

OYSTERMOUTH PRIMARY SCHOOL



CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER

Wow – What a busy term!

Firstly, thank you for coming and supporting the Foundation Phase Christmas Concert and the Key Stage 2 Carol Service. The children were fantastic and worked really hard remembering their words and songs. I am sure you are all as proud of the children as I am! 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 term as Acting Headteacher.

I wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a wonderful New Year with your families and friends.

Nadolig Llawen!

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I would like to say a **big** thank you to Mr Al Khafaji (Parent of Kais , Y3). He continues to be instrumental in updating the school website. A lot has been added to the website this term, e.g. School Prospectus and Latest News. If you want paper copies of any of the documents, please ask at the Office.

Volunteers and Visitors

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 or generally help in the classroom. 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. **On the school website is an Information Booklet for Volunteers and Visitors.**

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PTA

I can honestly say we have the best PTA in Wales!

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.

I would like to say a **huge** thank you to the parents and children who give up their time to help on Groundforce Days. We are trying to make the school look fresh and exciting—although there is still much to be done. Please see below for Future Groundforce Days -

Thursday 27th December 2018 9am
Saturday 29th December 2018 9am
Sunday 30th December 2018 9am
Saturday 5th 2019 January 9am
Sunday 6th 2019 January 9am

Next meeting PTA meeting is on Thursday 17th January 2019 at 7pm.

A Poem by the PTA

The term is almost over what a term it's been
The support has been tremendous
And fundraising a dream!

The amounts are still being counted
You've fundraised 'til the end
We can't express gratitude enough
So a rhyme of thanks we'll send

These words are a sincere thank you
For all contributions received
In support, in time, in donations
Your generosity's to be believed!

Students, teachers, parents
Friends and families
Local businesses and supporters
You are the bees knees!

Huge thanks to all from Oystermouth PTA and with a big festive cheer
We wish you all a Merry Christmas
And will see you all again next year!

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Estyn Inspection

8th January 2019 – 11th January 2019

I believe Oystermouth Primary School is a wonderful school. It has excellent pupils, teachers, teaching assistants, admin staff, governors and parents. I want the Inspectors to feel the same way I do.

Parent Meeting

Estyn would also like you to attend a meeting with the Inspectors on **8th January at 3:45pm** in the Key Stage 2 Hall. They will be discussing various topics with you such as standards, behaviour, attendance, quality of education and parent and carer involvement. The school will be operating a crèche facility in the Year 6 classroom for any parent with childcare problems.

Parking

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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Punctuality and Attendance

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.

As you are aware, your child's attendance at school is important. It will continue to be a priority next year. I appreciate your continued support and respectfully ask you to try and avoid taking any time off during term time, particularly for family holidays.

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 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 and not ask the children to come out of their class line.**

Uniform

We would like all pupils to wear the correct school uniform:

Boys—Grey or black trousers

Girls— Navy or black skirt or trousers (Winter)

Girls—Light blue gingham dress (Summer)

Light blue or white polo shirt

Sweatshirt with School logo

Black Shoes

**The Spring Term starts on
Tuesday 8th January at 8:50am.**