

YSGOL OWEN JONES CP



Newsletter – 6th September 2021

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the new school year. Although we have only been back in school for two days, the children have settled extremely well and are already back in the routine of school life which has been great to see and for which they and the staff members deserve a lot of credit for.

Staffing Changes

As I informed you before the end of the Summer Term, we have appointed a new secretary to work alongside Mrs Pilkington who has reduced her hours. Mrs Ceri Ord has joined the team from Ysgol Gronant and will be in the office on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday and Mrs Pilkington will be in the office on a Tuesday and Thursday.

Mrs Gillian Jones has sadly left her position as a Teaching Assistant after successfully applying for a role at Coleg Cambria. Mrs Jones has been with the school for over 16 years and has made a huge contribution as a teaching assistant and previously as a staff governor. We wish Mrs Jones well for the future and in her new role. She has made herself available for supply cover, so hopefully she will still be in school from time to time.

Mrs Anna Pullen, who has been working in the school for the past 12 months, has replaced Mrs Jones and will be working in Class 1 with the Nursery and Reception pupils. Mrs Pullen is a trained Nursery Nurse having previously worked at the Busy Bees private nursery in Ewloe.

Class	Teacher	Teaching Assistant	Year Group
1	Miss Gould	M. Chambers A. Pullen	N/R
2	Mrs Jones	E. Williams	1/2
3	Miss Hamilton	H. Wall	2/3
4	Mrs Evans	H. Taylor	4/5
5	Miss Howarth (0.8) Mr Caughter (0.2)	M. Simpson	5/6

Pick up and Drop Off

Both the morning drop off and afternoon pick up ran smoothly on Friday. Thank you all for wearing your masks and trying to maintain a social distance from each other when entering the school site and for following the one-way system.

Can I also ask that where possible, you stand in the vicinity of where your child's class come out, as that makes it easier for the class teachers when they are releasing them, particularly whilst staff are becoming

familiar with new faces and whilst we are all still wearing masks. I appreciate this is not easy when you have more than one child, if you are in in this situation, can you please pick up the youngest child first.

PE Days including swimming / Forest School

As you are aware, the children are to come to school in their PE kits on the days they have PE. This will start this week. Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 pupils will also start an 8-week block of swimming sessions starting on Tuesday 14th September. A letter regarding these sessions will be sent tomorrow.

Classes 1, 2 and 3 will have one PE lesson and one Forest School session, please see the table below for the day they will go into the forest. The children will need suitable footwear and clothing for these Forest School sessions.

Class	PE Day/s	Forest School
1	Friday	Wednesday afternoon (Reception only for first half term)
2	Tuesday	Friday afternoon
3	Tuesday	Wednesday afternoon
4	Tuesday Wednesday	n/a
5	Tuesday Wednesday	n/a

Records Update September 2021

To ensure we have up to date pupil records please return your child's completed form either by email or in an envelope marked the attention of the school office, if you have not already done so. *(A copy of this form can be found on our website under the heading "letter & forms")*.

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.

School Payments

The school on line payments system is working well and currently shows active payments for; dinners, breakfast club and fruit tuck.

If you are currently not using the School Gateway App on your phone, please download from the app store, which is free or visit the website www.schoolgateway.com and click on "New User". You will receive a text message with a pin number, please use this to login to School Gateway. If you require any further information, please contact Mrs. Pilkington or Mrs Ord.

Mr Caughter and the Team.