Newsletter 1 25th August 2023

Hello All,

I hope you are having a good summer.

Please see information below for September 2023:

**1] School Starts back on Monday 4th September**

Term calendar attached and information on our website

We are Llanfyllin Cluster when it lists the 5 INSET days.

**2] New topics in line with the new curriculum for Wales**

Autumn Term: Why am I so Special? (All about people)

Spring Term: Where has the time gone? (Inventions and discoveries) also the local Eisteddfod in May 2024

Summer Term: Why is it always raining? (Weather, climate...)

We are very excited about the new curriculum, the involvement the pupils have in their learning, the use of the local area and people.

**If you could help with these in any way, then please get in touch.**

**3] Logs** - Some of the large pieces will be used to create a seating area. As some of you have asked about the logs, the Friends will let you know during the first week back.

**4] Uniform** - Please see attached NEW policy

Uniform that has specifically been ordered will be available next Friday 1st September from 1-5pm at the school.

**5] PE kit** - please see attached NEW policy

Instead of the complete variety of clothes and their appropriateness for PE, the Governors felt it was best and cheapest to have one specific PE kit. We did have a white T-shirt and black or grey shorts / tracksuit bottoms, before covid. This was cheap to buy, and everyone looked very smart. The decision has been made to return to this.

**6] Start and finish times**

Please arrive between 8:50-9am. School finishes at 3:30pm as usual.

School starts promptly at 9am with the register. Please ensure we know by 9am if your child will not be attending due to illness / medical. The on-line registers are scrutinised by Powys.

**7] Security Fencing**

Having agreed this last October, we were told this will be put in during this holiday. Despite asking in July and telephoning during this holiday, there has not been any response. We will let you know when we know.

**8] School Menu - link below**

[School meals - Powys County Council](https://eur02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fen.powys.gov.uk%2Farticle%2F6733%2FSchool-meals&data=05%7C01%7Coffice%40meifod.powys.sch.uk%7C123bd057cec44d5d787308dba56971e0%7C4f3f0e52b734416494091b601d147993%7C0%7C0%7C638285644537086240%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=8y8HAR4o3iIOrYPf2BBvMnVRaDsu5fyJjxr939SJvNo%3D&reserved=0)

 All class 1 pupils (Rec years 1 & 2) can have free dinners - This is supposed to be extended to year 3 from September. Perhaps you know more than me about this as I have not had information through, but will check an send any information as soon as I get a response.

**9] Photographs**

These will be individual and family. They will be booked in so that you will have them in plenty of time before Christmas.

**10] Events**

We hope to have harvest at the church, a Christingle and Christmas Concert in the village hall. Other events will be advertised as soon as they are arranged.

**11] Meifod Show**

Meifod Show was a great success. The judge commented on the fantastic standard of handwriting and artwork from the school. Well done to everyone. Class 1 won the heaviest potato in a bucket!

**11] Sporting events / Trips**

This term we begin with Tag Rugby (Class 3). This will be on Wednesday 13th of September at our local club (COBRA) starting about 9:30am. Swimming will be arranged soon as will other trips. We are delighted to say that we have been awarded free tickets to Chester Zoo, in the spring.

**12] Village Hall**

The hall floor has been re-surfaced over the holidays. Work has begun on a small extension to the backroom.

**Next News**

We will meet next Friday (1st September) as a staff for training and finalise setting up for the term. We will send you any further updates after that.

Have a great and hopefully sunny, last week of the holidays,

Arwyn Jones

Headteacher