



## Bryn Deva Newsletter September 2020



### Welcome Back!

It has been a really fantastic day today and so lovely to see everyone. There were a lot of excited faces at the beginning of the day and some very tired faces by the end. It was really good to see friends back together again and a great deal of laughter in every classroom. Thank you for making sure they looked so smart too.

It has been a very long time since many of us have been together and we are very much looking forward to having a productive term where we can begin the process of teaching and learning again. We have all coped in different ways with the challenges of the last 6 months and will need time to readjust to the routines of school life. Our focus will be to make sure everyone is happy and safe. Well being will be at the centre of how we will move forward and we will be looking at this very closely over the next few weeks.

### Lunch bags

We ask that, at this stage, pupils only need to bring in a container for their lunches. If they can open the box without adult support a lunch box or lunch bag is practical. For pupils who can't open the boxes themselves please provide a plastic or paper bag. We hope this is for the short term only.

### Congratulations

We are delighted to announce that Mrs Henney has had a baby girl in July. Lola Eira and Mum are doing really well. Mrs Henney will be coming in during the first week to say hello to her class. We also send our congratulations to Miss Matthias who is due to have her baby in December. She will continue to support learners from home.



### New Teachers

Mrs Edwards will be covering Mrs Henney's class and will be with us to cover her maternity leave too. We also welcome Miss Jones who will cover in Miss Matthias's class. Miss Jones has been in school planning for her new class and is really excited for the start of term.

### Counselling

Bryn Deva will be employing a therapist from next week. She currently works for Action for Children and is very experienced in working with children and their families. She will be with us for a day a week and will support both children and families if necessary. If you feel your child would benefit from this service please contact the school.



## Parents returning from other countries

Many thanks to parents who have returned from their holidays abroad and are following Government guidelines on self-isolation depending on the country. Guidance is changing all the time. If you are travelling abroad please check the list of affected countries both before and after travel

## Symptomatic

Some updated information regarding symptoms.

- if you notice a new persistent cough (that is a coughing a lot for more than an hour or three episodes of coughing in 24 hours)
- a high temperature which means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back
- a loss or change to sense of smell or taste, this means you have noticed you can not smell or taste anything or things smell and taste different to normal

If you notice your child has any of the above symptoms please do not send them to school. You should get in touch with the local testing centre by calling 119 and book an appointment to be tested. If the result is positive they will need to isolate for 14 days from the day the symptoms began. Anyone who had come into contact with them will need to isolate for 10 days.

## Thank you

Thank you for following the new staggered starts and pick up times to the school day. These will, of course, be different as of Monday when they move to their new classes. National guidance has been changing rapidly so please make sure you check the website and Schoop for any changes to start and finish times. Again, the staff would like to thank you for your support, it is much appreciated.

## Diary

The dates below are subject to change but we will do our very best to let you know as soon as we do. Diary dates for the year:

September	17 <sup>th</sup> begins support Councillor WB 28 <sup>th</sup> Well-being week-Yoga for all 30 <sup>TH</sup> School council fun run
October	WB 5 <sup>th</sup> Scarecrow week! WB 19 <sup>TH</sup> Parents information week 23 <sup>rd</sup> Nasal flu spray 23 <sup>rd</sup> Half term
November	2 <sup>nd</sup> Term begins
December	WB 7 <sup>th</sup> Upper KS 1 Christmas presentation 14 <sup>th</sup> LKS2 Christingle 18 <sup>th</sup> Term ends
January	4 <sup>th</sup> Training day 5 <sup>th</sup> Spring term begins

February	12 <sup>th</sup> half term 22 <sup>nd</sup> Term begins
March	1 <sup>st</sup> Eisteddfod WB 22 <sup>nd</sup> Parents information week 25 <sup>TH</sup> Spring term ends 26 <sup>th</sup> Training day
April	12 <sup>th</sup> Summer term begins
May	3 <sup>rd</sup> May Day holiday 17 <sup>th</sup> Foundation Phase sports day WB 24 <sup>th</sup> Sports day KS 2 28 <sup>th</sup> Half term
June	7 <sup>th</sup> Summer term begins WB 7 <sup>TH</sup> Health week
July	16 <sup>th</sup> Term ends 19 <sup>th</sup> Training Day 20 <sup>th</sup> Training day