Ysgol Comins Coch

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Dosbarth Ystwyth

Dear Parents / Guardians,

Welcome back to the new school year. It has been lovely to welcome all the children to Dosbarth Ystwyth. Here is some general class information below:

Our theme for this term is 'Ysgol Comins Coch' and we will be investigating aspects of this theme across all areas of learning. The children have already discussed some possible areas of study, and we will link our learning with the school's 150th anniversary. Our class text for this term is 'Boy' by Roald Dahl.

Here is some general information about our class and classroom routines:

- The class teachers are Mrs Payne (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday) and Miss Dowse (Wednesday).

- A reminder that Blwyddyn 6 can arrive in school at 8.30am, ready for a prompt start to lessons at 8.45am. Please do your best to ensure that your child arrives in school on time. If you are running late, please contact the school. Children arriving in school before 8.30am are welcome to attend breakfast club. School ends at 3.15pm. If there are any changes to the usual arrangements for collecting your child after school, could you please inform staff in the morning, so that we are aware of any different circumstances.

- We ask that all children bring a water bottle to school every day and also encourage them to bring fruit for 'amser tocyn'.

- PE lessons will be held every Monday (swimming) and Wednesday. We will also be completing outdoor and 'Fit in 5' activities throughout the week and I kindly ask that your child comes to school with a coat every day and with appropriate footwear for these activities. If there is any reason why your child can not participate in a PE lesson, please contact the school. Outdoor learning will take place on Tuesdays. Children need to bring wellington boots and waterproof clothing for these activities as the weather can be unpredictable.

- All stationery is available in class. If the children would prefer to bring their own pencil case, we kindly ask for them to bring a small selection of the essential items. Felt tipped pens, gel pens and highlighters are not required.

- Homework will be set most weeks and will build on the work that has been done in class. Homework will be set on Fridays and should be completed by the following Monday. Work will be sent home with the children but will also be available on Teams. In addition, pupils should be reading every night. They can choose to read books from the school's reading scheme, books of their own choosing from home or the local library but can also choose to read newspapers and magazines. We encourage parents to listen to their children read and to discuss what they have read with them in order to improve their understanding of the text.

- We also encourage all pupils to practise their times tables regularly so that they can answer quickly and accurately. All pupils have an account with TT Rockstars, www.ttrockstars.com, and can access this from home. TT Rockstars provides a range of games and activities which help to make learning fun. Children can compete against themselves and others to earn rewards to improve their rock star status. We will be holding regular class competitions where the children will be able to compete to answer the most questions correctly over a designated period of time. Further details of these will be given in class and on the class Teams page.

- We will be holding weekly spelling tests on Wednesdays. The words for these tests will be sent home with the children and will also be put into the class 'Team'. Can I please encourage you to support your child to learn their spellings?

- Our class cake stall is taking place on Thursday 22nd October. We kindly ask if you could support us by making cakes and bringing them into school on the Thursday morning. The money raised is used to buy resources for our class. If you are available to help set up or run the cake stall, please contact the PTA.

A copy of this letter and further updates on class activities will be available on the school website and in the class Team. If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact me at the school. For any urgent messages, please phone the school as I may not see emails during the school day,

Thank you for your support,

Mrs S. Payne