

GARNTEG PRIMARY



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Lythys - Newsletter - 11<sup>th</sup> September 2020

This half term our value is "perseverance"



Dear Parent/Carer,

Annwyl Rhieni

A huge welcome back to all our children, we are delighted to welcome all our pupils back into school, it has been a very successful week.

Our newsletter will continue online via all previous communication channels, school website, twitter, class dojo.

### Important Dates for your diary

Inset Days for this academic year 2020-2021

October 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> 2020

January 4<sup>th</sup> 2021

July 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> 2021

### Nursery Admissions

Closing date for Nursery Admissions for September 2021 is Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October

## St Albans - Year 7 Admissions - September 2021

Applications are now open for Year 7 September 2021 and are available on St Albans School website. Any queries please contact the school on 01495 765800

### Important information

#### Covid Symptoms

Would all parents/carers please be aware of the symptoms of Covid;

We ask all parents and carers to keep the school informed of any changes to your family's medical state. If someone in your household has a confirmed case and they may have been in contact with others in school, those in their class / group and whoever they may have come into contact with will be sent home and asked to self-isolate for 10 days. The other household members of that class or group do not need to self-isolate unless the child or staff member develops symptoms.

Children are not a major risk group of the COVID-19 disease and seem to play a less important role from the transmission point of view. The negative effects of not going to school must be weighed against the possible positive indirect effects it might have on the mitigation of the COVID-19 pandemic. In addition, measures can and are being put in place in schools to minimise the risks to children and adults.

#### Torfaen CBC information for parents

<https://www.torfaen.gov.uk/en/AboutTheCouncil/HomepageStories/Coronavirus/Education/Return-to-School-FAQs.aspx>

#### Collection at the gates at the end of day **no early arrivals please !**

Staggered activities including lunch and break times to reduce the number of people in shared spaces including around school **entrances** and **exits** have been put into place. Please be reminded to only pick up and drop off your children at the **specified times given not earlier** as and a reminder that only **one parent** needs to bring children to school meeting other friends and family at the gates is not allowed it is a drop off only for safety of all the community. Once children have been collected please move from the gates so other families can collect in a safe manner. In order to adhere to social distancing measures.

#### Breakfast Club

We will be offering Breakfast Club to registered children from **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> of September** at two staggered times of entry. Only children registered for Breakfast Club will be met by a member of staff at the drop-off zone at main gates of school.

- For registered children **only** whose current start times are either 8:40am or 8:50am then they will need to arrive for the **first sitting at 8.20am**. Pupils will not be given access to the first sitting after 8.30am.

- For registered children **only** whose current start times are either 9:00am or 9:10am then they will need to arrive for the **second sitting at 8.45am**. Pupils will not be given access to the first sitting after 8.55am.

### Photos on Social Media Data Protection

Would parents/carers please be aware when posting photographs of your children on Social Media that the photograph does not include images of other children and adults who you do not have permission to upload.

### Car Seat Safety

Children up to the age of 12 should legally use a car seat or booster cushion; in the interest of safety, please ensure all children use a car seat or booster cushion when being transported to and from school.

### Nursery Pupils

Please would parents/carers ensure that morning nursery pupils are collected at the **end** of the session at the **bottom gate** and that afternoon nursery pupils are dropped off at the **start** of the session at the **bottom gate**.

**At the start and the end of the day Nursery pupils with siblings can be dropped off and collected at either gate.**

### Tuck for pupils

Pupils will need to bring in their **tuck** for playtimes until further notice. Please ensure **only fruit** is provided for tuck, as we are a healthy school.

### School Lunch menu

The school lunch menu can be downloaded from the following website. **If you click on the daily meals you will see many responses stating why our School Council 2019-20 enjoyed those meals.**

<https://www.torfaen.gov.uk/en/EducationLearning/SchoolsColleges/Schoolcatering/School-Menus.aspx>

Our School Council also feature in the LACA catering magazine pages 13-16, representing Torfaen, well done to our School Council!

<https://secure.viewer.zmags.com/publication/d049e5af#/d049e5af/14>

## News

**Nursery-** Da iawn to all nursery pupils for settling in so well! A reminder that a set of spare clothes needs to be kept in school. A healthy snack, such as a piece of fruit, can be brought into nursery along with a bottled drink. Please do not bring snack in lunch boxes or bags as we want to avoid unnecessary transfer of belongings between home and school. Instead children can carry their snack in their hands. Diolch!

**Dosbarth 1 & 2** - Da iawn Reception for a fantastic start to our school year! We have loved meeting you all and have been so proud of how well you have settled into your new classes. Please can children bring a healthy snack with them to school each day which they can eat during our class snack time. This week we have sent out connection letters for class dojo. Please can you check that you are connected with your child's new account. Have a fantastic weekend and we will see you next week!

**Dosbarth 3 & 4** - What an amazing start to the school year! We have loved meeting each and every one of you and getting to know you all over the last few weeks. Children can bring a healthy snack to be eaten during our class snack time and a bottled drink. Don't forget to check class Dojo and Twitter for updates, diolch. Have a lovely weekend and we look forward to welcoming you all back on Monday.

**Dosbarth 5 & 6** - It has been wonderful to have all the children back to school this week! We have enjoyed meeting you and getting to know you all! Keep an eye on our Class Dojo's and Twitter for updates. We are looking forward to our topic Explorer's of the Outdoors.

**Dosbarth 7 & 8** - We have been so impressed with all of our Year 3 children. All children have settled in well and have been working hard on all their tasks. Please can children remember healthy snacks for break time. Next week Class 7 & Class 8 will have a homework log and spellings sent on Class Dojo for them to practise. Have a wonderful weekend. Diolch. Bendigedig for a brilliant, successful week. 😊

**Dosbarth 9 & 10** - Bendegedig Dosbarth 9 and 10 for settling in so well to your new classes. It has been fantastic seeing everybody altogether and getting to know you all. Please check class dojo or HWB classes for your child's Learning log activities as well as their weekly spellings. The learning can be saved digitally on to HWB classes or on to your child's class dojo portfolio.

**Dosbarth 11 & 12** - A huge da iawn to all of Year 5/6 for a fantastic start to the new year! We have had so much fun getting to know you and are very impressed with how you

have settled into your new classes. Please can children bring in a healthy snack for our class break time. Remember to check Class Dojo and Twitter for any class updates. Have a lovely weekend and we look forward to seeing you all next week!

**Dosbarth 13 & 14** - Wow, Year 5/6. What an incredible start you have made to the year, Mr Phillips, Mrs Parker-Evans and the rest of the team have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know you over the past few weeks. Your spellings for this week are available on dojo and in hwb classrooms where you will also find your homework learning log for this term. Work can be digitally saved on hwb classes or sent through dojo. Any queries about this please contact your class teacher. Have a lovely weekend.

**Kind regards,**

Mrs S E Roche & all the staff at Garnteg