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IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR EVERYONE PLEASE READ

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to everyone following the summer holidays. We hope you enjoyed the break and are looking forward to a busy year in the life of the school. Thank you to everyone for their co-operation during the beginning of the new term. I would also like to thank the children for the way they have responded to the return to school arrangements.

I would like to present the following information at the beginning of the new term.

The Welsh Language - Welsh is a key part of this school, and it gives us as a school great pleasure when we see the children from nursery to year 6, develop and improve their ability to use Welsh as they become bilingual. Welsh is the language of the school, and it is always pleasing to hear the children speaking Welsh. There is an expectation for the children to use Welsh in the school as their main language of communication, and we encourage and praise the children through various reward systems. Through regular use and practice, their bilingual skills will further improve and develop. Please work with the school to encourage your child to make use of the language at every possible opportunity. Diolch.

Health & Safety / Covid-19 - We continue with various health and safety arrangements during the school day, in our efforts to continue to minimize the risks of Covid-19. As parents/carers, please continue to make every effort possible to reduce any risks while on the school site. **As well as leaving the school site promptly once your child has been dropped off or collected, please. This includes being vigilant to symptoms of Covid-19 which your child or another member of family may be displaying.** If your child or another member of family does test positive for Covid-19, then please inform the school immediately. Thank you.

Hand sanitisers - We continue to use hand sanitising facilities in school. If your child wishes to bring his/her own sanitising liquid, then he/she may do so. However, we ask the children not to share this with other pupils.

Contacting the class teachers - You are able to e-mail the class teachers directly. You can use this to report an absence, change a parents evening time etc. Due to data protection reasons, e-mail should not be used to transfer confidential information. Below are the e-mail addresses for each class teacher. The e-mail system should not be used to make any complaints.

Miss Amy Morris MorrisA21@hwbcymru.net

Mrs Laura Davies DaviesL2654@hwbcymru.net

Miss Manon Davies DaviesM125@hwbcymru.net

Miss Delyth Dempsey DempseyD1@hwbcymru.net

Miss Esther Richards RichardsE305@hwbcymru.net

Miss Bethan Morris MorrisB27@hwbcymru.net

Mr Dyfan Jones JonesD106@hwbcymru.net

Mrs Manon Williams WilliamsM1666@hwbcymru.net

Miss Eilw Evans EvansE42@hwbcymru.net

Miss Catrin Rowlands RowlandsC193@hwbcymru.net

Mr Dylan Jones JonesD2133@hwbcymru.net

Please remember to contact the school immediately if you have any questions or issues you want to raise. We are here to help and are very keen to discuss any issues and solve any problems for the good of our pupils.

In the first instance, if you have a concern about your child (educational/behaviour etc) please discuss with the **class teacher**. You may be directed to another member of staff if necessary.

If you are not satisfied with the response - you should contact **Mrs Manon Williams** (Head of Key Stage 2) or **Miss Manon Davies** (Head of Foundation Learning) or **Mr Dyfan Jones** (Deputy Headteacher).

If you are still unsatisfied, please contact **Mr Rhodri Jones** (Headteacher).

If you are still unsatisfied and the issue is not resolved, you should contact **Mr Geraint Phillips**, the Chair of Governors.

Mrs Laura Davies is the school's inclusion and Additional Learning Needs (ALN) co-ordinator. Mrs Davies is available to discuss other concerns involving your child's development and welfare and to discuss any additional support the school may be able to offer your child. If you need to discuss your child with Mrs Davies, then a suitable time will need to be arranged, as Mrs Davies has teaching responsibilities for one of the reception classes for the majority of her weekly timetable.

Traffic - We ask all parents/carers to respect the parking and traffic arrangements at the beginning and end of each school day. The situation can sometimes be difficult and we therefore ask all parents/carers for their patience and co-operation. To ensure some key areas are kept traffic free, vehicles should not be parked where cones are located, and cones should not be moved. If you are collecting your child at 3 o'clock (Reception, Year 1 and 2) then you should not arrive on the school campus any earlier than 10 minutes before the collection time, and ensure that you leave the parking area as soon as possible after you have collected your child. If you are collecting your child from year 3,4,5 or 6, then again you should not arrive any earlier than 10 minutes before the collection time. If all parent/carers follow this arrangement, then it will help with the flow of traffic and allow more parking areas to be available during the busy time at the end of the school day. If it is possible, we also encourage all parents/carers who are able to, to avoid bringing a vehicle onto the school site.

Smoking / Vaping - Smoking and Vaping is not permitted on the school campus. This is displayed on entrances onto the school site.

Pupil Absences / Punctuality - Pupils' attendance is always a priority for the school. The Local Authority in partnership with the school will be monitoring pupil's attendance levels and contact will be made with parents/carers when attendance levels become a concern. It is vitally important that pupils attend school regularly. If your child is unwell, we ask that you contact the school on the first day of absence. **Please ensure that you notify school before 9:30.**

We encourage you as parents/carers to make every possible effort to avoid arranging holidays during the school term.

Please see below the daily session times. Please share the information with any relatives or carers who may be responsible for dropping off or collecting your child from school. **Please note that morning session starts at 8:55 for reception to year 6 pupils. ALL PUPILS ARE EXPECTED TO ARRIVE IN SCHOOL ON TIME, AND AVOID ARRIVING LATE. Thank you.**

8:55 - Foundation Learning (Reception/Yr1 &2) KS2 (Years 3/4/5/6) start

15:00 - Foundation Learning (Reception/Yr1 &2) finish

15:15 - KS2 (Years 3/4/5/6) finish

9:00 - 11:30 Morning Nursery Start/Finish

Collection from the school yard - You should by now be familiar with the arrangements for collecting your child from the school yard at the end of the school day. In our efforts to reduce numbers on the yard during this busy time, may I kindly remind parents and carers to ensure that **only ONE adult/carer comes to collect the child from the school yard**. Once again, please ensure that you leave the yard promptly, once you have collected your child, following the **one-way system**. Please make every effort to ensure that your child stays with you following hand over from the class teacher. The parking area is very busy at the end of the school day, and we therefore encourage all parents to supervise their child at the end of the school day.

Distance Learning - During the lockdown periods the children made use of their individual HWB on-line learning platform to support them with learning from home. Your child will continue to make use of the resource and there will be occasions when the class teacher will ask your child to complete a homework task through the use of their HWB account.

School Dinners - School dinners are available and are served in the school hall with staggered times for different age groups. Payment for school dinners as well as meal selection will need to be done in advance by accessing ParentPay. **All school dinners will need to be booked and paid in advance using ParentPay, including children receiving free school meals. The school are no longer able to book their dinner, it must be done through their ParentPay account before 8am on the morning or you can book up to 6 weeks in advance. If parents have not booked a lunch for their child, the school will contact you to bring in a packed lunch.** From September, all reception age children are eligible for a free school meal which will need to be ordered through ParentPay.

If you have not received your child's login details for ParentPay, please contact the school office by emailing mailbox@hooson-pri.wrexham.sch.uk

Dogs - May I take this opportunity to remind you that dogs are not permitted on to the school grounds.

Bikes - We encourage pupil's health and fitness, and cycling to school can contribute positively towards this. If your child does make use of his/her bike to travel to school, and if he/she is not a year 6 pupil, then please arrange appropriate adult supervision when travelling to and from school for your child on a bicycle. A suitable safety helmet is also required.

Collecting pupils early from school - We wish to encourage parents/carers to make every effort to avoid this, unless it is for emergency reasons only. It does have an impact on the child's education and can cause inconvenience which can be avoided. Thank you for your co-operation.

Some other dates for your diary:

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| Owain Glyndŵr's Day- Children can wear red, white or green clothing for school. | 16/09/22 |
| PTA meeting(in the school) | 03/10/22(6 o'r gloch) |
| Food donations as part of harvest celebrations. The school will present to the local food bank | 11/10/22 |
| Yr. 5/6 harvest service in Bethel Chapel | 12/10/22(10.30) |
| Show Racism the Red card day(the children are asked to wear a red item of clothing for school to support the initiative. £1 donation | 21/10/22 |
| School closes for the children for the half term | 27/10/22 |
| Staff Training Day | 28/10/22 |
| School re-opens for staff and pupils | 7/11/22 |
| Year 3/4/5/6 visit The Stiwt Theatre - Pantomime - Y Bachgen Bach Gwyrdd(The Little Green Boy) | 21/11/22 |
| End of term - School closes for pupils and staff | 23/12/22 |

CURRICULAR EVENINGS - The dates are as follows. This will be an opportunity for you to meet your child's classteacher and receive some valuable information about your child's class. These will be held in person in school and will be information sessions for parents /carers only. To assist with the arrangements, children will not be attending. Please note that the teachers will deliver an English medium evening as well as through the medium of Welsh. You will be able to decide which session to attend.

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| Curricular evening Year 1/2(English medium) | 26/09/22 | 5.30 |
| Curricular evening Year 1/2(Welsh medium) | 26/09/22 | 6.00 |
| Curricular evening Year 3/4(English medium) | 26/09/22 | 6.00 |
| Curricular evening Year 3/4(Welsh medium) | 26/09/22 | 5.30 |
| Curricular evening Reception(English medium) | 28/09/22 | 5.30 |
| Curricular evening Reception(Welsh medium) | 28/09/22 | 6.00 |
| Curricular evening Year 5/6(English medium) | 28/09/22 | 6.00 |
| Curricular evening Year 5/6(Welsh medium) | 28/09/22 | 5.30 |

Communication - The school website(www.hooson.cymru), Schoop, the school app, and the school's Twitter account is currently the main sources of communicating with you as parents/carers. Therefore, please ensure that these are regularly checked.

It will be much appreciated if all parents/carers ensure that any other adults who may be collecting the children from school are made aware of the above information. Once again, I would like to remind you to please contact your child's class teacher through their direct e-mail address if you have any questions about the activities and your child's work, or contact the office at mailbox@hooson-pri.wrexham.sch.uk for general enquiries.

Thank you for your continued co-operation and support.

Yours sincerely,

Rhodri Jones
Headteacher

