



Spring Newsletter 2 – 26th March 2021

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Spring Term Reflections

It's been another "different" term for everyone but a successful one which has ended well in recent weeks with all children back to school safely. We are constantly amazed and proud of the children's resilience and flexibility and are so pleased that they have been so settled and happy on their return to school. The Governing Body would also like to express their gratitude to all of the staff here at Glan Llyn who have worked tirelessly this term to keep children engaged and learning. To all parents and carers, a huge thank you as always for your continued support.

School is now closed for two weeks and we return to school on Monday 12th April. We hope that all families have a safe and enjoyable Easter break.

Summer Term Activities

We are hoping to make the most of the summer weather to undertake many educational activities in the outdoors next term. It is hoped that some form of Sports Day will be able to take place although we are not sure as yet whether we will be permitted to invite you to enjoy this with us as this will depend on restrictions and operational guidance.

With the support of the school's health and safety officer, we have completed a local risk assessment which will allow staff to take children offsite in the local area. Most parents/carers have already given consent for these local visits via their original admissions form but staff will be checking these after Easter and may contact you to confirm that you agree to your child undertaking local walks in Glan Llyn during the school day.

Classes

During the first week after Easter, both Mrs Harris and Mrs King will work together to ensure a smooth handover for Reception pupils prior to Mrs King working from home. Similarly, Miss McKay and Ms Shohid will work together that week to ensure a smooth handover for Year 1 pupils.

Both Mrs King and Ms Shohid will then revert to supporting children and staff from home. Mrs King will also continue in her role as Deputy Headteacher (from a distance) until her maternity leave starts in July.

Progress in Reading

On the return to school last September, we identified that children needed additional support to accelerate their progress in reading. Following the purchase of more reading books and online subscriptions, alongside allocating additional support for identified vulnerable pupils, I am pleased to report that we have seen very strong progress in reading attainment across the school. A huge well done to everyone who has supported this drive. The hard work will continue so please keep up your marvellous efforts!

Improving Spelling and Numeracy

Our new focus for development for the remainder of the school year and into the Autumn will be to improve standards in spelling and numeracy. Children are already up and running with Spelling Shed and report to me that they are enjoying it. We will be developing the teaching of specific spelling strategies over the summer term. Additionally, we have identified that whilst the children are developing their skills well in Maths, they would benefit from improving the speed in which they recall basic number facts to support their mental fluency and accuracy when calculating. Next term, I have arranged to introduce a new initiative to the children to develop this rapid recall of facts and will update you further after Easter.

Diary Dates Spring/Summer

Friday 26th March – Last day of term

Monday 29th March – Friday 9th April Easter Holidays

Monday 12th April – Return to school
W/C 26th April Parent-Teacher Reflections

Monday 3rd May – Bank Holiday (school closed)

Thursday 6th May – INSET Day 3
(School used as a polling station)
Friday 7th May – INSET Day 4

Monday 31st May – Friday 4th June May Half-Term

Friday 16th July – Last day of term

Monday 19th July – INSET Day 5
Tuesday 20th July – INSET Day 6

Thursday 2nd September 2021 – First day of new
school year

INSET/Closure Days

A reminder of our remaining closure days
for this academic year as follows:

Bank Holiday: Monday 3rd May 2021

INSET 3: Thursday 6th May 2021

INSET 4: Friday 7th May 2021

INSET 5: Monday 19th July 2021

INSET 6: Tuesday 20th July 2021

School will be closed to pupils on these
days.

Polling Station

For the first time, our school building will
be used as a polling station for elections in
May. This week, I have met with the
electoral team to ensure robust risk
assessments are in place for the community.
To minimise risks further, this is the reason
we have allocated INSET days on the 6th
and 7th May.

This may mean that children will be
accompanying parents to vote on this day.

Please remember to adhere to social
distancing measures when attending the site
and avoid crossing bubbles in order to keep
community transmission low.

Punctuality

We have been flexible in regards to arrival times for
children as we ask that children do not arrive in school
earlier than necessary to avoid congestion. A five-minute
buffer time should be sufficient at present for all classes
to filter into the building for registration. Any children
who are late for school outside of this buffer still need to
be signed in at the office with reasons given.

Uniform

Again, we have been flexible with uniform this term due
to shops being closed but when you are able to start
shopping again soon, a polite reminder that only plain
black shoes should be bought as part of school uniform.
Navy gingham summer dresses can also be worn or navy
shorts if preferred.

Health and Safety

Thank you to everyone who has worked hard to
follow the health and safety measures in place to
protect the community. This is helping to ensure that
we keep our children in school with their friends and
minimises any disruption to their education.

Please remember that children should not attend
school if they or any member of their household has
any of the symptoms of coronavirus. Please call or
email the school if you have any queries as to
whether your child should attend.

We do still need to ask a minority of parents to
please remember to wear their face coverings and
maintain a 2m distance on the school site and in the
area surrounding the gates. Additionally, can we
please remind families that current restrictions mean
that children and adults should not be entering the
houses of others during these times, regardless of
class bubbles in school.

Parent-Teacher Reflections

W/C 26th April

We feel that parents and carers have had
strong two-way communication with staff this
term and have supported children extremely
well with their remote learning. As such, we
have renamed our “parent consultations” to
become joint reflections and hope that these
strong working relationships will continue to
develop post-Covid.

We will hold reflection meetings via telephone
in the week commencing 26th April. After
Easter, teachers will indicate the days that
they will be holding these and we will send
you a link to book online from 16th April.

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