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Respect, respond, be brave, rejoice!  
Pardwch, ymatebwch, byddwch ddwr, llawenhewch!

## Newsletter/Cylchlythyr Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2024 Dydd Gwener 26 Ionawr 2024

Dear Parent/Guardian/Annwyl Rieni/Gwarchodwyr,

### Headteacher's Update

What a busy return to school we have and the children are trying so hard in their lessons. Thank you to those who have volunteered to be drivers for us. We are looking forward to our first dodgeball event.

We have had one or two parents volunteering to come and talk to us about journeys they have been on. We do need some more though so please come and share them with us.

A letter has been sent home about the PTA events and meetings. We really need your help and support planning for much needed fundraising. Please jot down your thoughts on the letter emailed today and send it back to us or alternatively email us on [yemail@hwbcymru.net](mailto:yemail@hwbcymru.net).

We have a number of trips planned to enrich our curriculum, these begin with our trip to St Asaph Cathedral and our shared Easter Services with Ysgol Licswm and will finish with an exciting trip to Manchester Airport. Please see separate letters.

Enjoy the weekend.

Many Thanks

Mrs O'Neill

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It is still a work in progress and the next step is for the children to begin to add information but we are very pleased with it. On it you can see our new prospectus, school policies, school calendar, newsletter and our mission statement and values. We will be using it to keep you updated with events and other school information.

There is lots of information listed below. To keep up to date please keep following twitter and facebook.

### January 2024

We will be starting off the new year with a new topic, Journeys.



Nursery to Year 1 will be reading the books, We are going on a Bear Hunt, Meerkat Mail and Emma Jane's Aeroplane.

Year 2 and 3 will be focusing on Intrepid Explorers.

Year 4, 5 and 6 will be reading Kensukes Kingdom.

## **School Lunches – Reception to Year 6 Pupils**

As from **Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January** you will be able to order your child's/children's school dinner up to three weeks in advance on the School Gateway App. Instructions on how to do this have been sent home, another copy is attached to this letter. Year 5 & 6 pupils will need to pay £2.80 per day as usual. School will be checking each day to ensure that you have ordered a dinner, or that your child has a packed lunch from home. If your child is going to be late in, please ensure that you let us know before 9.30am. If you have pre-ordered and your child is absent from school we will remove the dinner for that day. For the trip to St Asaph Cathedral, please go the date, 5<sup>th</sup> February and let us know choice of sandwich – ham, cheese or tuna. We need this information by 31<sup>st</sup> January. You may also let us know on the Payment Request 'Trip to St Asaph Cathedral' when you provide consent and pay £2.00 towards the transport cost. We will then transfer the choice of sandwich for you if you so wish. You may of course send a packed lunch from home.

## **Attendance**

If your child is unable to attend school due to illness, make sure the school office is informed at the earliest opportunity. **Children do suffer from coughs and colds, however unless they are running a temperature they can still come into school. Children need to remain at home for 48 hours after the last episode of a tummy bug!** Late marks will be given to children where they have not arrived before registration. Please remember in an effort to maintain Welsh Government attendance recommendations any holiday requests must be submitted to the office for approval.

**collect children within an hour.** Please help us by keeping us informed of any change of mobile number/email address and advise us of an additional emergency contact if this applies to you.

## **Tuck Shop for Years 3 to 6**

A healthy snack will be available each day for pupils in years 3 to 6 for the cost of 20p.

**Please note that the office is not staffed full time. Mrs Tandy works from 8am – 1pm. If it is urgent please leave a phone message as we will not pick up School Gateway until after school or the next day.**

## **PE**

Wednesday afternoon for Reception and Year 1.

Year 2-6 have PE every Thursday with Aura sport please ensure the children come to school in their PE kit with the appropriate footwear.

## **Dates for the Diary – (may be subject to change)**

Year 4, 5 & 6 Dodgeball Festival – Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January

Reception to Year 6 – Visit to St Asaph Cathedral Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February

Year 3 & 4 Floorball Festival – Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February

Year 4, 5 & 6 – Swimming lessons – Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February, 5<sup>th</sup> March and 12<sup>th</sup> March



Year 3 to 6 – St John Ambulance First Aid Training – Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March

Reception to Year 6 – St Mary's Church, Ysceifiog – Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March

Easter Service – Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March at 1.30pm St Michael's Church, Caerwys

Reception to Year 6 – Manchester Airport Trip

Tempest Photography – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2024

### Residential Dates

Year 3 – Trip to Kingswood Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2024

Year 4 & 5 – Trip to Plas Menai – 19<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> June 2023

Year 6 – Trip to London – Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July – Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2024

### Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club will be open from 8.00am to 8.15am for those who pay £1.50 per day, £7.50 per week, payable on School Gateway. **Please pay in advance and state clearly the day the payment is for.** The FREE Breakfast Club runs from 8.16am. Doors close at 8.30am. **Please remember children are not permitted to bring their own food to Breakfast Club.**

### Wrap Around Care

CBB runs wrap around care from 11.30am to 3.00pm for children 2.5 years old up to Nursery age. It also runs an after school club until 6.00pm. This is a new secure unit that provides safe, enjoyable care during the working week. Any correspondence or contact needs to be made directly to Holly either by email or mobile. 07748 464833. Email [clwbbwthyndbach@gmail.com](mailto:clwbbwthyndbach@gmail.com).

### Team Dates for 2023/24

Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	School closes for half-term
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February	School opens for children
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	School closes for Easter
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> April	School opens for children
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	May Bank Holiday
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	School closes for half term
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	School opens for children
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	School closes for summer
<b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2024</b>	<b>Training Days (School closed to pupils)</b>
<b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2024</b>	

