

# YSGOL OWEN JONES CP



## Newsletter – 20<sup>th</sup> May 2022

Dear Parents,

### **Jubilee Celebrations and Events**

#### **Jubilee Day – Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May**

We are looking forward to a full day of planned activities on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May. We will be holding a whole school assembly in the morning which will be led by Reverend Bachelor, followed by Jubilee crafting activities for all children in their classes.

During lunchtime we will be having a whole school Jubilee Picnic Lunch followed by Jubilee Games and each class will be sharing a song from a different era.

**We would like to ask that children come to school dressed in Red, White and Blue or in King or Queen style outfits for the day.**

There will also be a change to the dinner menu for Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May as follows:

*Regal Filled Sandwich, Sovereign Sausage or Cheese Roll, Golden Goujons, Victorious Vegetable Sticks, Coronation Crisps followed by Royal Cake and Jubilee Juice.*

To assist our Cook in the preparations, we would be grateful if your child does **NOT** require a Jubilee Picnic Lunch please email the school [ojmail@hwbcymru.net](mailto:ojmail@hwbcymru.net) by **next Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> May at the latest.**

Parents will be required to pay for this in the usual way through school gateway, under dinner payments section.

#### **Art for Jubilee competition**

As part of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations, the school have been asked whether the children would like to take part in an art competition, with all entries to be displayed in Northop Institute on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June.

The request is that all art work is Royal Themed and there would be separate categories for the under 7's and the Over 7's.

If your child would like to take part, can we please ask that all entries are completed on plain A4 paper and brought to school by **Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May** in order for them to be collected, ready for display the following week.

#### **Jubilee Concert – Northop Church**

Northop Church will be holding a Jubilee Service at the Church on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June at 7.00pm, and they have asked whether children from the school could do a singing performance during the service. We have already had a number of children confirmed to take part in the performance.

Could you please let us know **by Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> May at the latest**, whether your child would be able to take part by clicking on the following link and answering the questions included.

<https://forms.office.com/r/da2WYwqm5K>

## **Attendance**

As a school we are trying to return to the normal routines after two years of disruption, which includes the monitoring and reporting on attendance. As I mentioned in my Newsletter last week the Local Authority and Estyn Inspectors look very closely at attendance as there is direct correlation between good attendance and progress.

Therefore, when your child receives their end of report this year, you will receive an attendance letter for this term, which will provide the overall attendance for the Summer term. You may recall that prior to Covid-19 we sent these letters out every term so you are aware of your child's current attendance.

## **PTA – Summer Fayre and support**

The PTA are currently busy behind the scenes organising this years 'School Summer Fayre'. We have discussed opening the stalls up to parent businesses in the first instance and the local community. Any parents wishing to book a stall/pitch please contact the PTA on the following email address: owenjones.pta@gmail.com.

In the coming weeks we will be forming a task force of parents wishing to be involved with this big event, many hands make light work, any interest in being involved with the PTA in this capacity is very much appreciated.

We are also looking for raffle prizes and ask that if you would like to make any donations, all items can be dropped off at the School Office.

## **PTA Treasurer required to start September 2022 (Volunteer)**

Must be able to do online banking, visit Lloyds Bank when required (very occasionally) and be a signee of the PTA Bank Account. Your main responsibility will be to regularly check the PTA Balance, pay PTA members receipt claims during events, provide cash floats for 6 or 7 events a year and pay for the yearly insurance from the PTA account. This is a volunteer role. Please make your interest known to Shruthi Sandeep (PTA Chair) or the school Secretary. The current Treasurer is happy to do a full handover. Thank you.

## **PTA Members & Volunteers**

Ysgol Owen Jones's PTA currently consists of 4 members; Shruthi Sandeep (Chair), Laura Hainsworth (VC), Alice Clark (Sec) and Treasurer Sue Davies whom is leaving the school this July after many years as a PTA member. If you feel you would like to help out in some way – volunteer or actual member, shopping for events, running stalls, serving refreshments, coming up with new ideas etc., please do reach out to one of us or pass your details to the school secretary.

We are a friendly, not at all cliquy bunch of ladies, desperately requiring help as two members work full time. We have two events coming up soon and require volunteers as follows: Sports Day: 16th June (or 1<sup>st</sup> July if bad weather). We require 4 volunteers to help us run the refreshments stall. Includes – setup of stall, preparing and serving drinks, scones and strawberries for donations of cash (no change involved) and tidy up. You will have time to see your child take part in their race as long as there are 6 of us minimum. Summer Fete: 9th July Volunteer rota slots to be provided after half term

## **Sports Day**

Our Sports Day is planned for Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> June starting at 1pm (weather permitting), with our back up Sports now being held on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July. We have unfortunately had to change our backup date as our Year 6 pupils are attending a PE Transition Day at the Mold Alun school on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June.

### **School Drop off**

Since my request, there has been a significant drop in late arrivals. Thank you for this. However, there are still children arriving after 8.55am, **please ensure you do arrive before this time** as it does require staff to wait or come out to the school gate, whilst also causing disruption to classes.

### **School Governor**

We currently have a Parent Governor vacancy at Ysgol Owen Jones and details on how to apply were sent out to all parents on Monday. If you are interested in applying and would like any further information, please contact the school office. Nominations forms must be returned to me by 12 noon on **Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May**.

### **School Shoes**

Can I please remind all parents about our school uniform policy with regards to school shoes. We do ask that footwear is all black below ankle height and no boots to be worn. Winter boots/ wellington boots may be worn to and from school during bad weather and when the children are in the forest area but are not suitable to be worn inside the school building.

### **Extra- Curricular Clubs**

**Language club** started on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May after school until 4.00pm. If your child would like to attend Language Club we would ask that you email school to confirm their place.

**Drama Club** is now also open to children in Years **2, 3,4,5 & 6**. Drama club takes place on Thursday's after school until 4.00pm. Please email school to confirm your child's place at Drama club.

**Cricket Club** will now take place on Tuesday's after school instead of Rugby club and will finish at 4.15pm. Cricket club is open to children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6. Please email school to confirm your child's place.

### **Absences**

Please could you notify the school office either by email [ojmail@hwbcymru.net](mailto:ojmail@hwbcymru.net) or phone call if your child is going to be absent from school.

### **PE Days / Forest School**

| <b>Class</b> | <b>PE Days</b>      | <b>Forest School</b> |
|--------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| 1            | Thursday            | Friday (am)          |
| 2            | Friday              | Friday (pm)          |
| 3            | Wednesday           | Tuesday (pm)         |
| 4            | Tuesday & Wednesday | N/A                  |
| 5            | Wednesday & 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. We would appreciate this being paid for the Summer term via the Gateway App at a cost of £1.50 per week.

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate in contacting the school.

### Diary Dates

#### **May**

- 24<sup>th</sup> - Class 2 to Celyn College (am)
- 26<sup>th</sup> - Queen's Jubilee Celebrations  
School closes
- 27<sup>th</sup> - Extra Bank Holiday for Schools

#### **June**

- 3<sup>rd</sup> - Jubilee Concert at Northop Church
- 6<sup>th</sup> - Training Day
- 7<sup>th</sup> - School reopens
- 8<sup>th</sup> - Year 5 & 6 Cardiff (2 night residential)
- 16<sup>th</sup> - Sports Day (Afternoon)
- 17<sup>th</sup> - Year 6 PE Transition Day

#### **July**

- 1<sup>st</sup> - Back up Sports Day (afternoon)
- 4<sup>th</sup> - Bikeability Year 6 (over 4 days)
- 9<sup>th</sup> - Summer Fayre

Thank you once again for your continued support.

Mr Caughter and the Team.