



Head's November Newsletter 2017

Early Entitlement

Do you have a child who will be 3 years old between 1st September 2017 and 9th April 2018? If so, your child can have a free place in our fantastic Early Entitlement group located in our Early Years Department (Nursery and Reception Classes). For children whose 3rd birthday falls before 8th January 2018, funding will be provided for 2 terms (Spring and Summer). For children whose 3rd birthday falls between 9th January and 9th April, funding will be provided for the Summer Term. Early Entitlement sessions run for 4 days per week (Monday to Thursday) between 9am and 11:30am. For more information, please arrange to speak with Mrs Quirk as soon as possible. Please tell friends and family members about this excellent, developmental opportunity. In addition, Mrs Quirk is also holding a "Stay and Play" session for parent and children who are eligible for Early Entitlement 2018. This will be held Thursday 16th November, 9.30am to 10.30am.

Parents Open Evening ~ Monday 13th November 3:30pm to 5:30pm

We are inviting you to attend an open evening session to see how well your child has settled into the new school year. It is essential for you to attend so you have the opportunity to share your child's early successes and progress as well as having an input into a constructive home-school working relationship. We will also be able to reassure you of any worries your child may be experiencing and to discuss the essential next steps for future progress. Please remember that appointments are not necessary for this Parents Evening as we have found an "open door" arrangement is far more convenient. There will be a more formal Parents Evening with 1:1 appointments in spring term 2018.

Say Cheese! Individual Photo Shoot

The school photographer will be in school on Monday 13th November to take individual and family photos. If you want a photo with children of pre-school age, please arrive in the Main Hall via the rear doors from 8:30am. We will arrange school-age sibling photos at a convenient time within the school day.

Nursery Open Day Sessions - Thursday 16th November

We are keen to spread the good word of Westwood to new parents and children who are set to enrol in Nursery 2018 by hosting an open day with refreshments. Guests will be able to experience the Early Years setting and have an introduction to the learning journey beyond Nursery. To remain as accessible as possible, we will be hosting two different sessions. Session A from 10:30am to 11:30am or Session B from 5:00pm to 6:00pm. Please help us reach all corners of Buckley by spreading the word to family and friends with young children.

Nant BH 2018 ~ Monday 5th to Wednesday 7th March 2018 for Year 5 and 6

It's back! Once again an essential experience for Year 5 and 6 children has been arranged. The cost of the trip will be approximately £180 to cover 2 nights' accommodation, food, transport, outdoor equipment, a range of adventurous activities and fully qualified instruction. Unfortunately, we will not be able to subsidise the total cost of the trip due to budget constraints but we will be offering a slight remission for families in receipt of free school meals. Further details will follow shortly. To give you more information about this adventure, I will be holding an information session for interested parents and children on Tuesday 21st November at 3:15pm. If your child went last year and is keen to return, you do not need to attend this session unless you want to be reminded about the trip.

Glan Llyn 2018 ~ Tuesday 10th April to Wednesday 11th April 2018 for Year 3 and 4

As a taster for being away from home, Mr Powell is currently arranging an overnight trip to Glan Llyn, Bala. As well as experiencing outdoor and adventurous activities, the children will also be enhancing their Welsh language skills in a fun and active way. The total cost of the trip is approximately £80 covering all food, accommodation, safety equipment and fully qualified instruction. Unfortunately, we will not be able to subsidise the total cost of the trip due to budget constraints but we will be offering a slight remission for families in receipt of free school meals. Further details will follow shortly.

Early Arrivals

It has been noticed that a number of children are arriving on the school site extremely early and are not entering Breakfast Club. From as early as 8:00am, some children are wandering around the outside of the building or sitting in the porch waiting for friends to arrive. This is not appropriate. All children arriving on the school site before 8:25am will be expected to use our free Breakfast Club provision.

Mobile Phone Rule Reminder

Only children in Years 5 and 6 are permitted to bring a mobile phone to school **but only if they are walking to and from school on their own**. Otherwise, a mobile phone is definitely not needed and will serve no constructive purpose to the child. It is essential that parents sign a consent form agreeing with our terms and conditions. A copy of these terms and conditions can be found on our website.

Breakfast Club Donations

Many thanks for the valuable donations to assist in the operation of our Breakfast Club. We are still accepting any donations of cereals (no nuts or sugar coatings please) and jars of jam (seedless if possible). If you are able to help us out at any time in the year, please drop off your donations at Breakfast Club or in the school office. Your donations really do make a huge difference!

Website Progress

We hope in the near future to move to all our correspondence going out via our website. There are still a few parents who have not provided the office with an email address. If you are aware the office does not have your email address could you please call in as soon as possible to give this information. You may receive some 'test' mails in the near future, this will allow us to make sure all mail addresses are correct and we are able to contact all parents.

Christmas 2017

We are in the process of arranging the dates of our Christmas Performances. As soon as they are available they will be put onto the school website on the Calendar.