



Together we learn, together we grow.

Friday 10th January 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

Annwyl Rhieni,

Welcome back. Happy New Year to you all!

Croeso - Welcome back to school after the Christmas holidays. The children have settled quickly back into the routine of school life and we are all looking forward to a busy and exciting Spring Term.

Rising 3s:

Welcome to all the children who have started Rising 3s in our Nursery and also their parents and carers too.



Pupil Details:

Please can you ensure that if any details regarding your child has changed you inform the school. This includes any contact numbers, address, medical information etc.. It is vitally important that we have the correct details should we need to contact you.

Contacting the school:

Please note that the email address for the school has now changed, it is:
Dew.Primary@monmouthshireschools.wales¹.

Please can we remind parents that we have an absence line which is available all hours which you can access by calling 01291636360 and choosing option 1, please simply leave a voicemail detailing your child's absence.

Policies:

Safeguarding:

The Lead for Safeguarding is Liz Bain, Headteacher and in my absence it is Mr Nicholas, Deputy Headteacher. The safeguarding policy has been further updated and is on our school website, please follow this link².

Complaints:

Please click this link³ for our complaints policy should you require this which is on our school website.

¹<mailto:Dew.Primary@monmouthshireschools.wales>

²<https://dewstow-primary-school.secure-primariesite.net/policies/>

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Nuts:

We do have a number of pupils throughout our school with severe nut allergies. For these pupils even the smallest trace of nuts can be life threatening. **Please DO NOT** send any food containing traces of nuts into school. We are very grateful for your co-operation.



Snacks:

We are a healthy school, please can you ensure that you send your child into school with healthy snacks. Thankyou.

Inclement Weather Procedures:

May I remind you that should the weather conditions deteriorate, please check the school website (link here⁴) for the inclement weather procedures. A copy may also be requested from the school office. I would like us all to be prepared!



⁴<https://dewstow-primary-school.secure-primariesite.net/policies/>

Warm clothes:



The temperature appears to have dropped throughout this week and it has become very cold. When it is not raining the children still go outside to play. They also go into Forest Schools on a weekly basis. Please can you ensure that your child has a warm coat and where possible a hat and gloves. Please ensure you label all clothing items with your child's name.

School Uniform:

Just a reminder that there is free recycled school uniform in the entrance to the school, should you require any replacements. Mrs Randalls has very kindly washed all the uniform so it is ready for use.

Please can I ask that you leave the coat hangers so that we can reuse them. Please ensure that your child is in school uniform. Thankyou for your support with this.

PE Kit:

Please can you ensure you send your child into school in the appropriate PE clothing on PE days. This is a white t-shirt and black joggers or shorts. Thank you.

Lost Property:

Each Plaza has a box of clothing that has not been claimed by the children. Please can you ask your class teacher if you can look through the box for any clothing that may belong to your child. We will put the box outside the plaza doors from time to time. Please check in the box and claim any clothing. Thank you.

Cherry Tree Care Home:

Every week during this term, groups of children across the whole school will be attending Cherry Tree Care Home to sing songs to the residents as part of our community links. A group of children have already attended and the residents thoroughly enjoyed their afternoon.

Music Workshops:

During the Spring term, the Year 1 children will continue to learn to play the violin with Mr Stone from Gwent Music. Year 2 will be engaged in 'Toots', Year 4 will be learning a brass instrument and Nursery will be engaged in drums and percussion. The projects run for 10 weeks and you will be invited into school at the end of the term to share what your child has been learning.

Curriculum/Topic Overviews:

These are available from Friday 17th January and will be displayed in the classroom windows and will also be posted on SCHOOP. These detail what your child will be learning this term. If you would like a copy of the overview, please request one from your child's class teacher.

Clubs:

All after school clubs and lunchtime clubs will commence next week. Week beginning 13th January 2025.



Awards:

Well done to all the children who have received awards this week. Bendigedig pawb!

Once again fantastic attendance results for the whole school. Bendigedig to all children and families.

Year Group	Seren yr wythnos	Behaviour of the Week Hot Chocolate Friday!	Attendance Cup
Reception	Arlo	Elinor	91.33%
Year 1	Ollie	Elliot	96.96%
Year 2	Jaxon	Millie	90.74%
Year 3	Rowan	Gethin	91.6%
Year 4	Argie	Cohen	97.37% ★
Year 5	Aaron	Sophie	96.21%
Year 6	Oliver	Noah	96.67%

Dates for your diary:

January		
15/01/2025	Football AM Netball PM	Round Robins Year 5 and Year 6
15/01/2025	PM	Year 5 Caldicot Library
16/01/2025	PM	Year 1 Road Safety
21/01/2025	AM	Year 3 <u>Chwedlau Bwyd</u> Sensory
22/01/2025		Year 3 <u>Chwedlau Bwyd</u> Story telling
23/01/2025		Year 3 <u>Chwedlau Bwyd</u> Cooking
23/01/2025	PM	Year 1 Road Safety
27 th - 31 st /01/2025		Talk Pants Week
29/01/2025	PM	Year 4 Caldicot Library
30/01/2025	PM	Year 1 Road Safety
February		
06/02/2025	PM	Year 1 Road Safety
11/02/2025	PM	Safer Internet Day Parent meeting in hall
13/02/2025	PM	Year 1 Road Safety
17/02/2025	AM	Year 5 and Year 6 Assembly Parliament Guest speaker
19/02/2025	AM Football PM Netball	Round Robins Year 5 and Year 6
20/02/2025	AM	EISTEDDFOD
20/02/2025	PM	Family Engagement
20/02/2025		Pupils break up from school
21/02/2025		INSET School closed to pupils
March		
03/03/2025		INSET School closed to pupils
04/03/2025		Pupils return to school
06/03/2025		World Book Day
17/03/2025		Parent Consultations throughout week
21/03/2025	AM	Year 2 and Year 5 Fire Service Visit
April		
07/04/2025	10am Year 3-6 1.30pm Nursery to Year 2	Bethany Baptist Church
08/04/2024	AM/PM	Family Engagement Easter Workshops
09/04/2025	AM Football PM Netball	Round Robins Year 5 and Year 6
11/04/2025	2.30pm	Easter Bunny Parade
11/04/2025		Pupils break up from school

I hope you find this information useful. Should you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to telephone school on 01291 636360, or email the school Dew.Primary@monmouthshireschools.wales⁵

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher / Pennaeth

⁵<mailto:Dew.Primary@monmouthshireschools.wales>