

Ysgol Derwen / Derwen Foundation School

Parent Newsletter



Blwyddyn Newydd Dda / Happy New Year !



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Welcome Back

Happy New Year and welcome back to the start of another busy year at Ysgol Derwen. I hope you have all had a restful Christmas break and created some lovely memories with your families.

Dates For Your Diary



18 January - PC Stu to see Year 5 - Social Media
23 January - KKC AGM @5.30pm
29 January - Year 6 visit to Stockport
30 January - Year 6 and Reception Class Photo (Tempest)
5 February - Netball tournament PM
6 to 8 February - Year 5 Glan Llyn Residential
18 February - Start of Welsh Theme Week
22 February - Break for Half Term

4 March - School Open
4 March - School Eisteddfod
4 March - PC Stu in for Years 2, 4, and 6 - Drugs
5 March - Castell Alun Year 6 Boys Social Day
1st April - Parents Evening
4th April - Parents Evening
11 April - Image Theatre production of Pinocchio - Whole School
12 April - Break up for Easter

29 April - School open
6 May - School closed - May Day
7 May - Start of National Test Week
13 May - Start of Healthy / Sport Fortnight
21 May - Sports Day (22 May - Sports Day reserve)
24 May - Cross Country Tournament
24 May - School closed for half term

3 June - School Open
17 June - District Sports - Athletics
THURSDAY 18 July - Finish for Summer

Lunch prices For this half term

8/1/19 - 22/2/19

Daily Meal Costs = £2.20

Weekly cost = £11

Cost for whole half term = £74.80

Can parents please ensure that all lunch money is paid for promptly in the week lunches are taken.

Super Fundraisers

In the weeks leading up to Christmas the school not only raised some much needed funds for school based developments through the FODS Christmas Fair, but also supported a number of charities. Thank you to everyone who supported the Christmas Fair and for also donating towards other causes.

- FODS Christmas Fair = £1200
- Poppy Appeal = £171
- Christmas Shoebox Appeal = 40 Boxes
- Nightingale House = £168
- School Council = £280
- Crohn's Disease = £50

Winter Weather

Although the weather is mild again at present we may face more severe weather in the next few months.

Below is a reminder of the procedures for informing parents about any changes to the school day caused by adverse weather. If you have changed address 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.

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 text service and Twitter.**

Information regarding any school closure will also appear on the Flintshire County Council website. Radio stations etc. will get all their information from the FCC web site.



Kinnerton Kids Club AGM

The AGM for Kinnerton Kids Club will take place in the school on **Wednesday January 23rd at 5.30pm**. This will give the committee an opportunity to outline how well the club is running and also to share some plans for the future growth of wrap around care at Ysgol Derwen.

There will be a room set aside to supervise any children during the session to help with any childcare needs.

Defibrillator Update

Following a number of fundraising events led by the pupils and also thanks to some very generous donations by parents, local businesses and organisations, we have raised the required funds to have a defibrillator installed outside Ysgol Derwen. We hope to have the unit installed by the end of the month for the use of not only the school but the whole community. Thank you Miss Ellingham (Year 4 teacher) for being the driving force behind this initiative and for ensuring the school and village has a potentially life saving defibrillator.

National Literacy and Numeracy Tests

The School has been informed that this years National Literacy and Numeracy Tests for all children in Years 2 to 6 will be taking place between **Tuesday May 7th and Tuesday May 14 2019**

Please try to ensure that your child is present in school for these dates and if you are thinking of taking your child out for a term time holiday, you try to avoid these dates.

Thanks

Nursery and Reception Intake 2019 Nursery applications for September 2019 are still available from the school office.

If you know of someone who is looking for a school for their child please ask them to contact the school for further information.

Closing date for Nursery Applications is Friday 22 February.

Applications for admission to our Reception Class for September 2019 has now officially ended but the school will still accept late applications.

