

OYSTERMOUTH PRIMARY SCHOOL



FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER

What a busy seven weeks!!

The term began with an Estyn Inspection. Your children behaved brilliantly and were a credit to you all! I would like to say a big thank you to all the pupils, parents and Governors for the wonderful support you have given all the staff before and during the Inspection.

This term we have welcomed children to the Afternoon Nursery. All the children have settled well and are enjoying being at school.

We now have 10 Mini Police from Years 5 and 6!! They are working with PCSO Lucy and PCSO Suzie every month and are busy preparing an assembly for the whole school.

The Year 4 children continue to visit Norton Lodge Day Centre every Wednesday morning. This has proved to be a invaluable experience for the visitors and pupils.

The Key Stage 2 Pupil Voice Groups meet regularly and are making constructive contributions to the life of the school.

Our netball players continue to be very successful. The Year 6 team were semi-finalists in the Gower Crimebeat tournament and the Year 5 team beat Tre Uchaf 9-3 on Wednesday.

As always, 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.

I wish you all a very happy, enjoyable and relaxing Half Term!
Mrs Morgan (Acting Headteacher)

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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 e.g. Attendance, 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. 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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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.

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

After School Club

The school provides an After School Club. We are CIW registered and provide families with childcare 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

When the weather allows the After School Club children play in the KS2 playground.

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

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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

Continual Professional Development

Continuing professional development is an integral part of teacher education because learning and training assures a high level of expertise and enables the teachers to keep their professional skills and knowledge up-to-date. Next half term the teachers listed below will be attending training -

- Miss Williams—Enterprise Training—8.3.19 AM—Mrs Myers will be supervising the class
- Mrs Morris—Foundation Phase Co-ordinators Training—8.3.19 AM—Mrs Hunter will be supervising the class
- Mrs Morris—360 Safe Cymru Training—14.3.19—AM—Mrs Myers will be supervising the class
- Mrs Webster—Numeracy Co-ordinators Training—26.3.19—AM—Mrs Myers will be supervising the class
- Mrs Ferguson—ALNCo Training—9.4.19—PM—Mrs Founds will be supervising the class

PC Hadley—Parent Internet Safety meeting

On Tuesday 5th March at 6pm in the Key Stage 2 Hall, PC Hadley will be hosting a Parent Internet Safety meeting. The information included in the meeting will cover key topics for parents including social media, screen time, cyber-bullying, image-sharing and features expert advice and support. Please make every effort to attend as the issues being discussed are becoming increasingly relevant and important and can effect children's behaviour and progress. **The meeting is for parents only.**

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PTA

Oystermouth Primary School has 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.

PTA Dates for your diary

Thursday 7th March - World Book Day Disco
Sunday 5th May - Progressive lunch - Details coming soon!
Sunday 19th May - Rounders Tournament (provisional date)
Saturday 15th June - Summer Fayre
Friday 5th July - End of year family BBQ

PTA events are run solely by volunteers and would not take place without the generous support of parents and teachers. If you can help in any way, please get in touch. Email the PTA with comments and suggestions:
oystermouthpta@gmail.com.

**The next PTA meeting is on
Tuesday 9th April 2019 at 7pm in the Staff Room.
All welcome!**

A **huge** thank you to the parents, grandparents and children who have given up their time to help on the PTA Groundforce Days. We were completely overwhelmed by the support leading up to the Inspection. We are continually trying to make the school look fresh and exciting.

**The next Groundforce Day is Sunday 24th March from 9am.
The more the merrier!**

Thank You Meeting!

On Wednesday 20th March at 3:30pm the Governors and staff would like to invite all parents, carers, grandparents and the wider community who gave up so much of their time to help with maintenance and repairs around the school in the lead up to the Inspection to a thank you meeting in the Key Stage 2 hall. It will be an opportunity to discuss and answer any questions you may have following our recent Estyn Inspection and to celebrate the school's successes.

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Congratulations Ffion!

Congratulations to Ffion Lewis in Year 6 who was selected as a Team Captain for Series 6 of 'The Dog Ate My Homework'. Iain Stirling is joined by child team captains Ffion and Harry and special guests Darren Harriott, Vic Cook, Stevie Martin and Jarred Christmas, who battle it out in a series of hilarious rounds and challenges guaranteed to make you laugh. You can watch Ffion on BBC iPlayer.



Foodbank

We are going to have a permanent Foodbank Collection Box by the door in the Art Room. At the moment the Foodbank especially needs: long life fruit juice or squash, UHT or powdered milk, rice, tinned or powdered potatoes, tinned peas, sweet corn or carrots, custard rice pudding, toothbrushes child or adult, shower gel and shampoo. All donations gratefully received.



Office Letter Box

We have had a letter box installed in the Office door. If you have letters, consent forms or money that needs to be handed in to the Office, please use the Letter Box. Some mornings parents are queuing out of the Office to hand in envelopes to Mrs Canning or Mrs Sutherland! The box should solve this problem.

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Big Pedal

The school is taking part in The Big Pedal 2019, the UK's largest inter-school cycling and scooting challenge that inspires pupils, staff and parents to choose two wheels for their journey to school. The challenge runs from 25th March to 5th April. Further information will be sent home after half term.



For Health and Safety
your children ride their bikes or scooters in the playground.

reasons, please do not let
your children ride their bikes or scooters in the playground.

School Crossing Patrol Officer

A big thank you to Mr Barry Elias, our School Crossing Officer. He has not missed a day since he started on 5th November. I am sure you will all agree he is very efficient and Newton Road is now a safer place to cross between 8.00am - 9.00am and 3.00pm - 4.00pm.



Parking

Please be aware of the importance of parking appropriately outside and near school. Vehicles are not permitted to park on pavements or 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 for the absence. You can also email the school at oystermouth.primary@swansea-edunet.gov.uk. Please do not use Class Dojo to inform the school of your child's absence.

As you are aware, your child's attendance at school is important. Unfortunately the school has dropped in to Quartile 3 for attendance. We need to get up to at least Quartile 2, which is 95.7%, by the end of the 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.

Please see the Attendance information on the school website.

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 Mrs Morgan. This will allow the teachers to begin lessons as soon as possible. If you need to speak to your child's teacher, after school is a more convenient time. Also, 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. Teachers on duty need to have a clear vision of the children entering school before they lock the school door to keep everyone safe.**

Uniform

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

Boys—Grey or black trousers

Girls— Navy or black skirt or trousers

Light blue or white polo shirt

Sweatshirt with School logo

Black Shoes or black trainers

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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 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

Contact Information

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Dates for your Diary

4th -8th March — Fairtrade Week

5.3.19—PC Hadley—Parent Internet Safety meeting—6pm - Key Stage 2 Hall

7.3.19 — World Book Day

10.3.19 — Ty Hafan Assembly

11.3.19 — 15.3.19—Welsh Week

11.3.19 — Eisteddfod

12.3.19 and 13.3.19 — Key Stage 2 Performances—2pm— Key Stage 2 Hall

15.3.19 - Red Nose Day

19.3.19—UK Parliament Assembly—Key Stage 2

20.3.19—Parent Thank You meeting—3:30pm - Key Stage 2 Hall

25.3.19—29.3.19—Safer Routes to School Week

29.3.19—Walk to School