

# YSGOL OWEN JONES CP



## Newsletter – 12<sup>th</sup> November 2021

Dear Parents,

### **Extra-Curricular Clubs**

Extra-Curricular clubs will recommence next week, the 15<sup>th</sup> November, with a slight change for some clubs moving to different days for the remainder of the term.

Activity Club	Tuesday
Art and Design Club	Tuesday
Netball Club	Wednesday
Football	Tuesday

### **COVID rules for Self-Isolation**

Due to the recent government announcement, we are once again in a situation where guidance regarding children attending school has changed. The main change to the guidance is linked to whether somebody in the household has symptoms or has tested positive.

- For children aged under 5 there is no requirement to be tested or self-isolate.
- For children aged over 5 they are to take a PCR test and self-isolate until you receive the result. If negative, you can stop isolating and can return to school. If positive, you need to self-isolate for 10 days.

### **Parents Evening**

We thoroughly enjoyed meeting you all virtually this week for our parents' evenings. Although the majority of meetings ran smoothly, we are aware that some experienced technical issues and we would like to apologise for that. If you were unable to attend or had any problems with connecting, we can arrange a phone call from your child's class teacher if you wish. Please contact the school office to arrange this.

### **Tempest Photos**

Tempest Photography visited school on Monday to take photographs of the children. This went very well and all children have taken home proofs of their photos. If you wish to order your child's photo, all orders for must now be paid for online through Tempest.

### **Remembrance Service**

We were very lucky with the weather on Thursday morning as we were able to go ahead with our Remembrance Service. Our Year 6 pupils performed brilliantly and all the other children listened superbly and showed a great deal of respect during the two-minute silence, supported by the rest of the school. We were also lucky enough to have Louise Skillander playing 'The Last Post and Reveille'.

### **Odd Socks Monday**

Next week is National Anti-bullying week and as a school we would like to support this by taking part in 'Odd Sock Monday'. We ask that all children come to school wearing odd socks on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> November.

## Children in Need



This year's Children in Need takes place on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November and we would like children to come to school dressed in their PJ's to raise much needed funds for this worthy cause. £1.00 donation is much appreciated placed in a sealed envelope on the day, *Thank you*.

## Admissions

Please visit [www.flintshire.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.flintshire.gov.uk/schooladmissions) to apply for Reception place for current Nursery pupils. The closing date for Reception place is: **19<sup>th</sup> November 2021**.

## Parking and dropping off

I would like to remind everyone to take care when dropping off and picking up children in the morning and afternoons. Concerns have been raised regarding the parking situation outside school during these times, particularly with parking on the corners making it difficult for cars to see any on-coming traffic.

Could I also ask that when people are dropping off in the morning, particularly when you are running a little late that you do not stop on the yellow zig zag lines as this is the main entrance and crossing point for the school and therefore not a suitable place to stop.

## Christmas Concerts

The children will be taking part in Christmas Concerts this year. Class 1 will be taking part in a short performance, Classes 2 and 3 will be doing a joint performance with Classes 4 and 5 visiting Northop Church. Unfortunately, due to restrictions set by Flintshire County Council we are unable to have parents in attendance, and this approach has been agreed by the Mold Alun Cluster of schools. We will record all performances and these will be sent to all parents

## Christmas Lunch

We are pleased to inform you that we will see the return of our Festive Christmas Lunch within our school this year. The date for Christmas Lunch is Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December. Children will receive a traditional lunch with all the trimmings and a Christmas Cracker. Parents will be required to pay for this in the usual way through school gateway.

## Forest School – Class 3

Forest School for Class 3 will continue to take place on a Tuesday afternoon.

## Swimming – Years 3-6

Swimming sessions have now finished and the children have thoroughly enjoyed them. As a school it has been great to get back to a more normal way of working. Let's hope it continues.

**Please note: Class 3 have changed their Forest School day and this will now take place on a Tuesday afternoon. Class 2 have also changed their PE Day and this will now take place on a Friday.**

Class	PE Day/s	Forest School
1	Friday	Wednesday
2	Friday	Friday

3	Tuesday	Tuesday
4	Tuesday Wednesday	n/a
5	Tuesday Friday	n/a

### **Fruit Tuck**

We provide a fruit tuck stall every morning at break time and have a register for those children who are having fruit and would appreciate this being paid for the Autumn term via the Gateway App.



**No Nuts**

Please can we remind you we have a child in school with a severe nut allergy.

### **Diary Dates**

#### November

15<sup>th</sup> - Odd Sock Monday  
 - Extra-Curricular Clubs start  
 19<sup>th</sup> - Children in Need

#### December

8<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Lunch  
 10<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Jumper Day  
 17<sup>th</sup> - Craft Day/Party Day

Thank you once again for your continued support.

Mr Caughter and the Team.

### **Free School Meals**

If you think you may be entitled to FSM, please go to the Flintshire website: [www.flintshire.gov.uk/FSM](http://www.flintshire.gov.uk/FSM) or contact the school for further information.

