



Welcome Back

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to school and the school year 2018 - 2019. We extend a warm welcome to all the new children and their families who join our school this term. We also welcome Miss Caryl Griffiths as Teacher of Year 4/5 class and Miss Emma Forbes as TA across KS2. We hope that everyone will settle quickly and be very happy here. For those of you who have had children transfer to secondary school this term we hope that they have enjoyed their first day and enjoy their new school.

Progress has been made with the building work over the summer holidays. Hopefully, the first part (hall extension) will be completed by early November. Inside, there has also been a major refurbishment of most of the toilet areas which is a huge improvement.

The school photographer will be in school Monday 10th of September. If you have younger children who you would like included in family photos please bring them in to school just before 9am and these photos will be taken first. All children will have their photos taken in their family groups. If you wish to have different arrangements (e.g. individual photos as well) please confirm this with your child's class teacher beforehand.

We remind all parents that Breakfast Club is free and you do not need to book, although parents should inform Breakfast Club staff of any allergies or medical conditions. If your children are in school before 8.45am they must be in the club, and we remind everyone that children should not be in class before 8.45am. In order to safeguard all pupils we ask that parents do not go beyond the reception area of the school. Staff will be available to receive any messages from parents and to escort pupils to their classes. Thank you for your co-operation.

After school Club is run by Mês Bach and you need to book directly with them when you require After School Club.

Swimming will start next Monday, 10th September. The swimming timetable is as follows:

Autumn Term – First half term	Mr Gower's class
Autumn Term – Second half term	Miss Griffiths' class
Spring Term – First half term	Mrs Payne's class
Spring Term – Second half term	Mr Gower's class
Summer Term – First half term	Miss Griffiths' class
Summer Term – Second half term	Mrs Payne's class

Swimming is part of the KS2 curriculum and it is expected that all pupils participate in these lessons.

We would like to notify parents that occasionally staff may agree to administer medicines to children. **Where a parent makes a request for this support it must be accompanied by a completed form available from the main school entrance.**

We would like to remind you that children are expected to book school meals per half term. A change from meals to sandwiches (or vice versa) is done only at half and term breaks. Lunch money this year will be £2.50 per day (£12.50 per week). **Please note this is different to the information previously sent out to you - there was an error in the communication from the authority. Cheques for lunch money should be payable to "CCC" or "Ceredigion".** All money sent to school must be in a sealed envelope with your child's name on it. Should you forget, there

is always a supply of envelopes in the main school entrance. For parents who prefer to pay each half term, lunch money for this half term will be £97.50. If you think you may be eligible for Free School Meals please ask for more information in confidence. We would also like to remind all parents that we do not allow any peanut products in school as these are very dangerous to some of our pupils. We also support the County Healthy Schools programme and promote healthy choices about what packed lunches should contain. Snacks for morning break (tocyn) should be fruit only. We will operate the Fruit tuck shop again this year with fruit being available at 35p per item. Can we ask for grapes and/or cherry tomatoes sent in as part of packed lunches/tocyn to be cut in half vertically to reduce the risk of choking.

I would like to remind parents that although we had an excellent Estyn inspection in 2017, pupil attendance was raised as an issue for concern. We did make significant progress in addressing the issue last year and we are grateful to you for your assistance. Of course, we do not expect children who are ill to attend school. However, we do ask for your co-operation in avoiding term time holidays if at all possible as it does disrupt children's learning. Any holiday absence will be unauthorised.

I attach a list of staff members currently at Ysgol Comins Coch and a reminder of this academic year term dates and Inset days when school will be closed to pupils. I will send a list of dates for your diary as soon as it has been finalised.

As is always the case, please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions you may have regarding these or any other matters.

We are looking forward to an exciting and enjoyable school year!

Yours sincerely,



Beth Davies

Staff at Comins Coch School September 2018

Bethan	Davies	Headteacher	Mandy	Daniel	Teaching Assistant FP
Sarah	Payne	Assistant Headteacher (Year 6)	Hawys	Hughes	Teaching Assistant FP
Caryl	Griffiths	Teacher Year 4/5	Sian	Jones	Teaching Assistant FP Mon - Wed
Lee	Gower	Teacher Year 3/4	Alison	Mason	Teaching Assistant FP
Ruth	Morgan	Teacher Year 2	Angharad	Evans	Teaching Assistant FP
Glesni	Roberts	Teacher Year 2 (Mon – Wed)	Nia	Giles	Teaching Assistant FP
Ceri	Callow	Assistant Headteacher (Year 2) (Wed – Fri)	Rachel	Griffiths	Teaching Assistant Year 1
Siwan	Davies	Teacher Year 1	Emma	Forbes	Teaching Assistant KS2
Anna	Jones	Teacher Dosbarth Derbyn (maternity cover)			
Elaine	Thomas	HLTA	Sue	Hopkins	School Cook
Helen	Williams	Teaching Assistant ALN	Emma	Morgan	Catering Assistant / Breakfast club
Ellyw	Jenkins	Administration Assistant	Sheila	Jones	Breakfast Club / Catering
Rachel	Gregory	Violin.	Jacqui	Ireland	Breakfast Club
Aidan	Hassan	Brass.	Sylvia	Cummings	Breakfast Club
Litona	Harries	Woodwind	Sian	Titley	Cleaner / Caretaker

Term Dates 2018 – 19

Bank holidays

Good Friday - 19.04.19

Easter Monday - 22.04.19

Early May holiday - 06.05.19

Spring Bank Holiday - 27.05.19

Term	Begin	Half-term		End	School days
		Begin	End		
Autumn 2018	Tuesday 4 Sept 2018	Monday 29 Oct 2018	Friday 2 Nov 2018	Friday 21 Dec 2018	74
Spring 2019	Monday 7 Jan 2019	Monday 25 Feb 2019	Friday 1 Mar 2019	Friday 12 Apr 2019	65
Summer 2019	Tuesday 30 Apr 2019	Monday 27 May 2019	Friday 31 May 2019	Friday 19 July 2019	53
Directed teachers' closure days (may be arranged as twilight sessions)					3
TOTAL					195

Please note: Closure days for pupils (staff training)

- **Friday 16th November 2018**
- **Monday 7th January 2019**
- **Monday 29th April 2019**