

Derwen News January 10

Dear Parents/Carers

Happy New Year to everyone associated with Ysgol Derwen. I hope you had a relaxing and enjoyable Christmas and New Year.

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 exciting and busy term ahead!

Winter Weather

With temperatures falling over the last few days 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.

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. We had a lot of instances towards the end of last term with pupils bringing medication into school e.g. Calpol, paracetamol, nurofen etc.

Flintshire County Council 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.

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

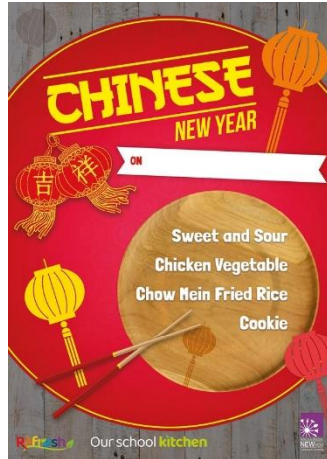
If your child has a specific medical condition requiring medication, please contact the Headteacher.

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

Please also 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, especially sickness and diarrhea where children should be kept away from school for 48 hours.

Change to Lunch Menu for Chinese New Year

On Thursday February 8 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.



Change of Week 2 Menu.

There will be a slight change to the Week 2 Menu choice moving forward.

- **Thursday Week 2 – Jacket Potato will replace the Pasta Pot**
- **Friday Week 2 – Pasta Pot will replace Jacket Potato**

These changes will come into effect from tomorrow – Thursday January 11.

Nursery Admissions

The closing date for admissions to our Nursery Class for September 2024 is Friday February 16th 2024.

Applications can be made on the link below.

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

If you know anyone looking for a Nursery place for their child please ask them to contact the school for more advice.

Dates

Monday February 5 – Year 5 and 6 Visit to Liverpool War Museum

Thursday February 8 – FODS Disco (More details to follow)

- **Thursday February 8 - Change to Lunch Menu for Chinese New Year**

Friday February 9 – School Closes for Half Term

Monday February 19 – Staff Training Day (School Closed to Pupils)

Tuesday February 20 – School Open to All Pupils

Monday February 26 – Year 3 and 4 Adventure Activity Day

Friday March 1 – St David’s Day

Thursday March 7 – Castell Alun St David’s Day Service

Wednesday March 20 – Castell Alun Rugby Tournament

Friday March 22 – School Closes for Easter

Holiday Dates For The Remainder Of This Academic Year.

SPRING TERM 2024

Spring Term Opens	Monday 8 January
Half Term Closes	Friday 9 February
Staff Training Day	Monday 19 February
Half Term Opens	Tuesday 20 February
Term Closes	Friday 22 March

SUMMER TERM 2024

Term Opens	Monday 8 April
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<i>May Day Bank Holiday</i>	<i>Monday 6 May</i>
Half Term Closes	Friday 24 May
Half Term Opens	Monday 3 June
Term Closes	Thursday 18 July
<i>Staff Training Day</i>	<i>Friday 19 July</i>