

### Note from the Headteacher

Dear Parents

Happy New Year to all of you. We hope you have had a lovely Christmas and had time to relax with your family.

We are thrilled to welcome two additional members of staff for this term. Miss Medi Burslem who will be supporting KS2 for three mornings a week and Mrs Sophie Jones who will be supporting Foundation Phase pupils five mornings a week. Miss Hannah Corless will be working full time in the Foundation Phase also. Additional funding from Welsh Assembly to support children because of the pandemic has facilitated these additions. A very warm welcome to them.

Thank you for your continuing support.

Kind regards.

Bethan Jones  
Headteacher

### Additional Learning Needs/Additional Learning Provision

From September 2021, our school will implement the requirements of the Additional Learning Needs and Education Tribunal Act (Wales) 2018. The changes of this legislation include a change in terminology from Special Educational Needs (SEN) to Additional Learning Needs (ALN). The needs of the vast majority of pupils with ALN will be able to be met by mainstream schools through the implementation of appropriate strategies, carefully differentiated and targeted interventions and programmes delivered by school staff. Additional information will be shared with you over the next few weeks.



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### Information

**Forest Schools** – this will take place on a Friday this term.

**Theme this term** – “Our Wales” – to fit in with the many cultural days coming up this term – See dates for diary below.

Professor Llusern the magician will be visiting during the term.

**Swimming Lessons** have been postponed until after Easter. Lessons will now begin on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> April, further details to follow nearer the time.

**Violin and Cello lessons** begin again on Tuesday.

### Dates for your diary

**25/01/22** – Diwrnod Santes Dwynwen  
**31/01/22** – Dydd Miwsig/Cerddoriaeth Cymraeg  
**18/02/22** – School closes for half term  
**28/02/22** – School opens  
**08/04/22** – Training Day – New Date  
**25/04/22** – School Opens for Summer term  
**28/04/22** – Swimming Lessons – KS2

### How to help my child

#### Reading

Daily reading is essential.

The Oxford Reading Tree book scheme that we use at school, can now be accessed digitally from home. The Welsh books can be found via the school website. To access the English books (KS2 only) parents need to first register via this link.

[https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/user/sign\\_up/html](https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/user/sign_up/html).

You will then have access to English and Welsh reading books to support your child in their learning.

In addition children love to have stories read to them and with them. A bedtime story is a lovely way to end the day, helps your child calm ready to sleep and supports their learning. Remember that it is recommended that children switch off and finish using any devices at least an hour before bedtime/sleep to enable the children to sleep.

#### Maths

Maths this term will be concentrating on addition and subtraction to begin with.

The children in KS2 will be ensuring they understand place value – Thousands, Hundreds, Tens, Units and lining up the digits in the correct columns before adding them correctly beginning with the units column.

### Communication with the School

We appreciate the importance of working closely with our wonderful parents and families for the benefit of our children. Please remember that if you have any concerns or worries, let us know through telephone, email to the office or Seesaw.

Website – [ysgolgyraegmornant.weebly.com](http://ysgolgymraegmornant.weebly.com)

Twitter  @YsgolMornant

Email – [office@mornant.flintshire.sch.uk](mailto:office@mornant.flintshire.sch.uk)

### Free School Meals

If your circumstances have changed and you think you are now entitled to Free School meals, please phone school for additional guidance.

### When should I get a test for my child?

The **three key symptoms** of COVID-19 you need to continue to look out for are -

- a high temperature: this means that they feel hot to touch on their chest or back
- a new, continuous cough: this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
- a loss or change to their sense of smell or taste: this means they've noticed they cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal.

If your child has **any of these three key symptoms**, please do not send your child to school and arrange a PCR test for them immediately. You can book a PCR test online through the NHS website at [gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test](http://gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test) or by calling 119. Anyone else in your household with **any of these three key symptoms** should also isolate and take a PCR test.

### Update to Welsh Government guidance

Visitors to all schools and colleges, including parents and carers picking up and collecting children that face coverings should be worn.

**A change to self-isolation rules** - the Welsh Government has announced changes to the rules regarding Self-Isolation and the Guidance has been updated. If you are a fully vaccinated adult or aged **between 5 and 17** you do not need to self-isolate if identified as a close contact but you are strongly advised to:

- take a lateral flow device (LFD) test every day for 7 days or until 10 days since your last contact with the person who tested positive for COVID-19 if this is earlier.
- take this daily test before you leave the house for the first time that day.
- upload all tests results on GOV.UK even if negative or void. This helps improve Government's understanding of infection rates across the UK and helps inform how they manage the pandemic to keep people safe whilst keeping life as normal as possible.

We ask that you contact the school if your child tests positive or has symptoms or is taking a lateral flow daily before school as family at home are COVID positive.

Please note that if your child is under the age of 5 years old they should not take COVID-19 tests unless directed to do so by a doctor or if you believe a test is absolutely necessary and in the best interests of your child. They should however remain off school if they have a high temperature until it returns to normal and they feel better.

### Bad Weather

In the event of inclement weather, visit "[www.flintshire.gov.uk](http://www.flintshire.gov.uk)" and visit "Emergency School Closure Alerts", where details of school closures will be available. If you do not have internet access, listen to Radio Wales or Heart FM for the latest updates. It is now also possible to register to receive email via smartphone or PC for emergency closure details. To do this, visit [www.flintshire.gov.uk/schoolclousureregistration](http://www.flintshire.gov.uk/schoolclousureregistration). We will also send an announcement on Seesaw to all parents if the school closes.