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**Newsletter/Cylchlythyr**

**Friday 3rd October 2025**

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**Headteacher’s Update**

Dear Parents, Carers and Families,

I hope this message finds you well. We have had a busy and productive start to the term, and I want to take a moment to share some highlights and updates from across the school.

Our pupils have settled back into routines with great enthusiasm, showing curiosity, kindness and resilience in their learning. It has been wonderful to see classrooms buzzing with energy, and I am especially proud of the way our children are supporting each other and living out our school values every day.

Staff have been working hard to provide engaging and meaningful learning opportunities, and we are already seeing exciting progress enhanced with visits to Greenfield Valley, the Maritime Museum and even a visit from the police!

 Alongside this, we continue to place a strong emphasis on well-being, ensuring every child feels happy, safe and ready to learn.

I would also like to thank you, our parents and carers, for your ongoing support. Strong partnerships between home and school are key to children’s success, and we value the time and commitment you give to working with us.

Looking ahead, we have a number of events planned this term, including parents’ evenings, harvest, Christmas Plays and fundraising events. We look forward to welcoming many of you into school to share in these experiences with us.

As always, if you have any questions or would like to discuss your child’s learning or well-being, please don’t hesitate to get in touch.

With warm regards,

Mr. P. Noon
Interim Headteacher

**Harvest Service 23rd October 10.00am**

We are still accepting donations for the Flintshire Foodbank. They have asked for the following items please:

Tinned vegetables

Tinned fruit

Custard

Tinned ready meals

Tinned fish

Long grain rice

Toilet roll

Shampoo

Rice pudding

Pasta sauce

It would be nice if you are able to donate items, that this is done in advance in order that we can decorate the Chapel for our service.

We would also like to invite parents / carers back for tea, coffee and cakes at school after the service, so will be asking for donations of cakes on the day and time in order to assist in the refreshments stall.

We have only had one parent volunteer so far, they will need a helper/ helpers if you are able to assist?

**Behaviour Policy**

We have recently reviewed our behaviour strategy and policy in school. It is on our website and clearly states expectations of pupils, adults in school and how parents can help. I have included them below. Please try to remember that even if emotions run high we still need to set an example and follow guidelines.

1. By recognising that an effective school behaviour policy requires close partnership between parents, teachers and children. Parents will be informed, so they can work with the child.
2. By discussing our School Rules and Expectations with their child, emphasising their support of them and assisting when possible with their enforcement.
3. By not encouraging their children to hit back but to report all incidents to an adult.
4. By attending Parents’ Evenings, parents’ functions and by developing informal contacts with school
5. By understanding that good learning and teaching cannot take place without good pupil behaviour from all.
6. By remembering that staff deal with behaviour problems patiently and positively, listening to all sides of the situation and acting fairly with knowledge of the facts.
7. Not discussing issues on social media or on group messaging apps.
8. Not approaching parents or pupils outside school, especially if they are not close friends.
9. By treating our staff with respect and kindness, remembering that we all share the common goal of helping and supporting your child on their learning journey.
10. By being a good role model by following school rules themselves.

**School Uniform**

We request that all children wear the uniform and we encourage them to maintain a good standard of clean and tidy dress in school. Our school colours are navy and yellow. Our school uniform is as follows:

• Navy Sweatshirt or navy cardigan with or without logo

• Yellow polo shirt with or without logo

• Navy trousers (not track suit bottoms or sports wear)

• Navy skirt

• Navy pinafore dress

• Sensible black or navy shoes **(not trainers)** For summer wear as above, or:

• Yellow/white striped or checked dress

• Navy shorts

• Hair accessories such as slides, ribbons, bobbles etc. should be fairly simple and if possible in school colours.

**PE Kit**

 For health and safety reasons it is important that children are properly dressed for any physical activity. Children come to school on the day of their PE lesson in their PE kit.

Our uniform for PE is as follows:

• Plain yellow t-shirt, no collar, with or without logo

• Navy shorts

• Trainers

• Navy/ black joggers

• Navy/ black jumper/jacket/hoody or school jumper in colder weather

• Long hair needs to be tied back in PE

**School Gateway**

If possible, could you download the School Gateway App, as it means that we can communicate with you free of charge. Every time we send a text to you, if you are not on the App, it costs school money. This money could go towards other resources for the school. Thank you for your help in this matter.

**Snack**

A healthy snack will be available each day for pupils in Nursery to Year 2 for the cost of 20p/£1.00 per week. Please pay at the beginning of each half term, in order that we have the funds to purchase snack.

This half term’s snack is £7.80 – for Nursery – Year 2

If you haven’t already paid, please pay as soon as possible. Many thanks.

Snack is being charged at pre 2007 prices of 20p per day still. In order for us to maintain this price, it is vital that it is paid at the beginning of each half term in order that Ms Rowe has the money to purchase it each week.

**School Website** - licswm.bcf.cymru

Please remember to check out the new school website, lots of information on there for you. Also, please keep following X (Twitter) and Facebook.

**Dosbarth Melyn**

PE for all Foundation Learners (Nursery, Reception, 1&2) is on a Wednesday and children should come in suitable footwear and PE kit.

A specific outdoor session for Nursery, Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 will be every Friday, so please ensure suitable clothes and footwear are worn.

 For the outdoor day, uniform does not need to be worn.

**Homes & Buildings topic**

Pupils are learning about all the different types of houses and buildings that we live in. This includes looking at dwellings from past and present.

Pupils in Reception visited Greenfield Valley Park this half term, to bring the topic alive. They were able to visit a house that used to stand in Lixwm, that was transported brick by brick to be re-erected at Greenfield in order to preserve it’s history for future generations

**Dosbarth Glas**

**Titanic topic**

Pupils in Year 3 – 6 are learning all about the Titanic in their topic this term.

In order to bring alive, the realities of ship wrecks they visited Holyhead Maritime Museum earlier this term. It also had the added advantage of revisiting their WW2 topic from last term with relics, artifacts and local history of how North Wales was affected during the war.

All pupils are enjoying their weekly drama sessions with Mrs McGowan, who has returned with her fun and exciting Thursday afternoons.

It is proving to be a very fun and busy term for all.

PE/ outdoor afternoon is every Friday, so please send pupils in their PE kit on this day

**School Lunches – Reception to Year 6 Pupils**

The new school meal ordering system is up and running. You are now able to order your child’s/children’s school dinner up to three weeks in advance on the School Gateway App. If it is a whole school trip then the only option available to you on that day will be packed lunches. If, however, it is just a year group then packed lunch will have to be ordered by notifying school by text or email. If your child is going to be late in, please ensure that you let us know before 9.30am. If you have pre-ordered and your child is absent from school, we will remove the dinner for that day.

W/c 6th we are on Week 3 of the menu.

**Attendance – 95% this year so far**

We are due a visit from our Education Welfare Officer. They are monitoring our attendance and punctuality. A polite reminder that children must be in school for 8.55am prompt.

If your child is unable to attend school due to illness, make sure the school office is informed at the earliest opportunity. Children do suffer from coughs and colds, however unless they are running a temperature they can still come into school. There is guidance on the NHS website if you are unsure. Children need to remain at home for 48 hours after the last episode of a tummy bug!

Late marks will be given to children where they have not arrived before registration. Please remember in an effort to maintain Welsh Government attendance recommendations any holiday requests must be submitted to the office for approval.

Please remember that holidays, where possible should be taken in school holidays, unless under exceptional circumstances.

**PE**

Wednesday morning for Nursery. Wednesday afternoon for Reception to Year 2.

Year 3-6 have PE/ outdoor lessons every Friday afternoon please ensure the children come to school in their PE kit with the appropriate footwear.

Please note that the office is not staffed full time. Ms Rowe works from 8.30am - 2.30pm. If it is urgent please leave a phone message as we will not pick up School Gateway until after school or the next day.

**Events & Trips**

13th October – Nursery ‘Stay and Play’

23rd October -Harvest Service at Chapel 10.00am – Parents and carers are welcome

24th October – LAFS Halloween party – please book with them directly

4th November – Parent’s Evening – more details to follow soon

14th November – Pennies for Pudsey – more details to follow

3rd December – Christmas Play performance 6pm

4th December – Christmas Play performance 10.30am and 6.00pm

18th December – Reception – Year 6 Sleeping Beauty Panto in Rhyl

15th April 2026 – Tempest School Photos

22nd – 24th April – Year 6 proposed London residential

29th April – 1st May – Year 4&5 proposed Plas Menai residential

2nd, 9th and 16th June – Year 3-6 swimming lessons – more details to follow

17th June – Year 6 Cycle Awareness training

**Breakfast Club**

Breakfast Club will be open from 8.00am to 8.15am for those who pay £1.50 per day, £7.50 per week, payable on School Gateway. Please pay in advance and state clearly the day the payment is for. The FREE Breakfast Club runs from 8.16am. Doors close at 8.30am. Please remember children are not permitted to bring their own food to Breakfast Club.

**LAFS – After school club**

Please support the club as much as possible. This is a much-needed service but their numbers are falling.

There will be more information on events to follow soon.

The weekly timetable is up on the office window and the activities are different each day.

Don’t forget our After-School Club runs Monday to Friday every week from 3.15pm – 6pm

Please book directly with them on lafsclubbookings@gmail.com