

# OYSTERMOUTH PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Autumn Term 2018  
November

Welcome back to school. I hope you all had a relaxing and enjoyable half term. All the children (and staff) deserved a week off after eight very busy weeks at school.

Lots of great things happened last half term. The school raised £339.78 eating cakes and drinking milkshakes for Macmillan.

Tonia Antoniazzi visited school and talked about her work as an MP in a special assembly. The children learnt about how our country is governed to help us with our very own 'Senedd'. The Year 6 children had an interesting 'Question and An-

swer' session with her. Favourite questions included 'What do you think about Brexit?' and 'Do you like Donald Trump?'

As part of our new Pupil Voice initiative the Year 6 children are having a more active role in our whole school assemblies. Four children delivered a thoughtful Harvest Assembly. Kristina and Ian from Swansea Foodbank also thanked the children for their Harvest contributions.

The school celebrated Su'mae Day on 15th October which was a great opportunity for the children to have fun and share the Welsh language with their friends.

Special thanks go to Mrs Donaldson and Mrs Brain who gave up their time to read Welsh stories with the children.

I would also like to say a big thank you to all the pupils, staff, parents and Governors for the wonderful support you have given me during my first half term as Acting Headteacher.

Please come and speak to me if you have any concerns about your child's education or if you have any positive suggestions to make concerning the school.

**My door is always open!**

Mrs Morgan



## Punctuality

School starts at 8.50 am and pupils need to be in school at that time. Lessons start immediately and pupils could miss a valuable part of the introduction if they arrive late.

If your child is going to be absent, please phone the school as soon as possible, choose the absence line and leave your child's name and reason. It is important that you inform us, especially if your child has an infectious illness.



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## Volunteers

We are very grateful to the parents and grandparents who volunteer in school on a regular basis. These volunteers play educational games with the children, help with Guided Reading sessions, read stories to the children or generally help in the classroom.

A massive thank you to James' Grandad (Y3) who has come in to school on numerous occasions to repair and replace items. If there are any parents or grandparents who would like to become a school volunteer and can spare some time on a regular basis, please let me know.

**Your help and support is very much appreciated!**

The PTA have been very busy during the last eight weeks. The Change Challenge raised an amazing £560 and the Halloween Disco a fantastic £476! Look out for the new Buddy Benches and sports equipment in the playground.

A huge thanks to the parents who gave up their time for the first Groundforce Day. I'm sure you will agree the area around the gym is looking much tidier!

### 8:50am!

As you are probably aware, 8:50am is a very busy time for all staff. If you need to get a message to a teacher, please write a note and give it to your child to give to their teacher. If it is of an urgent matter, please come and see me. This will allow the teachers to teach and you to get on with your day

## Extra Curricular Clubs

There are a variety of clubs which take place during school lunch times e.g. Orchestra, Choir and Gardening.

There are also many extra curricular clubs after school e.g. Girls Football, Tennis, Netball, Film, French, Gymnastics, Mini-Media.

Information regarding all the clubs on offer can be found on the school website—

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## P. T. A.

*The PTA works very hard to provide money to buy equipment which all your children will benefit from. Please help them to help your children.*

more efficiently. If you need to speak to your child's teacher, after school is a more convenient time.

I've also noticed that some KS2 parents like to stay in the yard to watch their children walk in to school at 8:50am. Please allow enough room for children to enter school safely.

## Educational Visits

These play an essential part in the curriculum. The visits can be a starting point to a topic or a reinforcement of work being done in the classroom. The visit is always followed up by work in the school, so it is vital that children participate, otherwise they are at a disadvantage. We always try to keep the cost to a minimum. For each visit a Consent Form must be filled in and returned along with the payment, unless you are paying through sQuid. We would like to be able to offer these visits free of charge but we are not in a position to do so, therefore it is essential that we receive payment, otherwise the visit may be cancelled.

### PTA Dates for your Diary

**Non-Uniform Day**  
Friday 9th November

**Christmas Fayre:**  
Thursday 22nd November  
5pm—7pm

**Parents Christmas Night Out:** Friday 14th December

**World Book Day Disco**  
Thursday 7th March

### PPA Cover

Since 2005, all teachers have been entitled to PPA time: time away from their classroom for planning, preparation and assessment. Below is a list of when each teacher has their PPA time and the name of the Teaching Assistant who supervises the class.

Reception PPA—Thursday PM—Mrs Aston  
Year 1 PPA—Thursday AM—Mrs Harris  
Year 2 PPA—Wednesday AM—Mrs Myers  
Year 3 PPA—Tuesday PM—Mrs Roberts  
Year 4 PPA—Wednesday PM—Mrs Roberts  
Year 5 PPA—Tuesday AM—Mrs Roberts  
Year 6 PPA—Friday PM—Mrs Roberts

### Breakfast Club

The Breakfast Club is run by the school. The club starts at 8am. The children are offered cereal, fruit, toast, milk and fruit juice. There is a charge of £1, per pupil, per session which can be paid at the start of the week or on arrival. There is no requirement to book for the Breakfast Club.

### Fruit Tuck Shop

The Key Stage 2 children can buy an item of fruit to eat during morning break—30p a day or £1.50 for the week.

### School Lunch

Please can you inform the Office if your child is going to choose the Vegetarian option on a regular basis. This will enable Mrs Evans to order the correct amount of food.

### Wrap Around

The school provides a Full Day Care Service. We are CIW registered and provide families with child care from 8am to 5:30pm every day.

We accept children from the age of 2 onwards.

The Wrap Around staff take on board the Foundation Phase curriculum and work closely with the teachers.

The indoor and outdoor environments are fun, exciting, stimulating and safe—promoting children's development and natural curiosity to explore and learn through first-hand experience.

To book a place email:

[oystermouthfunclub@hotmail.com](mailto:oystermouthfunclub@hotmail.com)

### After School Club

The school provides an After School Club. We are CIW registered and provide families with child care from 3:20pm to 5:30pm every day.

Charges are as follows:  
3:30pm — 4:30pm £6 / sibling discount £5  
3:30pm — 5:30pm £8 / sibling discount £7

To book a place email Miss Stocks:  
[StocksL3@hwbcymru.net](mailto:StocksL3@hwbcymru.net)

When the weather is appropriate, the After School Club children play in the Key Stage 2 playground.

If your child is not in After School Club, please leave the KS2 playground by **3:45pm**.

## Welsh—Siarter Iaith Gymraeg

Our school is working to achieve the Cymreag Campus Language Charter. We are trying to increase the use of Welsh by pupils, staff and the wider community. We have ten targets to achieve for the Bronze Award. The aim of the Language Charter is to inspire our children to use Welsh in all aspects of their lives.

### Congratulations!

Congratulations to Megan Hadley in Year 6 for winning a STEM Science and Engineering competition. Last year the children in Year 5 designed the livery for a Toyota Rally car and Megan was the winner of the KS2 category.

I'm also thrilled to announce that Ffion Lewis in Year 6 has been selected as a Team Captain for Series 6 of 'The Dog Ate My Homework', which will be recorded at BBC Scotland in Glasgow in December of this year.

*Children who learn a second language, especially at an early age, do better when learning the skills of their home language.*

Our school has an active Criw Cymraeg—a group of pupils who promote Welsh. Each

week the school selects a 'Patrwm yr 'Wythnos' (Pattern of the Week). The Criw Cymraeg listen out to see who is using the sentence pattern in and around the school environment. This week's sentence pattern is ...

*Oes .... gyda ti? -*

Do you have a ...?

*Oes — Yes      Nag oes — No*

### School Crossing Patrol

I'm delighted to inform you that after a very long time we have a new School Crossing Patrol. Mr Barry Elias started on 5th November and will work between 8.00am -9.00am and 3.00pm - 4.00pm. I'm sure you will all make him feel very welcome in his new role.



### Parking Problems

I would like to remind you of the importance of parking appropriately outside and near school. Vehicles are not permitted to park on pavements, on double yellow lines, double park or block driveways. The safety of the children is of paramount importance. Please do **not** park or pull in by Roger's Engineering or by the Bus Stop on Newton Road.



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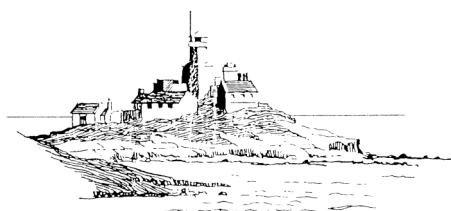
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## 'Achievement Through Challenge'



## Oystermouth Primary School

### Vision Statement

*'Our school will seek to provide an imaginative, broad and balanced interpretation of the curriculum in inspiring, caring and secure classroom, home and wider school environments.*

*We want children of all potential, abilities and talents to enjoy learning and to develop as independent and motivated thinkers and learners whose achievements are recognized in all areas of the curriculum and personal experience.*

*We work to create a climate of tolerance, respect, mutual communication and support wherein all are willing to accept, and are proud of, the standards set by the school'.*

## Dates for your Diary

### Autumn Term 2018

5.11.18—9.11.18—Parent Consultation Week  
7.11.18—Year 6 Film Club  
9.11.18—Remembrance Assembly  
12.11.18—16.11.18—National Anti-Bullying Week  
16.11.18—Children in Need Day  
19.11.18—KS2 Pupil Voice Meeting  
29.11.18—Reception Cake Sale  
30.11.18—Walk to School  
5.12.18—Year 6 Film Club  
6.12.18—Year 1 Cake Sale  
7.12.18—Mathematics and Numeracy Sharing Assembly

10.12.18 Foundation Phase Christmas Concert Dress Rehearsal—10:15am  
11.12.18 Foundation Phase Christmas Concert—10:15am  
12.12.18 Foundation Phase Christmas Concert—10:15am  
13.12.18 Foundation Phase Christmas Concert—10:15am  
18.12.18—KS2 Carol Service —2pm  
21.12.18—Term Ends

### Spring Term 2019

7.1.19—INSET DAY  
8.1.19—Children return to school  
18.1.19- Humanities Sharing Assembly

21.1.19—KS2 Pupil Voice Meeting  
25.1.19—Walk to School  
31.1.19—Year 2 Cake Sale  
6.2.19—PC Hadley - Y6—Be Cyber Safe  
6.2.19—PC Hadley - Y2, Y3, Y4 - Stay Smart  
14.2.19—PC Hadley - Y4—Friend or Foe  
18.2.19—KS2 Pupil Voice Meeting  
20.2.19 - 22.2.19—Y6 - Brecon Residential  
21.2.19—Year 3 Cake Sale  
22.2.19—Walk to School

### Half Term

25.2.19 - 1.3.19