



Ambitious, Brave, Creative, Caring, Life Long Learners.
 Dysgwyr Uchelgeisiol Dewr, Creadigol, Gydal Oes.

Monday 15th July 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we reach the last days of the summer term and come towards the end of another academic year, I would like to thank you for your continued support and collaboration, during what has been a very positive and productive year at Wat's Dyke. We have relished every minute enabling children to become ambitious, brave, creative, caring, lifelong learners!

We would be very grateful if you could complete our annual Parents Questionnaire. Please see link below:
<https://forms.gle/TPBfaEXYiGyhUZuL7>

Classes for September

As you will be aware, due to budget cuts, we are reducing from 11 classes to 10 from September 2024. Please see new class structure below.

Phases	Year	Class	Teachers
Phase 1	Nursery	Pabi	Mrs Claire Jishi
	Reception	Tiwlip	Miss Amy Douthwaite
Phase 2	Year 1/2	Blodyn Haul	Mrs Emma Davies
	Year 1/2	Blodyn Menyn	Mrs Jenna Ellis/Miss Kirsty Williams
Phase 2/3	Year 3/4	Llygad Y Dydd	Mrs Lynsey Pearson/Mrs Sinead Jones
	Year 3/4	Grug	Mrs Katie Gibson
	Year 3/4	Gwyddfifid	Miss Wendy Crumpton
Phase 3	Year 5/6	Cennin Pedr	Mr Carl Hughes
	Year 5/6	Briallu	Mrs Danielle Jackson
	Year 5/6	Lili Wen Fach	Miss Lynne Roberts

Staffing Changes

We are sorry to say good-bye to the following staff. It is with huge thanks that we wish them all every success for the future.

- **Mrs Helga Hughes** who has been at Wat's Dyke since 1995, she will be retiring at the end of term. We send Mrs Hughes very best retirement wishes, with many years of exciting adventures.
- **Mr Andrew Jones** who has been at Wat's Dyke since 2012. Mr Jones has made the decision to take his career in a new direction. We wish him well in his new ventures.
- **Mrs Bethan Stewart-Armstead** who is relocating to Cheshire.
- **Mrs Rachel Hewitt** who is taking a year-long sabbatical to attend university.
- **Miss Elise Davies** who will be commencing maternity leave in September.
- **Mrs Cerys Kirtland** who will be leaving us to start a new role with the NHS.

Nursery Staggered Start

Settling children into school is our top priority. In order to make starting school as seamless, calm and nurturing as possible, Nursery children will be phased in during the first week. (Nursery parents/carers will have received this information in their Welcome Pack) Nursery groups will be as follows:

Nursery Group A: Wednesday 4th September 2024

Nursery Group B: Thursday 5th September 2024

All children in school from Friday 6th September 2024

Year 6 Leavers

Our Year 6 children have been fantastic this year, not just in their academic achievements; they have shown themselves to be thoughtful, brave, accepting of challenge, curious, motivated, socially conscious, passionate speakers and communicators, hard workers and most of all great fun! They are a credit to themselves, their families and our school and I would like to wish each of them every success in the future. Go forth and make the world great. Be kind, be caring and enjoy your adventures ahead!

Attendance

Regular attendance at school ensures that children get the best possible start in life. Good attendance supports learning, the development of social skills and friendships, as well as building good habits that are essential for adult life. School education lays the foundations for a child's life. Research demonstrates the link between regular attendance and educational progress and attainment. Throughout the year, we have received 210 requests for holidays during term time. This has negatively affected our whole school attendance, which is currently 93.93%, which is below our target of 95%.

PTFA

The Summer Fayre raised £2,100.00, which is fantastic! Thank you to everyone who supported the event, and also to staff and PTFA members who organised the event and helped on the day. The PTFA is grateful to all parent/carers who find time to help during their busy lives. As you can appreciate however, the PTFA needs a strong team of volunteers to commit to keep it functioning. If you feel that you may be able to help or would simply like to learn more, please contact the school office.

Reminders

School Start and Finish Time

Start times: There is free flow into school for children from 8:45am – 8:55am for all classes.

Finish times: Nursery children, the school day will end at 11:30am.

Phases 1 & 2 (Reception, Years 1 & 2), the school day will end at 3:00pm.

Phases 2 & 3 (Years 3, 4, 5 & 6), the school day will end at 3:05pm.

School Uniform

From September 2024, children in P1 & P2 (Nursery, Reception, Years 1 & 2) may once again wear a white polo shirt, instead of the shirt and tie expected in P2 & P3 (Years 3, 4, 5 & 6).

Uniform Grant

The Welsh Government funded School Essentials Grant is available to help towards the costs of a child's school uniform and equipment, for those on a low income. The School Essential Grant for September 2024 to July 2025 will be open from July 1, 2024 until May 31, 2025. <https://www.wrexham.gov.uk/service/school-essentials-grant>

Uniform

Grey skirt/trousers/pinafore/tailored shorts

White Shirt (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6)

White Polo Shirt (Nursery, Reception, Y1 & 2)

Clip On School tie (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6)

Plain grey or white socks/tights

Dark shoes (no trainers)



Maroon school sweatshirt/cardigan with or without our school logo
During the summer months, children may wear pink gingham dresses.
No rings or jewellery except a watch and one pair of discrete studs (not for P.E)

PE Days

We ask that children continue coming into school in their PE Kits on PE days. We have found that this facilitates, on average, twenty minutes more teaching time. PE timetables will be shared with parents/carers in September.

PE Kit Reminder

Plain white short-sleeved crew necked T-shirt – no patterns
Black elasticated waist shorts
Black tracksuit bottoms or black leggings
Trainers
School jumper or cardigan

Healthy Eating

As part of our ongoing commitment to promoting healthy eating habits, we offer healthy snack for children in Phases 1 & 2 (Nursery, Reception, Y1 & 2) at a cost of £2:00 per week. We ask that snacks brought into school be limited to healthy options such as fruits and vegetables. Ideal choices include apples, carrots, celery sticks, bananas, and other similar nutritious snacks. These foods not only provide essential vitamins and minerals but also help maintain energy levels and concentration throughout the school day.

Please avoid sending snacks that are high in sugar, fat, or salt. Examples of such snacks include sweets, chocolate bars, crisps, and sugary drinks. By providing healthy snacks, we can work together to foster better eating habits that will benefit children both now and in the future.

We ask that children bring their own water bottle into school daily. We have water dispensers in school for use during the school day. Having enough to drink is thought to be a key factor in improving the performance and behaviour of children at school. Water has none of the health problems associated with sugary drinks. Whilst we understand that juice often tastes nicer, drinking juice throughout the day can cause tooth decay.

INSET Days 2024/25:

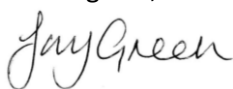
1. Mon 2nd Sept
2. Tues 3rd Sept
3. Mon 4th Nov
4. Mon 6th Jan
5. Mon 28th Apr
6. Mon 21st July

Schools Close/Open Dates

School closes for the summer holidays on Thursday 18th July 2024
Inset days Monday 2nd and Tuesday 3rd September 2024 (School closed)
School reopens Wednesday 4th September 2024

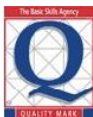
On behalf of the staff team and Governing Body, I would like to thank you again for your fantastic support throughout the year. All the very best to you all and have a lovely summer break, we look forward to working with you in the new academic year.

Kind regards,



Fay Green,
Headteacher.





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