

# **Borras Junior School News**

## **Newyddion Ysgol Iau Parc Borras**

### **Welcome Back Croeso yn ôl**

It gives me great pleasure to welcome back to school all children and staff after what I hope has been a restful summer break. A special welcome is given to the children who are just joining us in year 3. This is the first of what will become a termly newsletter giving you information and important dates for the school year.

The start of a new school year is a milestone in the lives of your children and we are anxious as a school that we forge a strong partnership with you as we work together to achieve the best for the children who come to our school. We both have our part to play in this process and I hope that we can work together so that we can both feel proud of the progress and development of your children.

If you wish to speak to me or any of the staff please contact the school either in person at the school or on 359694.

Best wishes

B McDonald  
Headteacher

#### **School Uniform**

I would thank you for your support in ensuring that our standards of dress are kept high. The children have returned to school looking very smart and tidy.

#### **Homework**

We ask that you support us in ensuring that the children complete their homework. This is not standard throughout the school and varies from year to year. We ask you to complete your child's reading journal and ensure homework is in on the due day. Further details will be found in the section on what your child will be learning this term.

#### **School Meals**

The cost of school meals is £2 a day for children. Please remember to make cheques for dinner money payable to Wrexham County Borough Council and that cash for dinner money should be in an envelope separate from other monies sent into the school and marked 'dinner money' with your child's name and class. Dinner money should be paid on the first working day of the week, regardless of the days that your children have a school meal.

## Academic Year Dates 2010 – 2011

### Spring Term

*Training day Tuesday 04 January*  
School Opens Wednesday 05 January  
School Closes Friday 18 February

### Half Term

School Opens Monday 28 February  
School Closes Thursday 14 April  
*Training Day Friday 15 April*

### Summer Term

*Training Day Tuesday 03 May*  
School Opens Wednesday 04 May  
School Closes Friday 27 May

### Half Term

School Opens Monday 06 June  
*Training day Friday 24 June*  
School Closes Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July

Common transfer day when year 6 visit their new high schools and year 2 pupils visit their new junior schools is on Thursday 7 July 2011.

## Extra Curricular Activities

The following extra curricular activities will be offered for the autumn term. Before the activity commences staff will speak to children to discuss the activity with them. Please do not send children to the activity unless your child has discussed the activity with the teacher involved.

Day	Time	Activity	Years
Monday	12.30 – 13.00	Choir	3,4,5,6.
Tuesday	12.30 – 13.00	Signing / cricket	3,4,5,6.
		Newspaper Club	6
	15.15 – 16.15	Pro Skills Soccer	3,4,5,6.
		Gardening Club	4,5,6.
		Orchestra	By invitation.
Wednesday	12.30 – 13.00	French Club	6
		Computer Club	3
	15.15 – 16.15	Netball	5,6
	15.15 – 16.30	Football	5,6
Thursday	15.15 – 16.15	Craft Club	3,4,5,6.
	15.15 – 16.30	Science Club	6

## **Christmas Term Diary**

### **September**

Monday 20                      Parent drop in 3.30 to 4.30 pm  
Friday 24                      6R Class Assembly 2.00 pm

### **October**

Wednesday 13              Year 6 visit to Eden Camp  
Friday 15                      Year 4 visit to Chester Zoo  
Monday 18                      Parent drop in 3.30 to 4.30 pm  
Thursday 21                  Harvest Day - St Johns Church and School events  
Friday 22                      6H Class Assembly 2.00 pm  
School closes for half term

### **November**

Thursday 11                  Year 5 visit Wrexham Recycling Plant  
Thursday 18                  Open Afternoon – 1.30 to 5.00 pm  
Friday 19                      Training Day – School closed to children  
Friday 26                      5I Class Assembly 2.00 pm  
Operation Christmas Child – Last date for boxes.

### **December**

Wednesday 1                  School Christmas Fair – 6.00 pm  
Monday 6                      Christmas Concert Afternoon Performance 1.15 pm  
Tuesday 7                      Christmas Concert Evening Performance 7.00 pm  
Wednesday 8                  Christmas Concert Evening Performance 7.00 pm  
Tuesday 14                      Whole School Pantomime Trip  
Cinderella – Llandudno  
Friday 17                      School Closes

You will note from the above that our class services will take place in the afternoon. It is our intention to invite the parents of the class leading the service to join us for the assembly. During the year all classes will take a service.

### **Attendance at school**

We would ask all parents for their support in maintaining a high attendance at school. We are aware that on occasions it may be necessary for you to take your child away from school during term time. Forms for holiday absence during term time are available from the school office. Please note that under guidance issued by the Welsh Assembly Government we cannot authorise absence in excess of 10 school days in any one academic year. We would also respectfully ask you where possible to limit absence from school to the absolute minimum.

### **Parent Drop in Sessions**

We intend to trial parent drop in sessions in school so that if you have an issue you wish to discuss with your child's class teacher you know the member of staff will be available. The first of these will be on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> September from 3.30 to 4.30 pm. No appointment is necessary.