

Dear Parent/Guardian,

This booklet is intended to provide answers to many of the usual questions asked by parents at the beginning of a new year.

1. Curriculum.

We teach through topics for a majority of our subjects. The Topics covered this year are as follows; *Healthy body and mind, Victorians, Earth and Space* and finally *Islands*.

Each half term a topic web will be sent home giving you more detail about what your child is being taught.

2. Punctuality and attendance.

The school day starts at 8:55 a.m. and ends at 3:15 p.m. In the mornings, pupils are allowed inside the school building from 8:45 a.m. Pupils arriving after 9:00a.m. will be registered as being late. If your child is absent it is important to inform the school by telephone call explaining the absence. The absence will be recorded as unauthorised until an acceptable reason is given.

3. Homework.

Homework will alternate weekly between English and Maths. The homework will help to consolidate the work the children have been taught during that week. Year 5 will also be encouraged to produce a project later in the term as part of an ongoing homework task.

4. Money.

It is important that money is placed in a labelled envelope, which clearly states the name of your child, class and purpose of the money.

A school meal costs £1.90. Cheques for school meals should be made payable to Denbighshire County Council. All other cheques should be made payable to Ysgol Penmorfa.

5. Reading.

Spellings and reading are undertaken on a daily basis. We encourage pupils to read a range of books to improve their reading skills and more importantly for their enjoyment. In order for your child to further improve we would recommend that when you listen to your child read you focus on the parts they read well as well as discussing what they have just read, this shows their understanding. We regularly monitor each pupil's reading log in class to check progress.

6. P.E.

For Health and Safety reasons we ask that pupils do not stay in the same clothes for P.E. as they wear for the rest of the school day.

For indoor P.E. your child's kit should consist of a white t-shirt and green shorts as well as black slip-on or Velcro pumps please.

For outdoor P.E. your child's kit should consist of the above as well as a pair of joggers and jumper. Trainers will also be needed.

5W-Indoor is Monday, Outdoor is Thursday

5G-Indoor is Tuesday, Outdoor is Wednesday

7. Reporting to parents.

We believe that effective communication between the classteacher and parents is very important. Two Open Evenings are held each year, November and Summer Terms, during which parents have the opportunity to meet the class teacher and discuss a child's progress. Parents will receive a written report in the summer term. If you would like to see your child's teacher at any other time, you are welcome to make an appointment.

8. Jewellery.

For Health and Safety reasons jewellery should not be worn except for ear studs for those children with pierced ears.

9. Mobile phones.

It is preferred that pupils do not bring mobile phones into school but understand that it is reassuring for pupils and parents as well as making the collection of children after school easier and safer. If your child brings in a mobile phone into school they should hand it to the class teacher for safekeeping until the end of the day.

Term dates for the forthcoming year.

Autumn Term

School opens Thursday 3rd September 2015
School closes Friday 23rd October 2015

School opens Tuesday 3rd November 2015
School closes Friday 18th December 2015

Spring Term

School opens Tuesday 5th January 2016
School closes Friday 12th February 2016

School opens Monday 22nd February 2016
School closes Thursday 24th March 2016

Summer Term

School opens Tuesday 12th April 2016
May Day Monday 2nd May (school closed)
School closes Friday 27th May 2016

School opens Monday 6th June 2016
School closes Wednesday 20th July 2016

Staff Training Days:

Monday 2nd November 2015
Monday 4th January 2016
Monday 11th April 2016



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Welcome to Year 5

We would like to welcome your child to Year 5.

5G will be taught by Mr. Grant

5W will be taught by Mr. Winn

One of us will greet your child on the way into the upper junior block every morning.



Ysgol Penmorfa's mission Statement

" Making the most of everyone"

