

Durand Primary School

Newsletter

Summer 2021 Issue Final



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

It's hard to believe that the end of this academic year is here! I would like to thank all of you, as part of our Durand Primary School family, for your continued support, patience and understanding during what has continued to be unprecedented times. As staff we really appreciate the community spirit around our school!



September 2021

As you will have read in the letter from Will McLean, Chief Officer, Children and Young People there will be very little change to how Primary schools operate in September. The latest revised guidance that we have received still asks us in schools to operate with tighter restrictions than those proposed for wider society.

This year we have operated a very successful free flow entry and exit system adjusting the operation of the school day to ensure that we have maintained the correct number of teaching and learning hours. From September we are going to continue with the one-way system free flow entry and exit process from each individual classroom's external door but we will be adjusting the times as follows:

Morning arrival – gates to be opened at 8.50am and pupils will go straight to their classes by 9am at the latest

Afternoon departing – gates will be opened at 3.05pm to enable parents to get to their child's class for a 3.10pm finish

The following will still apply:

- Items brought from home kept to a minimum. No big rucksacks please.
- PE kits to be worn to school on the day/days required. Staff will let pupils and parents know which days in September
- Regular hand washing and the use of hand sanitiser will continue.
- The wearing of face coverings for drop off and pick up as the guidance still specifies that 'Visitors to the school setting should use a face covering, including parents/carers when dropping off and picking up learners.'
- Leave the school site straight away and not congregate either on site or just outside.
- During drop off, as we still have staff outside to assist, you may wish to consider allowing older pupils (Key Stage 2) to come onto site independently in order to walk around to class.
- Late arrivals to report to the buzzer gate.

Should we receive further updates during the summer break then I will send out details of any changes via Schoop.

School Office

Unfortunately, there will still be no access for parents or visitors to the school office. Please telephone the school or email and Mrs Williamson will be able to help with enquiries - durandprimary@monmouthshire.gov.uk or telephone 01291 422296.

In the case of an emergency during the school day parents should ring the buzzer in the security gate and speak to the office staff.

Training Days

There are six training days to be taken during the 2021-22 academic year. The dates we have allocated for these are:

Thursday 21st October

Friday 22nd October

Monday 1st November

Tuesday 2nd November

Friday 18th February

Plus one more - to be kept should we need to close for election purposes during May.

Jubilee Bank Holiday

Next year is the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and to celebrate this everyone has been given an extra bank holiday. The official bank holiday date is during the summer half term so schools have been instructed to take an additional day during term time. We have decided that we are going to take our **additional bank holiday day on Monday 6th June** which is immediately after the Platinum Jubilee events.



Goodbye

Very sadly we are saying goodbye to one of our members of staff who is leaving us at the end of this academic year. Mrs Manship is leaving us to take up a new post in another Primary school. We wish her all the best and good luck as she takes on this new adventure!

Rogiet Junior Park Run

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JOIN THE JUNIOR PARKRUN FAMILY
WALK, JOG, RUN, VOLUNTEER
or simply come and watch - It's up to you!

FAMILY-FRIENDLY 2K EVENTS
Every Sunday morning

EVERYONE WELCOME
Walk, jog, run, hop, skip or jump - It's up to you!

HAVE FUN BEING ACTIVE
Share high fives and big smiles!

LEARN NEW SKILLS
Kids can volunteer in lots of roles

FOR 4-10 year olds under Covid guidelines
Adults can help the kids too!

FREE & EASY TO TAKE PART
No special kit needed - wear whatever you like

MAKE FRIENDS
Meet lots of new people

FEEL HAPPY AND PROUD
Try your best and celebrate your achievements

"We all do it together as a family. The volunteers are really nice, it's fun and you can walk if you want to!"

Register at [parkrun.com](https://www.parkrun.com)
and head down to your local junior parkrun event!

At Rogiet Countryside Park every Sunday at 9am

notes: **(Arrive by 8:45am for warm up and run briefing)**

Parents Evening

If the operational guidance allows, we will be looking to reinstate face to face parent consultations in September, during the week commencing 27th September. However, as this may not suit everyone we will be sending out information via Schoop forms in September of alternatives that parents can opt for instead should they wish to do so.

Summer Reading Challenge

This year we have had a huge focus on reading and we are delighted with the results we are seeing with our pupils. In order to continue to foster a joy for reading don't forget that your children can take part in the Summer Reading Challenge at the local library!



Term Dates for 2021-2022

Term	Term begins	Half term begins	Half term ends	Term ends
Autumn	2/9/2021	25/10/2021	29/10/2021	17/12/2021
Spring	4/1/2022	21/2/2022	25/2/2022	8/4/2022
Summer	25/4/2022	30/5/2022	3/6/2022	22/7/2022

Plus May Bank Holiday on Monday 2nd May 2022

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to wish our leavers all the best in their new school. They have been a credit to us here at Durand and we are very proud of them. GOOD LUCK!

Thank you for your support this year and I hope everyone has a very enjoyable summer break and I look forward to seeing you all again in September!



Take care, stay safe!

**Mrs Allison Waters
Headteacher / Pennaeth**