



Ysgol Babanod Ladywell Green Infant School

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NEWSLETTER #1 September 2020



A very warm welcome to the start of our new school year! It's great to see everyone back safe and well.

We wish to thank you all for your patience and understanding while we are testing our new systems to keep everyone as safe as possible at this current time. More information is included here - please read this carefully.

The guidance for parents and carers is available on our school website (Covid 19 page), which explains in detail how we are operating the school in line with guidance.

Please find attached an emergency contact form and 'pick up' list. It is VITAL that our information is up to date, so please could these be returned BY FRIDAY 11th SEPTEMBER. To make this easier, we are sending the current information as provided last year (if it is available from last year). You must CHECK this is still accurate, make any amendments that are required and return the form. We are requesting email addresses from all families to assist with ease of contact.

*****Please remember to activate your **ParentPay account** if you have not already done so - this can be used for school uniform payments as well as for school dinners. If you have any questions, please ask Mrs Hughes in the office.

We wish to be available for you to discuss your child as we have previously, although we cannot offer face to face opportunities at present. Please phone or email school (see above for contact details), and the class teacher will contact you as soon as they are able to talk with you.

We look forward to working closely with you this year. Thank you, Mrs Rachael Owen

ONE WAY SYSTEM

STAGGERED PICK UP TIMES

The one way system has been implemented to ensure that you are able to maintain 2m social distancing at all times when accessing the school site.

PLEASE FOLLOW THE ARROWS AND SIGNS AROUND THE BUILDING, AND ACROSS THE HAFREN FIELD TO THE CAR PARK.

When collecting your children, do not arrive until the designated time.

If you are collecting children at different times, please wait in a safe place away from other people. If you have travelled by car, then waiting inside the car is the safest option.

Do not allow children to play with equipment outside.

Do not cross the hatched boxes at entrances - only pupils cross these as they go in/out, to maintain 2m between yourselves and staff.

Healthy Schools

Snacks that are sent in should be fresh fruit and vegetables only. Please ensure items such as grapes are sliced lengthwise.

Water bottles should only contain water for during the day. Juice drinks can be sent in with lunchboxes for dinner times.

A dinner menu is available overleaf.

PUPIL ALLERGY

We currently have a pupil who suffers from a nut and sesame allergy. Reactions from these types of allergies can be severe. Do not send food that contains nuts and sesame, and remind your child that they should not share food. Thank you

We are delighted to announce that Mrs Bray has welcomed a baby girl, Jemima, to the family. Congratulations!!

Staffing Changes and Office Opening Hours...

Since the school closed in March, there have been a number of staffing changes:

Mrs Julie Jones, who worked on Fridays with year 2, has left us.

Mrs Sue Sarson has retired from the kitchen.

Mrs Holwill has finished in the office.

We thank them all for all their years of hard work, and wish them all the best.

Please note that we no longer have full time clerical support, so the ability to answer the phone and deal with enquiries will be limited at certain times. When the office is closed, please only contact school if you are letting us know about your child's absence, or for an emergency (e.g. to let us know of a change of pick up).

The office will be open:

Monday	8.30am to 3.30pm
Tuesday	8.30am to 3.30pm
Wednesday	8.30am to 1.15pm
Friday	8.30am to 1.15pm

Uniform

This is now available from the school office – please phone or email rather than call in to place orders. Thank you

Distance Learning Survey

Thank you to all who took the time to feedback. The results of the survey will help us plan the way forward for any future period of distance learning that may be required.

The winner of the prize draw (£30 shopping vouchers) is:

Gwyn Jervis and family

Class Topics

Mrs Smout's class: *Ein Byd (Our World)*

Mrs Warmington's class: *Leaf*

Mrs Foulkes' classes: *Eco-Warriors*

Your child will be taught the literacy, numeracy and digital skills that are suitable for them, whatever class they are in. The curriculum is taught through the themes, and the children practise their skills in a variety of ways in different contexts and activities.

Water Bottles

Replacement water bottles and lids are available from the office:

Complete bottles £1

Lid only 25p

Dates...

Due to the need to reduce visitors to school, we cannot hold many of the events that we have in the past.

Friday 16th October: Break up for half term (please note that half term is 2 weeks long)

Monday 2nd November: School restarts

Friday 18th December: Break up for Christmas

Monday 21st and Tuesday 22nd December: INSET days - the school is closed for pupils.

Monday 4th January: INSET day - the school is closed for pupils

Tuesday 5th January: School restarts for pupils

Friday 12th February: Break up for half term

Monday 22nd February: School restarts

Monday 12th April: INSET DAY - the school is closed for pupils

Tuesday 13th April: School reopens for pupils

Friday 28th May: Break up for half term

Monday 7th June: school reopens

Friday 16th July: Break up for summer holidays

Due to changes at the start of term, the authority will be announcing additional INSET days for schools. We will let you know about these as soon as possible.