

# Durand Primary School

## Newsletter

### Spring 2021 Issue 2



*Learning Together, Achieving Together*  
*Dysgu Gyda'n Gilydd, Cyflawni Gyda'n Gilydd*

I can't believe that the end of term has come along so quickly! I would like to say a huge thank you to everyone in our Durand School Family for the support given to us during this term.



#### Easter Break

Just to remind everyone that we will be breaking up on Friday for the Easter break, returning to school on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April.



#### May Elections and Training Days

We have been informed that the school will, once again, be required for the elections that are taking place on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> May. In recent years we have been able to just close the Nursery with fencing provided to enable us to keep the rest of the school open. We are currently in discussions with the Local Authority to explore options for us to, once again, remain open for Reception up to Year 6. Our concerns, during the current restrictions, are about the community coming on to site together with being able to adhere to the site safety measures that we have in place at present. This is just to give you the 'heads up' that we may need to move one of our remaining two training days from Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> May to Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> May to facilitate the election. Please note that we will still be going ahead with Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May as our other training day. I will send out further information once this has been finalised.

#### Covid Safety

Just a couple of reminders in relation to remaining safe whilst we are still living with Coronavirus. Please could all adults wear a face covering (unless medically exempt) on site when dropping off and picking up your children.



Children who are brought to school should only be accompanied by one appropriate adult. We have noticed that, when older siblings are coming to pick up, they are bringing their friends with them which is making our site congested. I appreciate your support with these matters.

#### Welsh Government Guidance

We really do not want to have to close our doors again to pupils so it is very important that we follow the latest Welsh Government advice. In the most recent Welsh Government guidance that we have received as schools it clearly states that 'Outside of school it will be important that all staff, children and their families continue to follow Welsh Government coronavirus guidance and limit their contact with others. We recognise the vital role education plays and that is why education has been prioritised in any headroom available, enabling learners to return to face to face learning.'

### Parent Governor Positions

Following the recent request for Parent Governor nominations I am pleased to inform you that Ms Ceri Middleton is once again a Parent Governor with Mrs Laura Davies joining our Governing Body as a new Parent Governor.

### School Meals

Please could you ensure that all meals are ordered before 9am through Parent Pay each day at the latest. From Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April the direct payments for children in receipt of free school meals will end so meals can, once again, be bulk ordered through Parent Pay with no cost incurred.

### School Contact

Could I please remind you that routine messages in relation to changes in picking up or absence from school should be telephoned or emailed to the school office. A few parents are emailing their child's class teacher with this routine information and these are not always picked up during the day due to teaching commitments. Thank you for your support with this matter.

### YouTube Channel

In our continuing endeavour to further connect with our school family we are in the process of developing a secure YouTube channel for our school. Once we have more information in relation to this we will send out the details.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy Easter and hope that the weather is kind to us allowing us all to have a good break!



**Many thanks to you all for your continued support!**

**Take care, stay safe!**

**Mrs Allison Waters  
Headteacher / Pennaeth**