



# Builth Wells County Primary School

## October 2020 Newsletter

We have been back at school for a month and have now settled into the new routines. The children are coping extremely well and have made a good start in their new classes. It would seem timely to remind you of a few things and share some general school news.

### Staff News

I would like to extend a warm welcome to our new clerical assistant, Mrs Helen Carter, who has made an excellent start to life at Builth Primary School. Mrs Sarah James is still here but now working from Monday to Wednesday.

Mrs Joseph-Morgan teaches Dosbarth Gwy on a Wednesday to release Mrs Michelle Davies to undertake her leadership responsibilities as Deputy Headteacher.

Similarly, Miss Jasmin Penfold-Smith is teaching Dosbarth Llyn Tegid to enable Mrs Rachel Jones to have time to focus on ALN matters. Miss Penfold-Smith is no stranger to the class, having covered during Mrs Jones's absence last autumn.

All teachers are entitled to time for PPA (Preparation, Planning and Assessment). Your child's class will be taught for up to half a day each week by another member of staff. This is usually for creative activities or P.E.

### Communication with Class Teachers

If you need to speak to your child's class teacher and you don't get an opportunity to speak face-to-face, please phone or email the school office. We will pass on a message and they will try to contact you at a mutually convenient time.

Although teachers shared their direct email addresses during lockdown when they were working more flexible hours, we have now reverted to our usual communication channels which fit in with the normal school day.

### Covid-19 Update

If you need to notify us of the result of a covid test, please email the dedicated address: [covid@builth.powys.sch.uk](mailto:covid@builth.powys.sch.uk)

This address is being monitored during evenings and at weekends by the senior leadership team so we can respond in a timely manner. We will be able to confirm when

your child can return to school if the result is negative. We can also put our action plan in place if we get notified of a positive test and take the necessary measures to protect the wider school community.

If anyone in the family develops symptoms during the school day, please collect your child from school a.s.a.p.

### **Arrival Times**

Please remember your child has been given a 10-minute drop-off slot in the morning. If you arrive within this time slot you won't have to wait in the queue outside.

Staff start supervising outside the main gate from 8.35 a.m. Please don't drop your child off before this time. If you need to get to work earlier than this, please consider booking your child in to Clwb Bore Da.

### **Medication at School**

If your child needs to take medication at school, such as using an asthma inhaler or completing a course of antibiotics, you must send us a formal request by email and hand-in the medication to the school office. Children must not bring any form of medication to school with them.

### **Fruit Snacks & Drinks**

Please remember to send a piece of fruit to school with your child for snack-time after morning break. It must be a piece of fruit and not a cereal bar or yoghurt. All children must also bring a drink as there is no access to water-fountains.

### **Coats, Wellies & P.E. Kits**

Please make sure your child has a coat and wears warm clothing on P.E. days, not just shorts and T-Shirts please! A pair of wellies for outdoor learning would also be helpful.

### **Clwb Bore Da**



Clwb Bore Da is now open from 8.00 a.m. until the school gates open at 8.40 a.m. Children can come for a free breakfast, do puzzles, play games, draw pictures and chat to classmates before school starts. They sit in socially-distanced class groups.

We ask for £1.50 per child per session to help towards the costs of staffing the club as we open before 8.15 a.m. Numbers are limited and places must be booked at least 24 hours in advance.

## Busy Bees



Busy Bees is open from 3.25-5.30 p.m. Monday to Friday.

£6.50 / child & £5.50 for siblings per session. We have to plan staffing arrangements very carefully for each session, keeping strictly to limited numbers and a 1:8 ratio. Like Clwb Bore Da, we

have to keep children seated in their class groups for much of the session as we cannot allow class groups to mix. It is not the same experience as we would normally provide at Busy Bees, nor is it the same as Holiday Club, but with school open as well it is the only safe way we can assist with child care at the moment. That said, we are trying to provide some time outdoors if possible and we are also able to play movies. Please help us to plan by giving us plenty of notice if you want your child to attend or if you need to cancel.

## The Friends of BUILT Primary School

Mrs Vicki Morris has once again been elected as Chair and we have some new faces on the committee. Last year, the Friends helped us to purchase 18 laptops for pupils and helped pay for the lease for the interactive Clevertouch boards in KS2 classes. They arranged an excellent range of activities and events, notably Treat Fridays, Mother's Day gifts, Roberts Recycling (over £400 raised already!) and the Halloween Disco.

This year, although we can't have a Halloween Disco, we are running the **PUMPKIN-CARVING COMPETITION** again! So, start looking for design ideas because the School Council will soon be in touch with details of how you can enter and win fab prizes!



## The 100 Club

Simply set-up a direct debit or standing order to The Friends for an annual fee of £10 and you can be entered into the draw held at Christmas and in the summer. You could win up to £50! Please see the form sent with this newsletter for more information.

We are raising money to improve the Outdoor Learning facilities this year.

Kind Regards,

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Headteacher



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