**Derwen News**

**April 27th 2022**

Welcome Back.

It has been lovely to welcome our pupils back to school after the Easter break and I hope you all managed to spend some quality time enjoying the sun with your families.

I was excited about returning to school to see the new outdoor areas which were installed over the two-week break. All work was completed on time to a very high standard and the new areas are already being used daily by our children. It has been especially pleasing to see our Year 1 and 2 classes having quality outdoor experiences after being restricted to a small area outside their classrooms for the past two terms due to the ongoing building work.

I am looking forward to working with the children to identify other areas of the school grounds to develop over the coming months.

Our new build is also taking shape with furniture starting to be positioned in readiness for the transition from the current provision to the fantastic new facility. There are still some minor jobs for the contractors to complete within the building before Little Acorns can start using the building as their new home.

Parents Evenings

One of the questions from the recent parent’s questionnaire, which shows an area to develop, was on how well your child is doing at school. 7% disagreed and 17% stated that they didn’t know. For many of our parents, you have not had the opportunity to enter the building for the past two years due to Covid restrictions. For our Nursery and Reception parents, you have never had that opportunity!

We believe it is important for parents/carers to be provided with the opportunity to discuss their child’s progress to date, so I am very pleased to inform you that we will be holding face to face parents' meetings for the first time since October 2019.

We will be holding our parents’ meetings on Tuesday May 3rd and Wednesday May 4th with appointments taking place in the school building. You will also have an opportunity to look at your child’s work during your visit.

On Thursday May 5th teachers will be hosting virtual meetings for those parents who may find a video meeting more convenient. 

We will again be using the online booking system for parents evening that we used last term called School Cloud.  Invites for these sessions will be released at 6pm today and you will receive a link through an email. 

When you get your invite, you will need to log into the online booking platform which allows you to choose your own appointment times with teachers.  Once you have booked your appointments you will receive an email confirming them. 

Please ensure that we have your correct email address if you have changed it recently.

If you have any difficulty with the booking system or with an appointment, please contact your class teacher.

**May Day Bank Holiday**

Ysgol Derwen will be closed to all pupils on Monday May 2nd due to the bank holiday.

Thank you for your continued support.

**R Jones**