September 2019 – Newsletter 1

Dear Parent / Carer

**Welcome back!**

We hope that you all had an enjoyable summer and that the children are ready for the busy term ahead. We welcome our new pupils to our Reception class and are amazed at how well they appear to have settled in! A warm welcome is extended to Parents too!

**Staff**

We welcome Miss Becca Hill to the staff. Miss Hill joins us every morning to teach English medium Foundation Phase. The main structure of teaching staff remains the same however and as before, staff may team teach for some of the time in order to teach to strengths and across key stages.

Yrs 5 & 6 Welsh medium Mrs G Owen

Yrs 3 & 4 Welsh medium Mrs S Richards

Yrs 3, 4, 5 & 6 English medium Mrs J Davies

Yrs 1 & 2 Welsh medium Miss R Owen

Rec & Yr 1 Welsh medium Mrs B Jones

English medium Foundation Phase Miss B Hill

PPA Cover **-** Miss L Jones, Miss B Hill, Mrs C Harries and Mrs M Williams (HLTA)

Teaching Assistants

Mrs M Williams (HLTA), Miss C Pughe, Mrs D Pughe, Miss A Foulkes, Miss C Morgan, Mrs N Macken

**Attendance**

Our attendance continues to be monitored by Education Welfare Officer (EWO). Please make every effort to arrange all appointments either after school or during the school holiday. Holidays during term time are discouraged. If however, you intend taking your child during this time, please ensure that a holiday request form is completed and returned at least one week prior to the holiday. Forms are available from the school office.

**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.

**PE kits and Bags**

Please could all pupils be sent with a PE/Games kit which can be kept in school for the half term. It is particularly important that KS2 pupils have trainers so that they can go outside for their lessons. PE/Games kit needs to be labelled please.

Since the beginning of term, we have noticed that some pupils come to school with very large rucksacks. Ideally, we ask that pupils have a bookbag for their books and to take home letters and fliers etc.

**Thanks**

Over the summer, the music room has been developed into a room used to support individuals and small groups in a variety of aspects from academic to personal and social support. This room is called ‘Y Cwtsh’. A big thank you to **Hafren Furnishers** who kindly donated a sofa so that the children can be comfortable in the environment. A lovely gesture which is very much appreciated.

**Parent/Carers Group**

The governing body are keen to promote the school within the local community and surrounding areas. In order to do so, we are keen to form a group made up of governors, staff, parents / carers. If you are interested in being involved in any way or have expertise to share, please could you let Miss Tracy know in the school office. Diolch.

**Dates for the diary**

03.10.19 Llanidloes High School Open Evening

05.10.19 Eisteddfod Trefeglwys

07.10.19 Gymnastics competition (pupils involved will receive further information)

08.10.19 Years 1&2 Ball Skills, Llanidloes High School

09.10.19 Year 6 Team building Day – Llanidloes High School

14.10.19 Urdd Football (pupils involved will receive further information)

21.10.19 Parents’ Evening

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22.10.19 Harvest Festival at St Michael Church – 1.30pm

25.10.19 School finishes for half term

**HALF TERM 28.10.19 – 01.11.19**

04.11.19 INSET (non-pupil day)

06.11.19 Swimming Gala (pupils involved will receive further information)

08.11.19 Cycle Proficiency – Year 6

11.11.19 Nasal Flu vaccinations (more info when available)

15.11.19 Cycle Proficiency – Year 6

21-22.11.19 Year 5&6 London Trip

20.12.19 School finishes for Christmas

06.01.20 INSET (non-pupil day)

\*Dates for *Christmas celebrations – to be confirmed*

**Contact Details**

Please remember to update your contact details with Mrs Tracy Jones in the office. We should have an updated address, mobile and/or landline number etc.

Finally, if you have any concerns regarding your child’s education, please do not hesitate to contact the school. Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Caroline Harries

Headteacher