**Spring Term Newsletter – January 2020**

Dear Parents

Happy new year to you all and a warm welcome back to a new year and a new term.

**Staffing**

We welcome Mrs Emma Baker Davies back after her maternity leave as leader of Mês Bach pre-school in the mornings and foundation phase classroom assistant in the afternoons. Also, to Mrs Sara Parry-Morgans who returns as a class teacher in the Welsh stream teaching Year 1 & 2 on a Monday to Thursday and to Miss Leanne Jones who will be teaching the class on a Friday. A warm welcome to you all.

**Half Term Attendance 5.11.19 – 20.12.19**

Whole school: 93.77%

Best class: Miss B Hill – 100%

Best year group: Year 4 - 94.95%

Pupils 100%: 48.38%

**Autumn Term Attendance 3.9.19 – 20.12.19**

Whole school: 94.42%

Best class: Miss B Hill – 99.41%

Best year group: Year 4 – 95.68%

Pupils 100%: 25.96%

**Late Registration**

In line with the school’s attendance policy and the LA’s Attendance Pathway, the school will have a new

system as from **Monday 13th of January 2020** for all pupils that arrive at the school after the official

starting time. The school’s starting time is 08:55 and the gate is locked at this time. All pupils that arrive

later than 08:55 need to come to the school’s main entrance, assisted by their parent / guardian.  The

parent will need to sign a **‘Late Book’** giving reasons as to why their child is late arriving at school.

The records will be monitored regularly by the Leadership Team.

**ParentPay**

Please can you ensure that you are up to date with your school lunch and trip payments as the school have an

outstanding balance. Any issues with ParentPay please contact [www.parentpay.com](http://www.parentpay.com)

**Dates for the diary:**

January 25th – Urdd National Swimming Gala – Cardiff

January 27th – Urdd County Football – Latham Park, Newtown

January 31st - Year 3 - 6 Indoor athletics Team, Maldwyn Leisure Centre

February 10th & 11th – Parents Evenings

February 12th - Year 3 - 6 Cross Country Teams, Dolerw Park, Newtown

*Half Term: February 17th - February 21st*

March 5th – Urdd Area Dance – Trefeglwys Village Hall

March 9th – 13th – Science Week

March 14th – Urdd Area Eisteddfod – Newtown High School

March 24th – Urdd County Dance – Theatr Hafren

March 28th – Urdd County Eisteddfod – Newtown High School

April 3rd – Powys Primary Schools Cross Country – Builth Wells

April 3rd – School closes

*April 6th – 17th – Easter Holidays*

April 20th – INSET: Non-pupil day

April 21st – School open for pupils

**HWB**

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If you have any questions or queries please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Thank you,

Mrs S Richards

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As Chair of the governing body, it is with delight that I officially inform you that Mrs Siân Richards is pregnant with twins. This is exciting news for Mr and Mrs Richards and their families. The governors will follow relevant recruitment processes to ensure teaching cover for Mrs Richards’ Maternity Absence.

Diolch yn fawr,

A Thomas