# Summer Newsletter 1 – 26th May 2023



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## Summer Term

The summer term appears to be moving very quickly and we can't quite believe it's half-term already! The weather looks lovely next week and we hope you have an enjoyable break. Children return to school on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June. (A reminder that Year 5 start their 3-week block of swimming on the first day back)

## Sports Day

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June - Nursery (10am and 2pm) Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June - LRB (2pm)

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June - Reception (9:30am)

Wednesday 28th June - Year 1 (11am)

Wednesday 28th June - Year 2 (2pm)

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June - Year 3/4 (9:15am)

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June - Year 5/6 (11am)

### High School Musical

Our first ever musical will be performed by Years 4-6 on the following dates:

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July - 2pm Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July - 10am Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July - 5:30pm Further information to follow after half-term.

## Safety in the Community Week

We will be holding a 'Safety In The Community' week from Monday 5th-Friday 9th June 2023. This will be an exciting week for the children and we have planned various workshops and activities for the children. Alongside the workshops and assemblies, the staff have planned developmentally appropriate lessons around careers, substance misuse and medicines, traffic, construction site safety and cyber safety. During this week the children are invited to join a daily walking bus with their parents/carers following the route as shown on the map sent via Seesaw. The walking bus will be accompanied by two PCSOs and the children will be working with the same PCSOs throughout the week. Additionally, various workshops have also been arranged with a focus on careers in construction and the police force. There will also be parent workshops about substance misuse, a community surgery for any concerns and a cyber safety workshop. All workshops will take place in the hall at the times and dates as shared on the poster via SeeSaw.

We hope that you will be able to join us and we look forward to sharing some exciting snippets of learning with you throughout the week.

## Assessments and Reporting to Parents

Thank you for your termly engagement in your child's progress this academic year. The children have become more skilled in sharing and discussing their learning and our Open Doors sessions and Reflections on Progress meetings have worked well in the Autumn and Spring Terms.

Children in Years 2 to 6 will take their end of year online assessments at the end of June. This is a requirement from the Welsh Government but as always, we treat these assessments as a normal part of our school activities and they are nothing for the children to worry about. Your child's standardised scores and progress reports will be sent home with their annual written report in mid-July.

## Parent Feedback - Questionnaire

As you are aware, we encourage regular ongoing dialogue between home and school and parents and carers are aware that they can also contact the Headteacher or member of the Senior Leadership team with any queries, concerns or feedback. We find that this genuine open-door policy is a more authentic way to collaborate with our families but we would also like to gather your views more formally on a range of issues to find out what you may need next in order to support your child's wellbeing and learning. A separate link to an online parent questionnaire will be sent via text and we would be grateful if you could complete this by Friday 9th June to support our evaluations and forward planning for the 2023/24 academic year. Thank you for your continued support.

Diary Dates – Summer 2023				
Mon 29 <sup>th</sup> May – Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Half-Term Holiday			
W/C 5 <sup>th</sup> June	Safety in the Community Week			
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> June – Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Y5 Swimming (3 weeks)			
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	Reception Welcome Meeting			
W/C 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Days (see dates and times above)			
W/C 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Y4-6 Musical (see dates and times above)			
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	Moving Up Day			
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6 Leavers' Concert			
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Last Day of Term			
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	INSET 6			
Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> July – Thurs 31 <sup>st</sup> August	Summer Holidays			

#### **Operation Encompass**

Our school is part of Operation Encompass which is a national scheme that operates jointly between schools and police forces.

Operation Encompass is the reporting to schools, prior to the start of the next school day, when a child or young person has experienced domestic abuse. As a school we have ensured that a member of our staff, (Designated Safeguarding Lead) known as a Key Adult, has been trained in the Operation Encompass procedures allowing us to then use the information that has been shared, in confidence, to support the child/ren in our care.

The Domestic Abuse Act 2021 identifies children who experience domestic abuse as victims of domestic abuse in their own right.

We are keen to offer the best support possible to all our pupils and we believe this will be extremely beneficial for all those involved.

#### **INSET Days 2022/23**

A reminder of our remaining INSET days for this year. School will be closed to pupils on these days: INSET 6: Friday 21st July 2023

(Please note that staff are attending twilight training sessions throughout the Summer term in lieu of this day.)

#### **INSET Days 2023/24**

INSET days for 23/24 will be planned in line with our school development needs and will be confirmed with you in September. At this point, we can confirm that the first day of term will be an INSET Day with school closed to pupils. Therefore, the Autumn Term will begin for children on Monday 4th September (Nursery staggered start dates from Tuesday 5th)

**INSET 1:** Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2023

#### **Term Dates 2023/24**

Please see below the published term dates for 2023/24 academic year. It is really important that any family holidays are booked for periods of school closure so that children's attendance is not affected. In line with Welsh Government guidance and our cluster policy, no term-time holidays will be authorised by the school.

It may be worth parents noting that the term dates in Wales sometimes differ from the term dates in different areas of England.

Planning holidays around these differences can often give significant savings for families.

(Eg. Next academic year, Newport has a different October half term and different Christmas holiday to some areas of England.

Term	Start	Half-term starts	Half-term ends	Term ends
Autumn	1 <sup>st</sup>	30 <sup>th</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	22 <sup>nd</sup>
2023	September	October	November	December
Spring	8 <sup>th</sup>	12 <sup>th</sup>	16 <sup>th</sup>	22 <sup>nd</sup>
2024	January	February	February	March
Summer 2024	8 <sup>th</sup> April	27 <sup>th</sup> May	31 <sup>st</sup> May	19 <sup>th</sup> July

#### **Summer Uniform**

Navy gingham dresses and navy shorts can be worn during the warmer weather. Please ensure children still wear proper school shoes to school for safety reasons (no sandals/flip flops).

Children should bring a sun hat and water bottle every day. Please apply sunscreen before the children come to school. In the case of extreme temperatures/sunshine, children's time outside will be limited.

Cofion cynnes / Kind Regards,
Mrs Richards and staff