

YSGOL OWEN JONES CP



Newsletter – 15th October 2021

Dear Parents,

Positive Covid Cases

As I am sure you are aware we have had four positive Covid-19 cases over the last few days in classes 3 and 5. There has been a significant increase in cases across Flintshire Schools since returning from the summer break. We therefore all need to be extremely vigilant when any child displays any of the three main symptoms or any of the wider symptoms which include sickness and flu like symptoms.

Pupils Self Isolating

Like we did last year, we will ensure work is available for pupils who are having to self-isolate due to a positive Covid-19 test result.

Each class will upload a grid of 9 activities (3 Maths, 3 English and 3 other) for the pupils to complete for that week. Classes 1, 2 and 3 will put these tasks on Seesaw and Class 4 and 5 will put these tasks on Google Classroom.

Once the child has completed the tasks, the class teacher will provide feedback. **As I am sure you are aware, the class teachers are also having to teach their class and also plan for their in-school teaching which is very time consuming, so please be patient and understanding if the feedback is not provided straight away.**

Please also remember these tasks are only for pupils who are self-isolating and who are well enough to complete work. They are not to be completed by pupils who are absent from school due to other illnesses.

Parents Evenings

This year's Parents Evenings are planned for Wednesday 10th and Thursday 11th October and once again this will be via a video call with your child's class teacher. We will be using School Cloud, which is successfully used in many schools in Flintshire and will provide further information in due course on how to access this.

Change to the Dinner Menu

There is a change to the dinner menu for **Tuesday 19th October** to celebrate the NHS and to say Thank You. The choice will be Rainbow Pizza (crispy pizza topped with peppers) or Nightingale Nuggets (oven-baked chicken coated in crispy breadcrumbs served with hero fries and baked beans) followed by Doctor's Orders (chocolate brownie).

There will be a slight change also to the menu on the last day of term the 22nd October, instead of chocolate sponge and chocolate sauce, it will be a cookie biscuit.

Request for items for Art & Craft Club

Miss Lloyd is asking if you have any items listed below that you no longer want or need, please could you donate these to our Club. Thank you.

- Chunky knitting needles
- Chunky knitting wool

- Scraps of cotton fabric (plain or small pattern is preferable)
- Buttons
- Kapok / stuffing material
- Spools of sewing thread
- Ribbons

Even if it's a small amount – every little helps! - It's a way of re-using and re-cycling

Thank you very much to those have already made donations.

Urdd Membership 2021/22

The Urdd membership for this year is open and you can join by visiting their website urdd.cymru/join. As a member of the Urdd you will have lots of opportunities to take part in activities across Wales. You can join a local sports or arts club, compete at the Urdd Eisteddfod, visit a camp and be part of a youth project and much more by being a member of the Urdd. The membership costs £10 per child and they are offering just £1 membership for any child receiving financial support through a free school meals scheme.

PTA Competition

The PTA are holding a Halloween craft competition. It's £1 to enter and each child has to decorate a toilet roll in a Halloween theme, similar to the attached photo. Children can bring their entries into school and the winner from each class will receive a small prize. The closing date for entries is Thursday 21st October. (Please also see attached poster).



Coats & Uniform labels

As the weather is now turning colder, can you please ensure that all children bring a warm coat to school with them for outdoor play and learning. Please ensure that coats and all uniform items are clearly labelled with your child's name on, to avoid missing items.

Admissions

Please visit www.flintshire.gov.uk/schooladmissions to apply for a Reception place for current Nursery pupils. The application closing date is 19th November 2021. The application closing date for Year 6 pupils to Secondary school is the 5th November 2021.

School Cleaner

We still have a vacancy for a permanent part- time cleaner position to work 12.5 hrs per week. If you know of anyone that may be interested please ask them to contact the school for further information. The closing date is Tuesday 18th October.

PE Days including swimming / Forest School

The majority of pupils came into school in their PE kits on their PE days this week and they all looked extremely smart. Can I thank you for supporting the school with this new approach and for following the new School Uniform/PE kit policy.

Please note: Class 5 have changed their PE days and they will now take place on a Tuesday and Friday.

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

October

- 19th - KS2 Swimming
- 22nd - School Closes for Half Term

November

- 1st - School Re-Opens
- 2nd - Flu Immunisation (R - Year 6)
No Swimming Session
- 8th - Tempest Photography
- 10th - Parents Evening (4-7pm)
- 11th - Parents Evening (4-7pm)
- 9th - KS2 Swimming

I hope you all have a lovely weekend and thank you 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 or contact the school for further information.