



## Newsletter/Cylchlythyr

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2021

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Dear Parent/Guardian/Annwyl Rieni/Gwarchodwyr,

Well that went fast. Half a term down! The staff and I would like to thank you all for your continued support since our return to school in September. (Thank you to those who returned their completed parents questionnaires.) The children have settled back into school routines well and it has been lovely to reintroduce things such as working in houses, eating lunch together and having assemblies. It has been lovely hearing them sing together. We hope you all have a restful half term and enjoy some time together.

### **COVID 19**

There continues to be some concern in our local authority with the continued rise of cases. We will continue with our present arrangements after half term and these are listed below.

Children eat lunch together in the hall and we have a daily assembly. (FP children and KS2 are separated by distance.)

Children have playtimes together and are in their houses for Forest Friday. KS2 children still sit facing forward but do mix for group activities. This gentle integration is working well.

We are still trying to minimise visitors to the school and in contact with the children and staff.

Our parents evening will be online.

The following will still apply and continue as part of our daily practise:

- All children will be able to arrive together between 8.45am and 8.55 am. Please arrive on time so teachers on duty can return to class.
- All children will finish school together and will be brought down to the gate at 3.20pm
- Drop off and pick up at the school gate, teachers will meet pupils at the front gates
- social distancing at the school gates please.
- Children only need their coats, drinks bottles, snack and lunch and all other equipment will be provided for them.
- PE Kits should be worn on a Monday and Forest School Clothes on a Friday.
- Breakfast Club from 7.45am please use the hall doors for access.
- After School Club will be on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday until 5.20pm and MUST be pre booked. Collection from the hall doors please.

- Children and staff will continue to sanitise and wash hands regularly throughout the day.
- Desks and doors will be wiped during the day and the school kept well ventilated.

The Mold Consortium met this week and the following decisions were made about Christmas arrangements:

- There will be no live concerts in school. We will film the children's concert and post it on the website
- There will be no Christmas Fayres. We will hold a grand raffle draw.
- Children will have a Christmas dinner day
- Children will have a Christmas party
- The children will make their Christmas craft that will be sold in school
- We will be able to go Carol Singing around the village

### **After School Club**

After school club contracts should have been sent back to school by today. If you have not sent it back could you please ensure that the contact is sent back on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November.

### **AONB AWARD**

Following on from our AONB award 4 of our children will be talking at a TED Ex event at Theatre Clwyd in front of 500 politicians, council and government officials on 1<sup>st</sup> November 2021. They have worked hard creating a movie to accompany their talk. The event will be tweeting throughout the day and there will be a film of their presentation posted on the website. Good Luck!!

### **Website**

We have updated and modernised our website. (We are still in the process of adding information) It can still be found at [www.ysgolyfoel.org](http://www.ysgolyfoel.org)

Please take a look as this is where a link will be posted to future services such as Harvest and Christmas.

### **PTA**

The following events will be going ahead

- Spavens – Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> November 6pm to 8pm for painting, drinks, pancakes and ice cream. An opportunity to relax and unwind in good company! The price is £20.00. Please let Mrs Roberts (PTA) or Mrs Watts in the office know before Friday 5<sup>th</sup> November.
- Raffle and carol singing on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December.

### **Parent and Toddler Group**

Parent and Toddler group is proving to be very successful. Please spread the word for a Friday morning 9:30am to 11:00am in the school hall. £2.00 a session for drinks and snacks.

### **Topic – Whole School**

The topic 'Wonderful Wales' will continue after half term.

### **Foundation Phase**

Reading books have been handed back for half term. Children have one week of spellings left and they will have their test on the first Thursday back.

Please return reading books on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November.

Homework will be posted on seesaw on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> November.

### **Key Stage 2**

Books have been returned for half term. Children will be given their new 6 week list of spellings when we return to school on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November. Please continue to sign their reading records weekly with the name of the book they have read and a small positive comment.

New homework will be given on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November.

### **Criw Cymraeg**

Check out Twitter for the pronunciation.

### **School Rules**

Since our return the children and staff have been busy discussing The United Nations Rights of the Child and the Rules of our school. Each year we re write our school rules so that they are applicable to the children in school at the time.

This year, after a whole school discussion, our School Council agreed that our rules should be thought of as rights.

They have written them as.

#### Our School Rules 2021/2022

Respect each other, our school and our environment

Invite each other to play

Give your best, always and enjoy learning

Healthy people, Happy school

Teach each other

Stay safe, stay healthy, stay positive

Throughout the school day all staff and children use this positive language to ensure our school remains a safe and happy place to be for everyone.

### **Motivational Monday – November**

All children need to come in their PE kits on a Monday. (school kits please)

PE for KS2 will be hockey. FP will be dance.

### **Forest Friday – September**

All children can come to school in their forest clothes every Friday.

### **School Lunches**

Week commencing Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November – Week one of the new menu.

### **Term Dates for 2021/22 – Please note there have been some amendments to the below dates**

Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October	School closes for half-term
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> November	School opens for children
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	School Closes for Christmas
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> January	School opens to children
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> February	School closes for half-term
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> February	School opens for children
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> April	School closes for Easter
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> April	Staff Training Day
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> April	School opens for children

<b>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May</b>	<b>May Day Bank Holiday</b>
<b>Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>School closes for half-term</b>
<b>Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Staff Training Day</b>
<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Staff Training Day</b>
<b>Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>School opens for children</b>
<b>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>School Closes for Summer</b>
<b>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Staff Training Day</b>

Mrs O'Neill