



Welcome to our new school year!

The children have all settled in well and are working very hard. They look so smart in their school uniform. Thank you parents for your efforts and support.

We look forward to the exciting year ahead and to working in continued partnership with you. Remember to telephone or email if you have any concerns or suggestions.

# YSGOL HEULFAN

## September 2023 Newsletter

### Topics for the year:

Lights, Camera, Action! (Autumn Term)

All Around the World (Spring Term)

Ready, Set, Go! (Summer Term)

### Snack Money

We continue to provide a snack for the children.

Thank you to parents for paying £1 per child, per week. Payment can be made via Parent Pay.

Fruit seems expensive at the moment and we need to collect as much money as possible.

Thank you.

### Forest School

Infants:

Information has already been placed on the school App.

Juniors:

Miss C. Davies & Mr Davies/Miss Prydderch: Monday

Miss Williams & Mrs Wilkes: Tuesday

Mrs Reay/Griffith & Miss Lloyd: Wednesday

*Junior children to wear school uniform and to get changed into their Forest School kit in school please.*

**PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU HAVE DOWNLOADED THE SCHOOL APP FROM THE APP STORE AS THIS IS THE MAIN WAY WE COMMUNICATE WITH OUR PARENTS.**

### Update from Wrexham Local Authority

You will be aware of the recent press coverage regarding the potential for RAAC in public buildings and schools. WCBC is proactive in managing the condition of its schools which are surveyed on a rolling programme to ensure compliance with current legislation and as part of our annual condition reports to Welsh Government. To date we have not had a report of RAAC in any school building in Wrexham.



If your child is poorly, please telephone, email or text school to let us know. A text can be sent to 07860040158 and we would prefer that a text is sent rather than a telephone call or email.

Parents will receive a text if we do not receive a message regarding absence and we ask that this is responded to as soon as possible.

We are aiming to increase our rates of attendance this year.

School attendance across the UK has been impacted by Covid19 but we are determined to return to a high attendance and punctuality rate as these factors are fundamental to our pupils' achievement. Every lesson is important, especially those during the morning as we focus on literacy and numeracy skills.

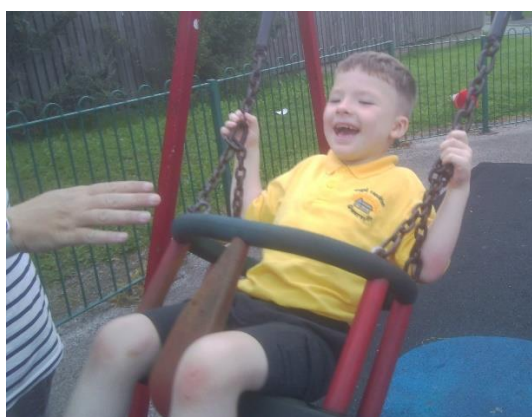
**YSGOL HEULFAN**  
**Wrexham Academic Year**  
**Dates 2023 – 2024**



<b>AUTUMN TERM</b>	<b>2023</b>
Training Day	Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> September
Term Opens Half Term closes	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> September 2023 Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> October 2023
Training Day	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> October 2023
Half Term Open Term Closes	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> November 2023 Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December 2023

<b>SPRING TERM</b>	<b>2024</b>
Training Day	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January 2024
Term Opens Half Term Closes	Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> January 2024 Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February 2024
Half Term Open Term Closes	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February 2024 Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> March 2024
Training Day	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March 2024
	(Good Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> March 2024) (Easter Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2024)

<b>SUMMER TERM</b>	<b>2024</b>
Training Day	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> April 2024
Term Opens	Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> April 2024
May Day	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May 2024
Half Term Closes	Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May 2024
Term Opens Term Closes	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2024 Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July 2024
Training Day	Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> July 2024
Common Transfer Day (visits to high school)	Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> June 2024



**Important Information:**

The gates open at 8:45 a.m. for the Infants and 8:40 a.m. for the Juniors. School starts officially at 8:55 a.m. for Infants and 8:50 a.m. for Juniors.

Please can all children bring in a P.E. kit. The P.E. kits can be left in the lockers and taken home before half-term for them to be washed and returned. If they require washing before half-term, teachers will ensure that they are taken home. We have a flexible timetable and if it is wet on the P.E. day of the class, teachers may choose to have P.E. another day. The children require shorts/t-shirt/pumps or trainers. As the weather gets colder, they can wear tracksuits.

Nursery children do not need a P.E. kit.

We do not issue formal homework on a weekly basis. We expect the children to work hard in school and then to enjoy evening time with family or to attend Clubs etc. We do ask that children read regularly at home and that they are encouraged to practise Times Tables etc.

We would like to welcome Miss Dolcie Taylor to our teaching team. Miss Taylor is currently working in Class 3 and has had a lovely first week with her children.

Congratulations to Miss Parrish and Miss F. Davies on the births of their beautiful baby girls.

A polite reminder that dogs are not permitted anywhere on our school site. Dogs cannot enter being carried or in prams as they are not allowed on our site. Also, another polite reminder that smoking near our gates is not allowed. Thank you.

We need to update our Asthma Register. If your child has asthma, please ask the class teacher for the necessary paperwork or call in at the Main Reception. If your child has any allergies, please ensure that you share details with us.

We are a big team here at Heulfan and we have a strong sense of family. We work hard together and support each other. We count our local community as part of our Heulfan family and if anyone is short of anything, we are here to help. Previously, we have helped with uniform for the children, with requests for bedding, we have supplied treatment for head lice and we have helped with broken washing machines. Please contact Mrs J. Thomas (Headteacher) if you or your family need a little help. As always, all matters will be dealt with sensitively and in complete confidence. Together we are strong and we can help each other.