.

A very special mention to Mrs Heather Jones our Caretaker, who this month completes 30 years' service at Ysgol y Foel!!

Dinner Money

Just a reminder that the cost of a school dinner is £2.00 for infants and juniors. All dinner money for the week should be brought in on a Monday morning. It should be in an envelope which is clearly labelled with your child's name and a breakdown of the days that your child is having a dinner. Cheques should be made payable to Flintshire County Council. Online payments can be made

Homework

At Ysgol y Foel, we encourage and expect all children to undertake key tasks such as reading, and a range of activities in order to reinforce and enrich their learning. Although we will provide a broad range of homework activities, we also encourage all pupils to take part in many out of school activities, e.g. swimming, cubs, brownies, football, gym, drama, dance, etc.

Listed below are our class by class arrangements for home learning. Homework is very important and if not completed, teachers will contact parents. Homework is your opportunity to extend and enrich your child's learning.

Dosbarth Famau

Reading 2/3 times per week

Learning logs with various activities and opportunities for children to share experiences of home and school – weekend diary and My Maths/Maths activities on a rota basis

Practice and learn weekly spellings.

Dosbarth Cadair Idris

Daily reading 3 times per week (an avid reader may read for much longer).

Learning logs with various activities every 2 weeks.

My Maths or Maths activities every 2 weeks.

Practice and learn your 3, 4 and 6 times tables.
Reinforce your 2, 5 and 10 times tables.

Practice and learn weekly spellings.

Dosbarth Yr Wyddfa

Daily reading 15 minutes (an avid reader may read for much longer).

Times tables. Quick fire practice of all tables every week.

Learning log with various activities every 2 weeks or projects on a given topic, e.g. space.

My Maths or Maths homework weekly.

Practice and learn weekly spellings.



Uniform

The pupils look very smart in their new school uniforms – many thanks to parents. **Please remember to label all items!**

Pupils should not wear jewellery to school, particularly earrings due to safety reasons. If studs are to be worn, they must be removed or taped before P.E. lessons. Long hair should always be tied. Pupils should also be wearing black school shoes and not trainers. We would also ask that nail varnish and transfer tattoos are removed for school.

School Rules and Golden Time

Here is a reminder of school rules and golden time. The rules are:

- Listen carefully and follow instructions.
- Respect everyone, everything, everywhere.
- Allow others to work and play without disturbance.
- Keep hands, feet, objects and hurtful comments to yourself.
- Always do your best.

All children who have followed the school rules all week are rewarded with twenty minutes of 'Golden Time' on Friday i.e. free time where pupils can bring in games, toys to play with friends*.

We are also continuing with our Behaviour Points for more serious and persistent rule breakers.

*All items are brought in at owner's risk and please do not allow your child to bring in expensive devices e.g. Nintendo DS etc.

School Building

Over the summer holidays a number of improvements have been made to the school building:

Flintshire County Council have replaced our old boiler and upgraded the heating controls so hopefully it will be more reliable in the winter months.

The junior classrooms have both been painted and new carpets have been fitted.

Healthy Eating

We would just like to remind parents that we are a healthy school and would therefore encourage pupils to bring in a healthy snack such as a piece of fruit for morning break (Year 2 and junior pupils only) and a healthy packed lunch at dinner time, we discourage sweets in lunch bags.



Photographs

Tempest photographers will be at the junior site on **Thursday 17th September** to take individual and family portraits.

All pupils will have their photograph taken in their school uniform with no obligation to buy. When the photos are developed your child will bring home a copy with the option to purchase.

School Clubs

As ever, we are grateful to our staff for their voluntary commitment to after school activities. **UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED ALL CLUBS WILL START WEEK BEGINNING 14TH SEPTEMBER.** Please see school website for details

Safeguarding

We have put measures in place to keep the whole school community safe. Here are a few reminders:

- Please refrain from parking on yellow lines outside of school at any time (even when dropping off for Breakfast Club).
- Only Staff and Blue Badge holders can park in the school car park.
- From time to time parents need to speak to members of staff or check for lost property but we would ask that parents please report to the main entrance and not come into the school building at the beginning or at the end of the day.

Diary Dates

Please find attached a Year Planner with dates of events at school. Please note that some dates may change and additional dates may be added. Please check the school website www.ysgolyfoel.org and twitter '@ysgolyfoel'.

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

