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Hwyl, Rhagorol, Cyfoethogi Dysgwyr

Newsletter/Cylchlythyr
Friday 13th October 2023
Dydd Gwener 13 2023

Dear Parent/Guardian/Annwyl Rieni/Gwarchodwyr,

Headteacher's Update

We have had such a busy couple of weeks, I would like to thank all the Parents who came to our PTA meeting and for their fantastic ideas for the year ahead.

Next week the children will hold their Harvest Festival at St Mary's Church. The service will begin at 1.45 and will finish around 2.30 pm. We look forward to seeing you all there.

We have planned to visit the church for practices on Monday and Wednesday next week.

The PTA will be serving teas, coffees and cake after our Harvest Service.

If you would like to bake a cake or provide a cake please speak to Mrs Angela Raw.

Volunteers to help serve would be appreciated, again please speak to Mrs Angela Raw.

All cakes need to be brought to the church for 1.15pm or handed to a member of staff at drop off.

Shwmae Sumae day is this Sunday October 15, 2023 to promote the idea of starting every conversation with shwmae, su'mae or shwdi! The event aims to show that the Welsh language belongs to us all. I have sent home some useful phrases for you to try. Criw Cymraeg would like to see and hear your efforts. Diolch yn fawr!

If you have a matter you wish to discuss with any member of staff please either speak to them at the gate - morning or afternoon at drop off or pick up and if a further meeting is desired one will be arranged for you alternatively you can phone the school office to request a meeting, I respectfully ask that you do not discuss your matter with Mrs Watts as this can put her in a difficult position, please just ask if you make an appointment with the member of staff and Mrs Watts will then confirm a meeting date and time.

Parent Governor

As a school we welcome Miss Hannah Mitchell to our Governing Body.

Breakfast Club



Breakfast Club will be invoiced on weekly basis on school gateway. A text message will be sent out on a Monday to inform you of the invoice on school gateway for the previous week.

Reminder that Breakfast club is open from:

7:45am to 8:15am This is charged at £1.50 per child

8:15am to 8:45am – Free

If your child arrives before 8:15am they will be charged as per time entered on the register.

After School Club

Having reviewed and met with After School Club we are pleased to announce that After School Club will continue to run Monday to Friday until Christmas where it will be reviewed again.

Thank you for your support.

We would also like to welcome Mrs Christine Langton and Miss Amelia Pickles to our After School Club team.

ACTIVITIES – What's On!

Monday 16th – Hama Beads

Tuesday 17th - Bingo

Wednesday 18th - Games

Thursday 19th – Craft with Christine (Halloween inspired)

Friday 20th – Own choice

Monday 23rd – Pumpkin Carving

Tuesday 24th – Halloween Baking

Wednesday 25th – Halloween Party!

Thursday 26th - Craft

Friday 27th – Own Choice

Please make sure all contracts are returned to school by Friday 27th October, all payments to be made by Wednesday November 8th.

School Day

- All children should arrive between 8.40am and 8.55 am. Please arrive on time so teachers on duty can return to class.
- Drop off and pick up will be at the school gate.
- All children will finish school together and will be brought down to the gate at 3.20pm.
- **Children will need to bring their own healthy snack. We would appreciate you not sending your child with crisps or chocolate.**
- 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 every day from 3.20pm until 5.20pm. Collection from the hall doors please.



School Uniform

We have been looking into school uniform stockists and will hopefully have more information in our next newsletter.

School uniform promotes a sense of identity, pride and community in the school.

All Pupils

Blue sweatshirt/white polo t-shirt/ grey trousers/grey skirt/pinafore dress

Shoes Black, flat shoes or black trainers no logos

Physical Education (indoors)

White plain t-shirt or polo shirt/ blue shorts.

Pupils perform gymnastics in bare feet unless they have a foot infection when the wearing of pumps or gym slippers is allowed.

Physical Education (outdoors)

A black/dark tracksuit or school fleece.

White socks with trainers

Swimming - costume/trunks (goggles-optional)

Please mark clothing clearly with their full name.

Jewellery – wrist watches and stud earrings only.

Long hair must be tied back.

Attendance

If your child is unable to attend school due to illness, make sure the school office is informed at the earliest opportunity. Late marks will be given to children where they have not arrived before the side gate is closed.

Attendance is compulsory from Reception.

Attendance from 27/09/23 to 13/10/23

Famau (Foundation Phase) – 95.98

Yr Wyddfa (Juniors) – 96.69

Overall – 96.40

Class Information



Foundation Learners

Reading

Children will be heard reading throughout the week and provided with a new reading book every Thursday. However, if your child finishes their book you are more than welcome to send it in to be changed. Please ensure you sign your child's reading book to let the class teacher know they have been heard reading.

After half term we would like you to upload your child reading onto Seesaw – details to follow.

Maths

Our focus will be Number and Number Recognition

Topic

Our Changing Earth

Our work will be based on the books Rumble in the Jungle and Commotion in the Ocean

Key Stage 2

Reading- Children must bring their reading book in everyday and this includes their reading record. Please make sure you fill in their reading record at least once a week.

The children will be reading "Song of the Dolphin Boy" Elizabeth Laird.

Guided reading will resume after October half term.

Maths – The focus will be Number.

Topic

Our Changing Earth

Our focus will begin with looking at oceans.

Homework



The children will be set homework each Monday to be returned the following Monday. This will alternate between maths and reading comprehensions.

Whole School - Read Write Inc

Children are now in a set routine and accessing daily Read Write Inc sessions. Their progress will be reviewed before the end of term.

Spelling Shed

Thank you to the families who have accessed spelling shed, unfortunately we do have a large number of children still not logging on and completing the tasks set. This home engagement is vital and will help your child consolidate the sound they are working on in their Read Write Inc groups. If you have any problems logging on please let me know. This task is classed as homework for pupils from years 2-6.

PTA

Thank you to all the parents who turned up to our first meeting. We welcome Mrs Brid Allen as Treasurer. The PTA would like to thank Mr. Andrew Parkhurst for his time as Treasurer.

The following have been decided:

Harvest – The PTA will supply teas/coffees and cake at the end of our Harvest service October 19th in church.

A huge thank you to Flintshare and Mrs Kay Roberts for organising a Harvest basket of fruit and vegetables. Raffle Tickets will be on sale from next week. The draw will take place at our Harvest Service.

November – Mr Sean Conway will host an evening sharing his career to date and of course his experience of completing 105 Ironmen. Details to follow.

Christmas - The PTA will hold a Grand Raffle at the end of our Christmas performance which this year will be held at Capel Gad. If you would like to offer a raffle prize please let myself or Mrs Raw know.

Spring Term – The PTA will host a community café

Summer Term – Treasure Hunt and Summer Social

Please look out for posts on the PTA Facebook page if you are a member, school newsletters and posters.

All events will be offered to the wider community of Cilcain hopefully raising as much money as we can to spend on our children here at Ysgol Y Foel.

The PTA also agreed to fund 2 new resources Tric a Chlic for Foundation Learners and RMEasimaths.



Dates for the Diary (provisional)

Thursday 19th October – Harvest Festival

Wednesday 25th October – ASC Halloween Party

Tuesday 14th November – Parents Evening

Tuesday 12th December – Christmas Play

Tuesday 19th December – Christmas Panto at Theatr Clwyd – Beauty and the Beast

Residential Dates

Year 3 – Kingswood Thursday 16th May 2024 to Friday 17th May 2024

Year 4 and 5 – Plas Menai 19th June to 21st June 2024

Year 6 – London Monday 15th July 2024 to Wednesday 17th July 2024

School Lunches

Week Commencing 16th October 2023 – Week 2. Menu can be found on the website:

<https://www.ysgolyfoel.org/lunch-menu/>

We have been informed by Flintshire County Council that they will be increasing the cost of meals to **£2.80 per day from the 2nd October 2023**. This only affects years 5 & 6.

Road Safety at the School

Please do not park on the zig zag lines at the front of the school. They are there to protect the children! Please could everyone entering the school for Breakfast Club or After School Club please use the pedestrian entrance not the car park entrance and keep to the footpath.

Team Dates for 2023/24

Friday 27 th October 2023	School closes for half-term
Monday 6 th November 2023	School opens for children
Thursday 21 st December 2023	School Closes for Christmas



Friday 22 nd December 2023	Staff Training Day
Monday 8 th January 2024	Staff Training Day
Tuesday 9 th January 2024	School opens for children
Friday 9 th February 2024	School closes for half-term
Monday 19 th February 2024	Staff Training Day
Tuesday 20 th February 2024	School opens for children
Friday 22 nd March 2024	School closes for Easter
Monday 8 th April 2024	School opens for children
Monday 6 th May 2024	May Day Bank Holiday
Friday 24 th May 2024	School closes for half-term
Monday 3 rd June 2024	School opens for children
Friday 19 th July 2024	School closes for Summer

Mrs Walker
Acting Headteacher