

## **Derwen News January 20**

**At the start of a new year at Ysgol Derwen can I please remind everyone about the importance of punctuality and pupil absence.**

### **Punctuality**

**Just a reminder at the beginning of the new year that Ysgol Derwen starts at 8.55am for children in Reception to Year 6. Can you please make every effort to ensure that your child is in school by the school start time of 8.55am. Late arrival in school is very disruptive with regards to taking and closing registers and morning assembly.**

**The school day for Reception to Year 6 starts at 8.55am and the side gates will remain open until 9.00am at which point the Foundation and Junior doors will be closed for security reasons. If for any reason you do arrive after 9.00am please use the FRONT entrance.**

**Thank you for your cooperation with regards to this matter.**

### **Pupil Absence**

**Can I please request that every session of absence by your child (illness, appointments etc) is communicated to the school either by the absence form, an email to the main office or by leaving a message on the school phone.**

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### **Criw Cymraeg**

**The Criw Cymraeg have been busy working towards several targets for the Bronze Award and continue to play an active role in promoting the Welsh language across the school. They lead a Welsh assembly every fortnight to introduce the school's new phrase to learn and have created posters to support this. Each class also has a Welsh mascot, which a different child takes home each week to encourage the use of Welsh beyond the classroom. In addition, the Criw Cymraeg have designed games for Foundation Phase children, which they lead at lunchtime on a rota basis.**

**Attached is a flyer promoting the latest Clwb Cwtsh sessions. Clwb Cwtsh is a short, free and informal Welsh language taster programme that supports parents and carers to use basic Welsh**

**with young children at home through songs and games to learn simple words and phrases. During the Spring Term, the course will run for eight sessions with a half-term break, and a choice of online and face-to-face sessions is available.**

**The Criw Cymraeg members have been around the classes to tell the children about these sessions.**

**Please See Information below from:**  
**Family Information Service Flintshire County Council**

**Family life can be stressful and we all need help and advice at times. There are lots of ways we can support you and your family. We offer assistance on the following:**

- **Queries about child related applications such as Tax-Free Childcare, Flying Start, Early Entitlement, the Childcare Offer for Wales and school admissions**
- **Share socialisation opportunities including parent and toddler groups, groups for primary/ high school age children, support groups for parents and families**
- **Grant funding and what may be available for families**
- **Parenting courses for parents and carers**
- **Family support organisations**
- **Signposting to relevant services for all children and young people aged up to 25**
- **Signposting to local and national voluntary, statutory and private organisations that support children and young people.**

## **Dates For The Term Ahead**

### **January**

**Year 3 / 4 Swimming starting**

**16 – Year 5 and 6 Xplore Session**

**22 – Badminton Tournament**

**23 – Criw Cymraeg Café**

**28 – Year 6 Visiting Mold Police Station**

### **February**

**13 FODS Wear Red for Valentines – Non-Uniform Day and Raffle (More details to follow)**

**13 – School Closes for Half Term at the end of the school day**

**23 - School Open**

### **March**

**2,3 & 4 – Year 5 /6 Boreatton Park Residential Trip**

**10 – Flintshire Tag Rugby Tournament**

**11 – AM Tempest Photography (Rec & Year 6 Class Photos)**

**27 – Close for Easter at the end of the school day**

**Thank you for your continued support**

**R Jones**