

# YSGOL OWEN JONES CP



## Newsletter – 22nd October 2021

Dear Parents,

Once again, it has been quite a difficult half term with the increase in Covid-19 cases across the school. As always we have tried to minimise the disruption to the teaching and learning and try to return to a more normal way of working which on the whole I think we have achieved.

I would like to once again thank you for your support and understanding during this time and also take this opportunity to again thank all the staff members for their efforts, particularly when we have had staff off, which I am sure you can imagine creates extra work.

I think we are all in need of the half term break and I hope you, the pupils and staff members enjoy the time off and take some time to rest and re-charge your batteries. I know I will be!!

### **Absence and Work Provision letter**

Further information has been included on a separate letter regarding absences from school and any school work that would be set for pupils at home.

### **Parents Evenings**

This year's Parents Evenings are planned for Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> 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. You will have received an email explaining how to make a booking for your child's parents evening. If you have any problems please contact the school office.

### **Spellings and Homework**

There will be no spellings or homework to be completed over half term.

### **Swimming – Years 3-6**

The children have thoroughly enjoyed their swimming sessions during this half term. These will continue with two more swimming sessions when we return, which will take place on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November and Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> November.

### **Football Training – Change of day (One week only)**

Football training will take place on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> of November instead of the Tuesday for the first week.

### **New Dinner Menu**

There is a new dinner menu which will begin on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November. A copy of the new menu has been sent out today. Please let us know if you have not received this.

### **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.

### **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](http://www.flintshire.gov.uk/schooladmissions) to apply for a Reception place for current Nursery pupils. The application closing date is 19<sup>th</sup> November 2021. The application closing date for Year 6 pupils to Secondary school is the 5<sup>th</sup> November 2021.

### **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.**

<b>Class</b>	<b>PE Day/s</b>	<b>Forest School</b>
1	Friday	Wednesday
2	Tuesday	Friday
3	Tuesday	Wednesday
4	Tuesday Wednesday	n/a
5	Tuesday Friday	n/a

### **School Meal payments**

Can you please ensure that any outstanding dinner money balances have been cleared.

### **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

1 <sup>st</sup>	-	School Re-Opens
2 <sup>nd</sup>	-	Flu Immunisation (R - Year 6) KS2 Swimming
8 <sup>th</sup>	-	Tempest Photography
10 <sup>th</sup>	-	Parents Evening (4-7pm)
11 <sup>th</sup>	-	Parents Evening (4-7pm)
9 <sup>th</sup>	-	KS2 Swimming

I hope you all have a lovely half term 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](http://www.flintshire.gov.uk/FSM) or contact the school for further information.

