



Newsletter/Cylchlythyr

Friday 26th November 2021

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Dear Parent/Guardian/Annwyl Rieni/Gwarchodwyr,

I can't believe we are nearly in December. It has been lovely this week hearing the children practise the Christmas songs.

I would like to thank you for your continued support in the fight against Covid. As a school we are doing so well. Please be vigilant and if your child displays one of the 3 main symptoms please book a PCR test. We are aware there are some nasty coughs and colds doing the rounds but if you are in any doubt please book a test. No one wants to be in the position of having to self-isolate over the festive period.

After School Club

A big thank you to After School Club for organising Movie Night it was a huge success.

There will be no club on the final day of term Tuesday 21st December or Thursday 6th January 2022.

Contracts will be sent home week commencing the 29th November and must be returned no later than Friday 17th December for the next half term. Club will carry on running Tuesday to Thursday next term.

Dates for the diary:

After School Club Party: Wednesday 15th December 2021 3:20 to 5:20. Cost £10.00 (Ad-hoc price of two hours in club) with party games, food and drink.

Craft : Children's Christmas craft will be on sale for parents before collection from the Club Party. Stalls will open at 5.10pm.

Carol Singing : We would love you to join us for carol singing around the village after the club Christmas party. We aim to leave school at 5.30pm. The raffle will be drawn back at school after the carol singing at approx. 6.30pm. This is really the only opportunity we will have to be together as a school community over the festive period, so please join us.

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

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

All our planned events are on the calendar on the website. Please keep checking or sync to your google diary.

PTA

A lovely night was had by all who attended Spavens. £50 was raised towards the outdoor pond area. Thank you.

Raffle: We have some amazing raffle prizes again this year. A Turkey, an MOT, a wine hamper, a Cilcain Shop hamper, a low/non alcoholic drink hamper, a mixed alcoholic drink hamper. We are still chasing donations. Tickets will go on sale next week. Please contact school if you have any donations.

A PLEA. We are desperate for help to organise future events in school. The PTA is a huge part of school life and although there have not been any events over the last 18 months we are hopeful that the community can become involved in school once again. We really need a new Chairperson that can help to coordinate the events. PLEASE, PLEASE contact us if you are able to help.

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.

Foundation Phase

Homework has been put on see saw today and should be completed by next Friday please. Please try complete the previous tasks set if not already done so.

Key Stage 2

Children have been given their new 6 week list of spellings. 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 every Monday.

Please practise times tables at home (as discussed at parents evening.) There are lots of games available online.

ONLINE SAFETY – in a recent lesson a number of children commented that they had been contacted when gaming at home by an unknown contact. They have told us that they have blocked the contact but not told their parents. Please can you keep an open dialogue with your children about who they are talking with online.

Criw Cymraeg

The phrase 'Sut wyt ti?' Is being used by almost all the children regularly in school. Have you had a go at home?

This phrase will continue until after Christmas to give us time to all use it regularly.

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 15th November – Week two of the new menu. If you need a copy of the menu, please go to our website.

The Christmas Lunch this year will Wednesday 15th December. A menu and reply slip has been sent home with the children today.

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.

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

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

Tuesday 21st December	School Closes for Christmas
Thursday 6th January	School opens to children
Friday 18th February	School closes for half-term
Monday 28th February	School opens for children
Friday 8th April	School closes for Easter
Monday 25th April	Staff Training Day
Tuesday 26th April	School opens for children
Monday 2nd May	May Day Bank Holiday
Thursday 26th May	School closes for half-term
Friday 27th May	Staff Training Day
Monday 6th June	Staff Training Day
Tuesday 7th June	School opens for children
Tuesday 19th July	School Closes for Summer
Wednesday 20th July	Staff Training Day

Mrs O'Neill