



LEARN TOGETHER

*'Let's learn to enjoy, achieve, respect and nurture together'*

22<sup>nd</sup> October 2020

Dear Parent / Carer

As we take our final few steps towards half term, I would once again like to thank you for your consistent support throughout what continues to be a very challenging period both in school and in our all our lives.

### Harvest

Our Harvest Service this week brought much joy across school. All of the children and staff came together virtually via Google Meet to share the lovely songs, poems and presentations that they had prepared. If your child's class presentation has not been shared on Seesaw yet, it will be there by Friday. Diolch yn fawr for the tremendous contributions that we received for our Harvest table. We delivered 15 very full bags for life to Wrexham Foodbank this week.



### Coronavirus Firebreak

You will be well aware by now that rules around a firebreak will come into force at 6pm on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October until the beginning of the day on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October.

Primary schools will re-open as normal though on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November after the half term break.

Full information is available on <https://gov.wales/coronavirus-firebreak-frequently-asked-questions>

### Face Coverings

**From Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November, parents / other adults / older siblings (high school age and above) are requested to wear a face covering when entering the main school yard or anywhere on school premises.** To reciprocate for your protection, school staff who come onto the main yard in the morning and at home time will also wear a face covering until they walk back down the steps towards the building.



We understand and appreciate that there are some circumstances where people may not be able to wear a face covering. We will all need to please be mindful and respectful of such circumstances, noting that some people may be less able to wear face coverings and the reasons for this may not be visible to others.

We also respect that although everyone will have different views about face coverings and the virus, as the weather gets damper and colder, and transmission rates have significantly increased, we want to ensure that we are doing everything we can to keep our school open for the children.

There is no change for the pupils. If your child wears a face covering to come onto the premises, this should be removed by parents on the yard before your child approaches the building. Children who walk to school unaccompanied, need to sanitise their hands, remove the covering and dispose / store it in a sealed bag in their tray then clean their hands again.

**At home time, please ensure you are looking out for your child as it may be more difficult initially for staff to recognise some parents on the yard.**

### School Uniform

A reminder that from 2<sup>nd</sup> November (the first day after half term), we request that children in Y1-6 wear the following:

- **Royal blue sweatshirt / cardigan**
- **Pale blue or white polo shirt or white shirt and school tie**

- **Dark coloured plain black, grey or navy jogging bottoms / warm leggings**
- **Leather or vinyl trainers / substantial shoes suitable for outdoor physical activity (heeled boots or canvas trainers are not suitable footwear)**

As previously stated Early Years (Nursery and Reception children) can wear a royal blue or dark coloured zip up hooded jacket in place of a sweatshirt to support independent dressing / undressing if you prefer.

**All children need to bring a waterproof coat to school everyday please.**

### Parents' Evening

Nearly all parents have now had a virtual appointment which they booked online or arranged via Seesaw. Thank you for this, teachers have really valued the opportunity to talk with you.

If you did not book appointment or contact your child's teacher and wish to have a chat about how your child has settled into their new class and their learning targets, please get in touch on Seesaw and the teacher will arrange this with you for after half term.

### Upcoming events

#### **Spooky Fun Day – Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October**

As we have shared previously, there is no obligation for your child to dress up. However if your child is wearing costume to school, they **should not** wear a full face mask please for obvious reasons.



### School Photographer

Unfortunately, individual photographs will not be taking place on 2<sup>nd</sup> November as planned due to the current firebreak situation. We will do our best to reschedule this for later in the school year.

### T4U Shoebox Appeal



You should have received a leaflet about the Christmas shoebox appeal over the last week or so <https://teams4u.com/shoebox-guide/>

**The date for sending these in to school is Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November** (not 6<sup>th</sup> as previously requested). Please hold on to any shoeboxes that you create until 20<sup>th</sup> November when we will put collection boxes out again similar to Harvest. Many thanks.

### PTA

The PTA have begun to look at how they can fund raise for school this year and will soon be sharing some exciting plans with you. The PTA are always looking for new members so please look out for this. Diolch.

### Finally....

I hope that you are able to take some time out over the next couple of weeks. For some of us the daily stress of our current situations can take its toll both mentally and physically. We need to look after ourselves and each other.

The children have coped with so much too, we are so proud of them. I am sure everyone will find ways to have fun with the children over half term and I hope you and they also find some time to relax.

Diolch yn fawr iawn once again for your support.

With very best wishes

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