

Derwen News January 17

Dear Parents/Carers

Happy New Year to everyone associated with Ysgol Derwen.

It has been a real pleasure to be able to welcome our pupils back to school and see how quickly they have settled back into the daily routine after their Christmas break.

We now look forward to another busy term ahead!

Winter Weather

With snow falling overnight and this morning in Higher Kinnerton, I would like to remind you all of the procedures for informing parents about any changes to the school day caused by adverse weather, heating breakdown etc.

In the event of adverse weather conditions, the school will remain open unless a message to the contrary is received through :

- A letter from the Headteacher OR**
- A message on the school email service and Twitter.**

Information regarding any school closure will also appear on the Flintshire County Council website:

<https://www.flintshire.gov.uk/en/Resident/Schools/SchoolClosures.aspx>

Radio stations and local media etc. will get all their information from the FCC website.

If you have changed address, email or telephone number recently please ensure that you inform the school office of those changes as soon as possible so we can update our system.

Punctuality

Can you please make every effort to ensure that your child is in school by the school start time of 8.55am (Nursery 9am).

Late arrival in school is very disruptive with regards to taking and closing registers and morning assembly.

The school day starts at 8.55am and the side gates will remain open until 9.00am at which point the Foundation and Junior doors will be closed for security reasons.

If for any reason you do arrive after 9.00am please use the FRONT entrance. The school is required to keep a late book and records poor punctuality and attendance.

Thank you for your cooperation with regards to this matter.

Medication In School

Can I please ask parents to refrain from sending any medication to school either with your child or through the school office unless it has been fully agreed with the school / headteacher.

Please consider keeping your child at home and not sending your child into school if they have an illness as bugs and diseases can spread quickly in a school environment.

Flintshire County Council also have guidelines on medication coming into schools. Oral medicines etc. are not allowed on school premises and cannot be administered by staff except in exceptional circumstances when children need vital medication during school hours on an on-going basis and informed to do so by a doctor. Parents should see the Headteacher so that special arrangements can be made.

You as a parent are also very welcome to come into school to administer medication providing you let the appropriate staff know in advance.

If your child has a specific medical condition requiring medication, please contact the Headteacher.

You will appreciate that medicines in School can constitute a danger to other children.

Change to Lunch Menu

On Monday January 23 there will be a change to the school lunch menu. The daily special will help celebrate the Chinese New Year. Please see the attached document for the menu.

Nursery Admissions

The closing date for admissions to our Nursery Class for September 2023 is Friday February 17th 2023.

Applications can be made on the link below.

<https://www.flintshire.gov.uk/en/Resident/Schools/School-Admissions.aspx>

Nasal Flu drop-in clinics

Please see information in the link below regarding Nasal Flu drop-in clinics for children who may have missed the immunisation in school:

<https://www.nhs.uk/news/2023/01/vaccination-centres-in-north-wales-offer-drop-in-clinics-to-boost-protection-against-flu> - [Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board \(nhs.wales\)](https://www.betsi-cadwaladr.nhs.uk/)

Dates

January 17 – Year 5 Parent Engagement Session in the afternoon

January 18 – PC Stu visiting Years 2, 4 & 6

January 19 – Year 3 & 4 Visit to Manchester Airport

January 27 – Castell Alun Football and Netball Tournament

February 2 – County Netball Tournament

February 3 – Year 5 & 6 visit to Blists Hill

February 10 – Sign Language Awareness Workshops (Whole School)

February 17 – School Closed for Half Term

February 27 – School open to all pupils

March 1 – St David's Day

March 3 – Year 3 & 4 visit to Kingswood Outdoor Centre

March 31 – School Closed for Easter