



The ABC Guide to joining Llangynidr Primary School

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	<p>Absences Please call the office if your child is absent: 01874 730681. If no one is available to take your call please leave a message. A whole school absence register is taken each day to check for unexplained absences. We will contact you to check your child's wellbeing if we have not received a message. We use an electronic registration system. Children who arrive after 9.10 a.m. will be recorded as late.</p>
	<p>Breakfast club Runs 8.15 – 8.50. Breakfast clubs in Wales are funded by the Welsh Assembly. See Mrs Tracy Jones (Breakfast Club Leader) for more details.</p> <p>Break times Morning break is at 10.45 a.m. Please bring a piece of fruit (no nuts). Afternoon break for Infant classes is at 2.30 p.m. Infant children are provided with free milk. Children can also bring drinks for break times – please make sure all bottles and bags are labelled.</p> <p>Buses Talybont bus leaves Talybont post office at 8.30 a.m. Returns 3.45 p.m. Bwlch bus leaves 8.40 a.m. from the Gate Shop and 8.45 a.m. from the Old Post Office. Returns 3.45 p.m. to the Old Post Office and 3.50 p.m. to the Gate Shop. Dyffryn bus leaves 7.55 a.m. from the farthest end of the valley and returns by 4.05 p.m. to the same point. Cwmdu bus</p>
	<p>Coats Children need a coat, with a hood, every day. We try to go out as often as possible. Have a label in it please.</p> <p>Collection Pick up children at 3.30 p.m. from classroom doors for Infants and from the Infant playground for Juniors. Let us know if someone different is collecting them or they are going home with another parent. We require written authorisation from parents for children to walk home on their own. Our Safe Collection policy is available for you to read on the website.</p> <p>Contacts Office: 01874 730681. Email: office@llangynidr.powys.sch.uk or Mrs. Lewis email: jlewis@llangynidr.powys.sch.uk The office is only staffed part time so please leave a message on the answer phone if no one takes your call. If it's really urgent, please keep trying to call. Our School Secretary, Akemi, is usually in the office every afternoon though this is sometimes subject to rearrangement.</p> <p>Curriculum Cymraeg The school staff are responsible for teaching Welsh with support from the LEA. There are plenty of opportunities to speak Welsh throughout the rest of the week.</p>
	<p>Dinner Money £2.10 per day. Payable on Monday. Please place in an envelope with your child's name, class and indication of the days that dinner(s) is required. School menus run for six months.</p> <p>Drop off Between 8.50 a.m. and 9.00 a.m. Except in bad weather, Infant and Junior children are supervised on their respective playgrounds and admitted to class at 9.00 a.m. All parents are requested to ensure that children do not enter the car parking area unaccompanied. Junior children who walk to school independently should enter via the pedestrian gate alongside the gas tank and follow the surface marked route to pass around the rear of the school buildings.</p>
	<p>Eggs (not applicable at the moment due to building work) We have 3 school hens who lay daily. Slips are sent home termly for you to order some. £1 for 4. The children help to look after them and all money raised goes towards the upkeep of the hens.</p>
	<p>Friends of Llangynidr School The Friends do an amazing job of supporting and fundraising for the school. Friends meet one evening each half term. They are always looking for new members and/or help & ideas. Dates of meetings are circulated through the school email list and on posters at the school. Contact Anna Davies or Helen</p>

	<p>O'Sullivan secretaries at tipatoesdavies@yahoo.co.uk or helenprice02@hotmail.com or access the Friend's website, www.friendsoflangynidrschool.co.uk.</p> <p>Fruit Children are encouraged to eat fruit at morning break which they can bring with them or purchase from the school kitchen (30p). Fruit juice is also available (25p).</p>
	<p>Gates The side gates are locked after 9.00 a.m. and opened at 3.20 p.m. If you need to access school between these times, please use the pedestrian front gate and report to the office.</p>
	<p>Headlice Please check frequently and if you do find them, please let your child's class teacher know in confidence. Copies of a helpful leaflet produced by the Welsh Assembly explaining how to treat and recognise headlice are available from school or via the website (<i>documents folder: guidance for parents</i>).</p> <p>Holidays A calendar of term dates is on the website. It is very important that children are present in school and that they do not miss out in their learning through absence. Where it is not possible for families to take holiday during school closure periods the school will class absences as unauthorised in compliance with Local Authority guidelines.</p> <p>Homework Regular reading is recommended. Try to establish a routine with your child that is fun and enjoyable. Practice with phonics, high frequency words and numbers is important for Infants as well. Little and often is the best way and you will be provided with focused tasks to share with your child. Juniors are set weekly homework which reinforces and/or extends learning in class.</p>
	<p>Internet Children do have access to the internet in school. All computers are safeguarded by the Powys Firewall for their protection. Your consent for children to make supervised use of the internet is contained in the general permission slips we ask you to sign when your child starts school. These permissions are reissued each September to renew your consent. Learning about e-safety is part of the curriculum in school.</p>
	<p>Jumpers (and cardigans) They all look the same and do get lost! Please clearly label and if they do stray, there is a lost property box in the school office. Uniform that children have grown out of can be recycled through a re-sale box which is also located in the office with a donation tin.</p>
	<p>Kits See swimming and PE sections.</p>
	<p>Labels If it comes off, label it! Plenty of websites provide sew-in or quick iron in ones. Permanent markers work but can tend to fade so please check on items to ensure that handwritten labels are still legible.</p> <p>Letters home As part of our status as an ECO school we email communication where possible. Letters which include permission slips are sent home by pupil post to oldest or only children (please check your child's book bag). Letters are also posted on the website. Paper copies are held in the office – just ask if you need a replacement. It is important that relevant permission slips are returned as children will only be allowed to participate in events when we have received signed consent.</p> <p>Lunch Boxes Stored in cloakrooms, classroom trolleys or the school hall. Please also label (there is a theme here!).</p>
	<p>Money Always in a sealed envelope, marked with name and brief explanation of what it is. Children give to the class teacher on arrival in school.</p>
	<p>Non Uniform Friday Last Friday of every month. Children come in own clothes (that you don't mind getting a bit messy) and bring 50p. 50p is collected by School Council members and they decide how to spend the funds.</p> <p>Nuts Llangynidr is a nut free school. Please check ALL food sent in.</p>
	<p>Overalls We have painting aprons, but clothes can still get a bit messy. School paints are washable but it is worth soaking garments in cold water and/or rubbing in soap/stain remover before machine washing.</p>
	<p>Parents Evening Parent consultations are held every autumn and spring term and include a written summary of progress. An annual report is sent out towards the end of the summer term.</p>

	<p>Parent Helpers Yes please. Always appreciated. Have a word with your child's Class Teacher if you have time, energy, skills or enthusiasm to offer. Several extra-curricular clubs are very successfully run by parents, giving children the chance to work with other adults who also find this involvement very rewarding. Parents also frequently accompany trips. In line with our safeguarding policy, all regular parent volunteers undergo appropriate CRB checks.</p> <p>Physical Education/ PE Kit needs to be in school every day, in a PE bag, on your child's coat peg. This includes shorts, t-shirt, trainers/pumps & bobbles for long hair. The school has its own PE uniform which can be ordered from the office.</p> <p>Problems To quote a phone company, "...it's good to talk!" Staff are on duty on both playgrounds at the start of the day and are available to answer questions and receive updates about your child or snippets of information you may wish to pass on. Morning duties however, are brief and very busy for staff, so please feel welcome to speak with staff at the end of the day if you are able. If you are not around at drop-off or collection or would like an opportunity to discuss matters in detail please contact the office by letter, email or phone to request an appointment. If we have concerns about your child's wellbeing or progress we will contact you to discuss these as soon as possible.</p>
	<p>Queries We've tried to think of everything, but for anything else just get in touch!</p>
	<p>Reading bags In school, every day, with reading book and home reading record. Children read daily but not always out of their home reading book or to their Class Teacher. Books for independent/home reading are changed regularly. We try to encourage self choice, so don't worry if your child uses the bus – we'll guide them to choose their own.</p>
	<p>Socks Spare pair in PE bag please. Wellingtons and rain often leads to soggy socks.</p> <p>Story Sacks Are designed to assist emergent reading and are intended for parents to share with children.</p> <p>Sunshine If it's hot, sunhats and suntan lotion please. Again, labelled.</p> <p>Swimming All children in the school have swimming sessions run by trained instructors at Brecon Leisure Centre. The annual swimming timetable is posted on the school website once agreed with the centre. Children need a swimming costume & towel in a swimming bag on swimming day. Please note girl's costumes should be one-piece and boy's should be above the knee. Early swimming lessons take place in the beginner's pool and are very much about developing water confidence. Children are carefully supervised and never go out of their depth without a swimming aid provided by the leisure centre. There is a charge of £2.00 per session to cover transport costs.</p>
	<p>Teams / Houses Every child is a member of a House team (Blue, Green, Red, Yellow). Teams compete in our annual Eisteddfod in March and on Sports Day in the summer term.</p> <p>Toys Try not to bring toys from home in please as they tend to get broken and lost.</p> <p>Trays Each child has their own tray to store books, drawings etc in. They do get full, so we try to encourage them to take things home as often as possible.</p>
	<p>Underwear We have spare in school for Infant children, but not a lot. It's a nice idea to have a spare pair in their PE bag just in case.</p> <p>Uniform All children need to wear uniform. This can be ordered from the office or by using the uniform order from the website and dropping it into us. Second-hand uniform is also available (see jumpers above).</p>
	<p>Vegetarians/Vegans Let us know if your child is vegetarian or vegan or has any other dietary requirements. Powys Catering have separate menu choices.</p>
	<p>Website The school website is www.llangynidr.powys.sch.uk It is a basic site but we do keep it up to date with information so please refer to it if you need to check</p>

