

## **DERWEN NEWS September 21**

**Good afternoon,**

**I hope you are all keeping well.**

**Please find below some dates and information for the term ahead.**

### **School Admissions**

#### **Nursery and Reception Admissions September 2023**

##### **Application Forms**

**The application process for admission to Nursery and Reception classes for September 2023 will start on Monday September 26<sup>th</sup> 2022.**

**If you have a child eligible for these classes or know of someone looking for a place for their child at Ysgol Derwen, please complete an online application form found on the link below.**

**All applications must now be made on an official electronic application form on the Flintshire County Council Admissions Portal (Link Below)**

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

#### School Admissions - Flintshire

School Applications and in year transfers. You can now apply online for a place in Secondary school for September 2023. The closing date for receipt of applications for admission to Year 7 in September 2023 is 4 November 2022.. You can now apply online for a place in Reception for September 2023.

[www.flintshire.gov.uk](http://www.flintshire.gov.uk)

### **Admissions Timetable 2022/23**

<b>Admission Phase</b>	<b>Admission Process open</b>	<b>Parents' consideration period</b>	<b>Closing date for completed forms returned</b>	<b>Allocation period by School Governing Body/ admitting authority</b>	<b>Parents informed by:</b>
<b>Reception</b>	<b>26/09/22</b>	<b>26/09/22- 18/11/22</b>	<b>18/11/22</b>	<b>21/11/22- 24/02/23</b>	<b>17/04/23</b>
<b>Nursery</b>	<b>26/09/22</b>	<b>26/09/22- 17/02/23</b>	<b>17/02/23</b>	<b>20/02/23- 24/03/23</b>	<b>04/05/23</b>

#### **Admissions to High School**

**High school admissions have already started with parents of children in Year 6 having until November 4<sup>th</sup> to express a preference as to which school they would like their child to attend. Please don't leave this task for a "later date" as we annually have children who do not get their allocated school as a result of a late application.**

#### **Extra-Curricular Activities**

**Following the analysis of the parent questionnaire which took place last Spring, many of you stated that you would like extra-curricular activities to resume following the disruption caused by Covid.**

**Staff have responded to this by offering various activities which will take place throughout the year. Some after school clubs have already started and others are planned for later dates. I only have a**

**relatively small team of staff, so I am very grateful for them offering their own time to provide additional opportunities for our pupils.**

### **Extra-Curricular Activities This Term**

***Most clubs will run from the end of the school day until 4.15pm unless otherwise stated in letters sent home with children***

#### **Tuesday**

**Football with Nev – Years 4 & 5**

**Dance – Years 5 & 6**

#### **Wednesday**

**Netball Club – Year 5 & 6**

**Film Club – Year 3 and 4 (5.15pm finish today)**

#### **Thursday**

**Choir Club – Year 3 to 6**

### **Other activities starting soon**

**Football – Year 6**

**Boardgame Club – Year 1 & 2**

**Drama Club - Years 3 to 6**

**Residential to Cardiff - Year 5 and 6**

### **Platinum Jubilee Books**

**I ordered a book for every child to commemorate the Queens Platinum Jubilee which took place in June. The books were ordered well in advance of the event and the books eventually arrived last Friday! The timing of the delivery did surprise me but having looked at the books, they are a lovely memorable record of the late Queens long and rewarding life. I will send the books home with the children later today.**

### **Castell Alun Open Evening**

### **Dates for the term:**

- **16<sup>th</sup> September** – Reception story session with Play Group
- **WB 19<sup>th</sup> September** – PSC Workshops delivered by Hafan Cymru working with Year 5 and 6 delivering sessions on healthy relationships.
- **21<sup>st</sup> September** – Year 3 & 4 visit to Buckley Library
- **21<sup>st</sup> September** – PC Stu talking to Year 2, 4, 5 and 6
- **28<sup>th</sup> September** – **Tempest Individual Photos AM** (Please ensure your child is in full school uniform on this day)
- **6<sup>th</sup> October** – Flu vaccinations (Reception to Year 6)
- **7<sup>th</sup> October** - MacMillan Coffee Morning (More details to follow)
- **WB 10<sup>th</sup> October** – Parents Evening Week
- **Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October**
- **Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October**
- **Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October**  
*More details to follow soon – Two sessions will be face to face in school with your child's teacher and one will be for video meetings*
- **24<sup>th</sup> October** – Harvest Service
- **26<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> October** – Year 5 & 6 Residential to Cardiff
- **28<sup>th</sup> October** - Training Day
- **28<sup>th</sup> October** – School Closed for Half term
  
- **7<sup>th</sup> November**- Additional Training Day
- **8<sup>th</sup> November** - School open to all pupils
- **WB 7<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> November** –National Tests 1
- **11<sup>th</sup> November** – Remembrance Service

### **Christmas Concert Week**

- **8<sup>th</sup> December** – OAP Concert @ 1.30pm (UF Concert plus extracts from KS 2)
- **12<sup>th</sup> December** – Year 5 & 6 Christmas Concert – 2pm & 5.30pm
- **13<sup>th</sup> December** – Nursery/Reception Christmas Concert @ 10am
- **13<sup>th</sup> December** – Year 3 & 4 Christmas Concert @ 2pm and 5.30pm
- **14<sup>th</sup> December** – Year 1 & 2 Christmas Concert @ 2pm and 5.30pm
  
- **15<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas Dinner

- **22<sup>nd</sup> December – School Closed for Christmas**