31 January 2019

Dear Parent

Happy New Year! It is lovely to see that the pupils have returned to school full of enthusiasm and have already been busy working on their new themes. The Foundation Phase are looking at ‘On the Farm’ whilst Key stage 2 have a focus on ‘Cymru Fach – Wales’.

It is an exciting time in education at the moment with the new ‘Curriculum for Wales’ being developed. The purpose of the new curriculum is to support our children and young people to be:

* ambitious, capable learners, ready to learn throughout their lives
* enterprising, creative contributors, ready to play a full part in life and work
* ethical, informed citizens of Wales and the world
* healthy, confident individuals, ready to lead fulfilling lives as valued members of society.

The new curriculum is being developed for settings and schools in Wales. It will be available by April 2019 for feedback with a final version available in January 2020. The curriculum will be used throughout Wales by 2022.

We have already started talking to the pupils about their learning; focusing on what they would like to learn and how they think they learn best and will be developing our approaches as the new curriculum evolves.

**Swimming Success**

On Saturday 26 January, Lucy Beamond represented Ysgol Dyffryn Trannon and Maldwyn at the Urdd National Swimming Gala Finals in Cardiff. Lucy swam brilliantly and came 1st place in both the front crawl and backstroke. We are very proud of her achievement!

**Mês Bach**

Congratulations to Cylch Meithrin Mês Bach on their recent Estyn Inspection. A huge success and thanks to all involved in ensuring a positive outcome.

**Adverse Weather / Utility failure**

On the occasions where we experience adverse weather or a utility failure, we will always aim to notify Parents/Carers as soon as possible. This will be done through:

* Powys County Council school closure notification

<https://en.powys.gov.uk/schoolclosuress>

* Ysgol Dyffryn Trannon website

[www.dyffryntrannon.powys.sch.ukk](http://www.dyffryntrannon.powys.sch.ukk)

* Ysgol Dyffryn Trannon Facebook page

Please be aware that if school transport does not run and you bring your child to school then it is Parents responsibility to collect at the end of the day. Thank you.

**Healthy Snack**

We encourage children to bring a snack to school for morning break. Please remember to send only a small portion of fresh fruit or vegetables; brunch bars, yoghurt raisins and such like are not permitted. In addition, we encourage the pupils to drink regularly throughout the day. Pupils should have water only in their bottles in class time, no squash / flavoured water please. Thank you for your cooperation.

**Dates for the diary**

01.02.19 Indoor Athletics (not all pupils)

08.02.19 Internet Safety Day

12.02.19 Individual Photos

 KS2 Cross Country (not all pupils)

21.02.19 Urdd Dance Eisteddfod (1st round) at Trefeglwys

22.02.19 School finishes for half term

04.03.19 Back to school

08.03.19 St David’s Day celebration

11.03.19 Parents’ Evening

12.03.19 Parents’ Evening

11-15.03.19 Science Week

15.03.19 Red Nose Day

16.03.19 Urdd Eisteddfod (1st round) at Newtown High School

26.03.19 Urdd Dance Eisteddfod (2nd round) at The Hafren Theatre, Newtown

30.03.19 Urdd Eisteddfod (2nd round) at Newtown High School

09.04.19 Yr 3&4 Tennis at Llanidloes Tennis Club

11.04.19 School finishes for Easter

12.04.19 INSET Day

29.04.19 Back to school

Finally, if you have any concerns regarding your child’s education, please do not hesitate to contact your child’s class teacher in the first instance or myself, to arrange an appointment. Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Caroline Harries

Headteacher