

## **Derwen News March 8**

### **Potential adverse weather.**

#### **Year 6 Wellbeing Day**

**The Year 6 Wellbeing Day planned for tomorrow (Thursday March 9) has been postponed due to the poor weather forecast. Castell Alun have made an early decision to prevent parents of pupils potentially making a difficult journey and to prevent additional traffic on their site with three cluster schools scheduled to attend. We will share a new date once Castell Alun make the necessary arrangements.**

#### **Winter Weather**

**After the lovely and reasonably mild weather over the past week which indicated Spring was on its way, winter weather seems to be back on the forecast! With light snow falling this afternoon and snow predicted to continue through the night, 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, lack of staffing 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.**

#### **Lockdown Practice**

**On Tuesday March 7 we carried out a full school lockdown practice. I was so pleased with the way all staff and especially pupils reacted and how well they all followed all advice and guidance. The drill was a great success.**

### **Parents Evening**

**Our Spring term parents' evenings have been planned for:**

- **Monday March 20 and**
- **Tuesday March 21.**

**Both sessions will take place in the school between 3.30pm and 6pm and the appointments booking system will be open at the start of next week. I will email to notify you when the system is live along with instructions on how to book a slot to discuss your child's progress with their class teacher.**

**If you would prefer a video meeting with the class teacher, please contact them directly once the booking system is live and they will do their best to accommodate you.**

**If you have changed your 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.**

### **Industrial Action**

**As things stand, the proposed strike action by the NEU on Wednesday March 15 and Thursday March 16 is still due to take place.**

**If the planned industrial action by the NEU union does take place, Ysgol Derwen will have to close to all pupils on both days.**

**Please keep following this story in the news as the situation can change at very short notice.**

## **Reception and year 6 Class Photos**

### **Message from Tempest Photography**

**Dear Parents,**

**Have you ordered your school photos yet? A polite reminder that the closing date for free delivery back to school is Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March. Order through the Tempest website using your unique link or visit [www.tempest-orders.co.uk](http://www.tempest-orders.co.uk)**

**If you need any assistance in ordering your photos, feel free to contact Tempest on 01736 751555 (option 3).**

**Many thanks.**

### **REMINDER - World Book Day**

**We will be celebrating World Book Day on Friday March 10. If your child wants to dress as their favourite book character on this day, they are welcome to come to school in their costume. Alternatively, they can come to school in non-uniform and bring their favourite book to school.**

### **Red Nose Day**

**Ysgol Derwen will be participating in the national Red Nose Day event due to take place on Friday March 17. The school Council is currently drawing up their plans and these will be shared with you soon.**

### **Digital Café Session**

**In order to try and reach out into the community, Miss Ellingham and our Pupil Digital Leads have decided to hold a half termly Digital Café at the school. The aim of the sessions are to help any senior citizens within the village, or grandparents of our pupils, who would like some support with digital technology. The first session took place in the school hall on Wednesday March 1<sup>st</sup> between 3.30pm and 4.30pm. We were so pleased with the turnout with a good number of guests spending a very enjoyable session with our digital**

**leads whilst also having a cuppa and a biscuit! A huge thanks to Miss Ellingham for organising this fantastic event and also to our wonderful digital leads.**

### **Dates**

**March 9 – Year 6 Wellbeing Day at Castell Alun (Postponed)**

**March 10 – World Book Day**

**March 14 – Year 4 Parent Engagement Session (Wellbeing)**

**March 15 & 16 – Potential school closure due to industrial action**

**March 20 & 21 – Parents Evening 3.30 to 6pm**

**March 31 – Swimming gala**

**March 31 – School Closes for Easter**

**April 17 – School open to all pupils**

**April 20 – Castell Alun Cluster Dodgeball Tournament**

**April 26 – PC Stu visiting Years 2, 4 and 6**

**May 1 – May Day Bank Holiday (School Closed)**

**May 8 – King's Coronation Bank Holiday (School Closed)**

**May 19 – Flintshire Cross Country Tournament**

**May 26 – School Closed for Half Term**

**June 5 – School Open to all pupils**

**June 27 – Castell Alun Cluster Cricket Tournament**

**June 29 – Castell Alun Transition Day (Year 6)**

**July 19 – School Closes for Summer Holiday**