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School Update - October 2021

Dear Parent/Guardians,

As we approach the end of the first half term and we are now settled back into the routine of school life, I write to you to update you on a number of arrangements, which have been clarified by school and the local authority. Apologies for the length of the communication but as always school has been a busy place.

Applications for Reception and Secondary places –

The window for applying for a Reception and Secondary school place for September 2022 is currently open.

Age Group	Window Opened	Window Closes	Informed by
Current Nursery Parents/Guardians	27 th September 2021	19 th November 2021	19 th April 2022
Current Year 6 Parents/Guardians	6 th September 2021	5 th November 2021	1 st March 2022

Any forms received after the closing date are deemed late. Forms should be completed online at www.wrexham.gov.uk. Miss Ion and Mrs Jones has already distributed information regarding the admissions process to all year 6 and Nursery pupils. Should you require any help completing the forms or have any queries please ask Miss Ion, Mrs Jones or Mrs Phillips in the school office.

Parents Evening

Following discussions with the local authority, cluster schools and the regional service it has been agreed that parents evening will be conducted via the same procedures as the spring term, with the exception of Nursery pupils and pupils on the additional needs register. Therefore we will be hosting parents evening via telephone conversations or 'zoom' meetings. Parents evening will take place week beginning Monday 1st November and class teachers will be making appropriate arrangements next week via the SEESAW communication channel.

Due to a lack of transition for our new Nursery cohort and the ongoing need to collaborate with parents/guardians of pupils on the additional needs register it has been agreed these meetings can take place face to face following coronavirus guidelines around social distancing and the wearing of personal, protective equipment. As a result, Mrs Jones and class teachers will contact parents/guardians directly with additional information.

Christmas 2021

We all hope for a more normal Christmas period this year both at school and within our personal lives; however I must be open and honest and say that the possibility of Christmas concerts looks very bleak. The current guidance for schools states that schools must 'limit the potential for mass gatherings in an enclosed

space' and 'limit the number of visitors on site' therefore making our usual Christmas festivities not possible.

As a parent of a Reception and Year 2 child, I fully understand people's disappointment at not being able to experience these precious moments. However as a parent first and then headteacher, I am also aware of the amount of time that pupils have missed away from school and the need for them to experience quality and uninterrupted daily teaching and learning. Therefore, we have taken the difficult decision that if we cannot celebrate in our usual way we will focus our efforts in the classroom and not dedicate a number of hours to an online or pre-recorded production.

School Harvest

Through our studies, we are currently learning and celebrating all about Harvest. Our Harvest service for the children will be held on Wednesday 20th October, which will allow us to celebrate and share the work we have done in classes.

As in previous years, we will be asking for food donations in support of Wrexham Foodbank. Wrexham Foodbank is designed to help individuals and families in crisis, through the provision of emergency food supplies. Wrexham Foodbank is a registered charity (no. 1162262). They would be grateful for any contributions please. Should you wish to make a contribution to the collection the Foodbank are in need of the following items:

UHT Milk (500ml / 1L UHT)	Fruit Juice (200ml / 1L)
Sugar (500g)	Soup (tinned / packet)
Fruit (tinned)	Meat (tinned)
Fish (tinned)	Vegetables (tinned)
Tomatoes (tinned)	Rice Pudding (tinned)
Instant coffee (small)	Potatoes (tinned)
Pasta / Rice	

The Foodbank would welcome any other donations, although they do ask for NO FRESH PRODUCE please due to the short life span.

Halloween celebrations

We have been asked by a number of parents/guardians if we will be doing anything for Halloween as we have done in previous years. In short, the answer will be 'yes' although final details are being finalised as again with COVID restrictions/guidance we aren't able to welcome the PTA into school. Further details will be shared tomorrow with the event taking place on **Friday 22nd October.**

Swimming lessons –

Swimming lessons for Key Stage 2 have commenced although these to remain under strict COVID protocols. As a result, we are not able to swim weekly throughout the year and have only been given a timetabled slot in the autumn and summer term. Therefore, we have to reduce the number of 'weeks' each Key Stage 2 class will swim. These dates will be shared with individual classes at the appropriate time.

School Snack –

As noted in previous correspondents we have adapted a new Healthy lifestyles program to provide all pupils in Foundation Phase with a healthy snack. For the program to work successfully and be sustainable, we require parental contributions. These contributions are not only for snack provisions, but also to provide enhanced learning opportunities within the Foundation Phase department.

Currently only a quarter of parents/guardians have sent in their contributions for the half term, term or year. Therefore, we would be grateful if all remaining contributions could be made to school by **Friday 22nd October**. Thank you to those parents/guardians who have already paid.

We would be grateful for a contribution of £5 each half term, £10 per term or a one off £30 payment for the year. For Foundation Phase parents/guardians please send your payment to your child(s) class teacher Mrs Jones (Nursery), Miss Gabriel (Rec/Year 1) and Mrs Evans-Jones (Year 1-2). At present, we are not able to provide the option for parents/guardians to pay online via ParentPay so please send cash/cheque in a named envelope.

For parents/guardians with pupils in Key Stage 2 school snack will still be available as in previous years at the cost of £5 each half term, £10 per term or a one off £30 payment for the year. For parents/guardians who send in their own snack please try to ensure it consists of fruit or vegetables, yogurts or crackers/rice cakes. Crisps and/or chocolate bars are not permitted at break time.

Pre-ordering School Dinners –

Can I please remind parents/guardians that from **Monday 23rd September** all school dinner need to be pre-ordered. We are still seeing a large number of pupils having to order in classes during registration and this option is not going to be available after half term. To ensure your child(ren) receive their school dinner please ensure all bookings are made by 08.30am on the morning they wish to have a school dinner. Should you be experiencing difficulties with pre-ordering please contact the school office for guidance.

IMPORTANT - AFTER HALF TERM CLASS TEACHERS WILL NO LONGER BE ABLE TO ORDER YOUR CHILD'S DINNER.

Wrexham Schools – Term Dates & Training Days

Term	Dates
Autumn Term	Wednesday 1 st September – Wednesday 22 nd December Half Term – Friday 22 nd October – Monday 1 st November
Spring Term	Thursday 6 th January – Friday 8 th April Half Term - Friday 18 th February – Monday 28 th February
Summer Term	Monday 25 th April – Wednesday 20 th July Half Term – Friday 27 th May – Monday 6 th June

Training Days
Wednesday 1 st September Thursday 6 th & Friday 7 th January Friday 8 th April Monday 25 th April Friday 27 th May – New Curriculum Prep day Monday 6 th June – Jubilee Celebration Days

Full Governors Meeting
Wednesday 24 th November Wednesday 26 th January Wednesday 23 rd March Wednesday 18 th May Wednesday 6 th July

Autumn Term Key Dates

On **Wednesday 3rd November**, we will be undertaking the **Flu Nasal Spray** scheme. Thank you to all parents/guardians who have completed and returned the forms to school. Should you have not returned our form and wish your child(ren) to have the Flu vaccine please return your form by **Friday 22nd October**.

On **Wednesday 17th November**, we will welcome **Tempest Photography** to school to take individual school photos. We are currently awaiting confirmation on the possibility of 'family' photos. Further guidance will be shared once it has been received.

Coronavirus Update

As we are all aware Coronavirus remains part of our daily lives and guidance continues to be monitored, reviewed and implemented as the difficult winter period approaches. We are extremely grateful to everyone who continues to support schools approach to keeping school as 'safe' as we can.

As we enter these difficult months can we please ask that parents/guardian follow the guidance for not only coronavirus (listed below) but also for other illnesses, we are starting to see in school. Over the last couple of weeks, we have seen a large rise in the number of 'medical' absences for illnesses such as coughs cold and sickness bugs. We ask that parents/guardians act appropriately and undertake a PCR test if your child develops a new continuous 'dry' cough and if they have a stomach bug and/or sickness they stay away from school for the recommended period listed below.

Coronavirus / Covid-19 Symptoms and Current Information/guidance

The most common symptoms of Coronavirus / Covid-19 are recent onset of –

- New continuous 'dry' cough and/or
- High temperature/fever
- Change or loss to sense of smell/taste

General Medical Issues

Diarrhoea and/or vomiting	48 hours from last episode of diarrhoea/vomiting
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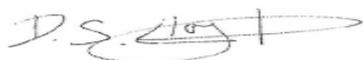
School Jumpers/Uniform

Over the last half term, we have collected a large number of unnamed jumpers and cardigans of all different sizes and styles. These are currently being stored in the school office should any parent/guardian wish to see if any belong to your child(ren) please just call in.

In line with COVID guidance, any uniform not collected by **Friday 22nd October** will be taken to the Wrexham local authority charity clothing bank.

Can I thank you for your support and understanding to date and should you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact us in school.

Yours sincerely



Mr D. Lloyd
Headteacher