

# September Newsletter



Our first month under new rules and regulations and in different circumstances is complete! It has taken a monumental effort from everyone involved; staff, pupils, parents and governors, to make sure that your child receives a safe education here at Llanrhaeadr ym Mochnant Primary School. There is a long way to go before we get back to 'normal', but we will get there. Thank you for your support and patience.

Since the first two days, where we had half the school in on each day, the staff have been busy preparing tasks and lessons to help the pupils ease back into 'face-to-face' education, after what has been a very long time for some. The pupils have responded brilliantly to everything going on, it cannot be easy for them and I am proud to say that they have been excellent throughout. Please click on the links below to see videos of what each class has been up to:

[Video – Dosbarth Mrs Evans](#)

[Video – Dosbarth Miss Brown](#)

[Video – Dosbarth Miss Watkins](#)

[Video – Dosbarth Mrs Turner](#)

At the beginning of term, we welcomed **Miss Ellie Brown** as the new KS2 English medium teacher. Miss Brown teaches the class Monday to Wednesday and I teach them on a Thursday and Friday.

A reminder that **breakfast club** is up and running successfully and safely, 8am – 8.45am each day for £2 per child. However, until bubbles can mix again, there will be no after school clubs.

I'd like to officially welcome our new reception pupils; Aria, Theo, Caia, Sasha, Jade, Brody, Ruhna-Mae, Ifan, Tomos, Sidonia, Angharad and Darcie. We also welcome Ben into year 1 and James into year 5. With lots of new children around school, that means lots of new uniform. Please put your child's name in every item of clothing, including PE kit and trainers/pumps if possible.

A reminder to all parents that you must have a **ParentPay** account for each child even if they do not have school meals as eventually, trips, swimming, snack etc, will all be done via ParentPay. If you need a new activation code get in touch. Please also check to see if you owe money for dinners via your ParentPay app. If you have any issues with ParentPay, please let us know. Morning snack must still be brought from home and must be fruit or vegetables.

We held our **governing body AGM** this week. I'd like to thank the governors once again for their support. Mr Adam Burgess will be chair for 2020/21 whilst Mrs Margaret Hart will be vice chair. Ms Ann Klages will be the clerk to the governors. There is now also a vacancy for a parent governor. Forms will be sent out for nominations soon. If you would like to know more then please get in touch with either myself or our other parent governors, James McKenna and Brian Dulson. I have also attached a flyer for information to the ParentMail message.

COVID19 has put an end to many **PTA** events during the past 6 months which is a real shame as they are such community orientated events. However, we must think proactively and put a plan together for the next few months. I will soon be sending all families a link to a Microsoft Teams meeting via ParentMail where the PTA AGM will take place and ideas for fundraising can be discussed.

Please check that you receive all communications via [ParentMail](#). This is our chosen method of communication for letters, emails and forms to fill in. We aim to keep you as informed as possible and the majority of information will come via ParentMail. A reminder that we also have a group page on Facebook for parents and grandparents only and a Twitter page.

I am pleased that we have been able to continue with individual [music lessons](#) following social distancing guidance. We welcome Ms Ruth Thomas as our new piano teacher and Mr Ian Putt as our new drum teacher. We also welcome back Mr Mike Wilcock as our guitar teacher. Until further notice, harp will not be offered in school. Drum lessons will begin soon.

We have also come up with a plan to hold [yoga](#) sessions again every Thursday, safely, with Satori Yoga. The pupils will get a yoga session every other week rather than every week to allow for cleaning between sessions etc to take place. Yoga helps the pupils' wellbeing and focus, and we're pleased to have it back. Thank you to Mrs Kirsty Martuccio for working with us to get it back up and running. Ask your child to show you some shapes/techniques they have learnt!

On 9<sup>th</sup> October, we ask all pupils to wear yellow or green to school for £1 per family to help raise money for the [Young Minds Charity](#) who support children with their mental health. The 9<sup>th</sup> October is #HelloYellow day (yellow) and the 10<sup>th</sup> is World Mental Health Day (green). On the day, pupils will take part in workshops/tasks about how to stay mentally strong during difficult times.

By now, most of you will have read about the [Powys Transformation Plan for Schools](#). The Powys Press Release was shared on ParentMail and Social Media last week detailing suggested changes throughout the County, in particular the Llanfyllin cluster, which we are part of. We will inform you as to any developments as and when we are made aware of any public announcements as the process goes through consultation.

Thank you once again for your support and patience during these strange times. As I have maintained all along, we will pull through together and we look forward to that 'normal' day, hopefully one day soon! Take care and get in touch if you have any concerns or issues we can help with.

Regards



Mr Jonathan Richards

9 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Wear Yellow or Green - (£1) charity day	<a href="#">COVID19 Symptoms</a> Pupils <b>MUST</b> isolate if they or a family member have: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A new, continuous cough</li><li>• A high temperature</li><li>• Loss of taste/smell</li></ul> Please contact us on 01691 780352 or at <a href="mailto:office@llanrhaeadr.powys.sch.uk">office@llanrhaeadr.powys.sch.uk</a>
19 <sup>th</sup> - 30 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Half term (back on the 2 <sup>nd</sup> November)	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Nov	Secondary admissions close	
11 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Flu Nasal Spray	
18 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Year 6 cycling proficiency	