

Llanilltud Faerdref Primary School

Start of year Newsletter

Wednesday September 4th



Dear Parents and Carers,

A warm welcome to all our school families, both those returning and those who are joining us for the first time. It's been wonderful to see our new and existing pupils settling into their new classes and adjusting to the routines of the school day. This first letter is primarily to offer a few reminders about some aspects of school life.

Communication:

We now use the app 'SeeSaw' as our primary communication tool between home and school. If you need any assistance in getting this set up, please speak to your child's teacher.

New Building Update:

We are now just 7 weeks away from the official handover of our new building and grounds on October 18th! We appreciate your patience over the next few weeks. It won't be long before we can finally say goodbye to the diggers and dust!

Open Evening:

Our first open evening for parents will be on Wednesday, November 6th. This will be an opportunity for you to visit your child's classroom (with or without your child), review their work, and discuss their activities. The class teacher will also be available for a brief chat if there's anything you'd like to discuss. In the meantime, if you need to speak with your class teacher, they are often available after school, or you can contact the office to arrange a call-back. Unless urgent, please avoid discussing matters with staff at the start of the day, as their priority is to get the children settled and registered.

Break times and Lunchtimes:

All pupils, including those in Nursery, are now entitled to universal free school meals. If your child brings a packed lunch, please try to provide a balanced meal in containers they can handle independently, requiring minimal support from staff. Please note that glass containers, cans, fizzy drinks, and sweets are not allowed.

In line with government guidelines, pupils are allowed and encouraged to bring water (only) to school, ideally in a reusable water bottle. All class sinks have drinkable water supplies. For snacks, pupils in years 3-6 should only bring fruit or vegetables. Staff may remind pupils if they are not following these expectations.

Arrival at School:

- **Breakfast Club:** The doors are open from 8:10 am – 8:30 am. If you'd like to register your child for breakfast club, please speak to Mrs Wilton who will add your child's name to our waiting list as our register is currently full.
- **Drop-off for Dosbarth Porffor & Dosbarth Pinc:**
The green gate to the small Nursery & Reception yard will be open from 8:50 am – 9:00 am for pupils to be handed over to staff.
- **Drop-off for Dosbarth Glas, Gwyrdd, Melyn, Oren & Coch:**
The temporary wooden gate from the entrance plaza will be open from 8:50 am – 9:00 am. Pupils will follow the path and make their way onto the schoolyard. Registration for all classes is at 9:00 am. Parents are not permitted through the gate and onto the schoolyard in the morning. Any pupils arriving after 9:00 am should report to Mrs. Wilton at the main office. For the safety of all pedestrians, pupils (and adults) are asked not to cycle or scoot within the school grounds.

Lost Property: Please ensure your child's name is on everything they bring to school. Despite our best efforts, we continually accumulate a large amount of unclaimed lost property, including coats, lunch bags, shoes, water bottles, and especially uniform items like jumpers.

Important Dates:

- **INSET Days:** September 27th and December 20th.
- **October Half-Term:** Monday, October 28th – Friday, November 1st.

Best Wishes,

T. Lewis