

Derwen News September 12

Good Afternoon,

Welcome back to another academic year at Ysgol Derwen.

I hope you had a restful summer and enjoyed the lovely weather. The children have settled quickly back into routine at school and we are currently working through dates and events for the busy term ahead. We will share these dates with you later this week.

Additional Bank Holiday

We do already know that there will be an additional Bank Holiday on Monday September 19th to commemorate the tragic death of Queen Elizabeth II. All schools will be closed on this day which will be The Queen's state funeral.

Punctuality

Can you please make every effort to ensure that your child is in school by the school start time of 8.55am. Late arrival in school is very disruptive with regards to taking and closing registers and morning assembly.

The school day for Reception to Year 6 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 does keep a late book and records poor punctuality and attendance.

The LEA now monitors the school's attendance and punctuality records and will investigate any issues of poor attendance or punctuality which are expressed by the school.

Thank you also for your cooperation with regards to this matter.

PARKING

Main Road, Higher Kinnerton can become extremely congested at the beginning and end of the school day. The School car park is very small and in the interests of safety parking within the school car park is for staff only. Please do not use the car park to drop off or collect children or park on the zig zag markings outside the school gate as this also causes safety issues.

We ask you also to please be considerate of the needs of local residents when parking. We frequently receive complaints from local residents regarding parents parking in their drives or parking across their drives, parking on double yellow lines or blocking the pavements. Please do all you can to drop your child off safely whilst also respecting our local residents and keeping to the highway code.

The Royal Oak and Swan Public Houses along with the Village Hall have kindly agreed to let parents use their car parks during the main drop off and pick up period to help alleviate traffic problems directly outside the school. These three car parks are only a few minutes walk away from the school building.

Flintshire School Term Dates 2022 / 2023

Autumn Term 2022

- **1 September 2022 - 28 October 2022***
- **7 November 2022 - 23 December 202**

Spring Term 2023

- **9 January 2023 - 17 February 2023**
- **27 February 2023 - 31 March 2023**

Summer Term 2023

- **17 April 2023 - 26 May 2023**
- **5 June 2023 - 20 July 2023**

The following training dates have been agreed by all schools in the Castell Alun Cluster

- **Thursday September 1st**
- **Friday September 2nd**
- **Friday October 28th**
- **Friday December 23rd**
- **Thursday July 20th**

Additional Training Day

PLEASE NOTE – The Welsh Government made an announcement during the end of the last academic year that there would be an additional training day added to the calendar above during the 22/23 academic year.

The Castell Alun Cluster have decided to take this additional training day on **Monday November 7th. School will now be closed to all pupils on this date.**