



Summer Term Newsletter 2020

It has been a surreal time in school since the end of March. The staff have enjoyed seeing the pupils' home learning work in their Hwb files and were pleased to see the pupils in virtual meetings via Teams! It was lovely to see some of the pupils back for our Check-in & Catch-up sessions, they were so sensible and responsible - quite a resilient lot!

Leavers 2020

This term we say a fond farewell to our Year 6 pupils. This is the first time we have not been able to give a year 6 class the send-off they deserve. However, we wish them the best of luck for Cwmtawe and we know they will love it. Friends of Rhos bought the pupils in Y6 Leavers books so they can collect their memories of their time in school. Pob lwc Y6!

Friends of Rhos

A huge **THANK YOU** to Friends of Rhos, who generously gave us the funds to purchase lockers for our junior building. They look fantastic and I'm sure the pupils will love using them from September. They also provided funds to purchase garden screening for the foundation phase wildlife area, enabling us to maximise our outdoor learning space.

Staffing

From September, Miss Ashton has been fortunate enough to acquire a temporary sabbatical position to learn Welsh. This means that she will reprise her teaching responsibilities temporarily for the whole of the next academic year. We would like to congratulate her on this wonderful opportunity and wish her the very best - pob lwc Miss Ashton!

It is with pleasure that I would like to welcome Mr. Hanford to our school. He will fulfil the position of class teacher in Miss Ashton's absence. From September the class structure will be :

Nursery - Miss James

Rec/Y1 - Mrs Jones

Y1/Y2 - Mrs Chick

Y3/Y4 - Mrs Cooper

Y4/Y5 - Mr. Hanford

Y5/Y6 - Miss Cox.

We are also saying a fond farewell to Mr. Cockings who will be leaving us at the end of this term. I would like to thank him for all his hard work and commitment to the school and know that the staff and pupils will miss him greatly but wish him all the very best for the future.



Reports

We appreciate it's difficult to give an overview of the children's attainments and achievements, as they have not been attending full time school since March 2020, however we felt that it is important that you receive an update on your child's progress as best we can. End of year reports will be sent out shortly and you will receive a text to let your child know whose class they will be in from September.

Plans for September

Initial guidance from Welsh Government has indicated that from September the following procedures need to be implemented; this may be subject to change if we receive further information;

- One way systems to remain in place
- Handwashing, respiratory & hygiene routines will continue
- Pupils will be kept in 'bubbles' which will be their class and they will be able to mix within that bubble only, however staff will still need to adhere to the 2m social distancing rule where possible
- We will continue to follow WG guidance on isolation of outbreaks and Tracing systems
- Sept 1st & 2nd the school will be closed to pupils for re-purposing procedures
- From 3rd September pupils will return to school on a phased return (more details to follow)
- Staggered start and finish time will continue (more details to follow)
- Full-time pupils will all be expected to be back in school full time from September 14th
- Pupils will be expected to wear school uniform from September
- There will be no Breakfast Club or After school club provision for the time being
- Details regarding snack/lunch will be confirmed at a later date.

As we get more information we will update you, we appreciate this is a difficult time for all and thank you for your cooperation and patience.

May I take the opportunity to wish you a relaxing Summer holiday, and I look forward to seeing you all in September.



Mrs S. C. Cole