

Newsletter

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Ysgol Sant Dunawd

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Welcome from the Headteacher

Welcome to the first newsletter of 2023. Can you believe that we have been back in school for nearly two weeks? I really don't know where the time has gone, but be rest assured the children have been very busy!

I'm sure that you have heard all about the fun and engaging lessons that have been going on in school. The teachers and I, are working hard to plan more exciting learning opportunities and whole school events for this term.

I hope that you find these newsletters useful and informative. They will share important information and school news; keep you informed of dates and special events; and - at a glance - celebrate how amazing your children really are!

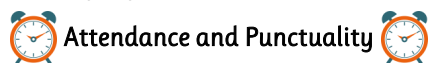
Should you wish to discuss anything further, please do not hesitate to catch me on the gate, or contact the school office.

Dion Griffiths
Headteacher

Contact details

In a minority of cases, we have been unable to contact you on the numbers we have on record. If you have updated your telephone number, or address, please let the office know as soon as you can.

If you are at work, or otherwise engaged during the day, please check your phone for messages in case of an emergency.



Attendance and Punctuality

As I'm sure you know, class attendance now features in our weekly Celebration Assembly, and we are now in a position to monitor attendance regularly.

Being in school, on time, is so vital in ensuring your child reaches their full potential academically and socially.

Please continue to send your children into school with minor/ mild illnesses. If you are unsure, please contact us so that we can have a discussion and make a decision together. If your child is too poorly to be at school, the absence will be an 'authorised illness' rather than unauthorised.

All absences **need** to be reported to school via email (mailbox@santdunawd-pri.wrexham.sch.uk) or telephone 01978 780 757 by 8:55am.

We continue to work really hard to raise attendance levels and to reduce the instances of lateness.

School gates open at 8:45am and close at 8:55am. Should your child arrive after 8:55am, they will have a late mark recorded. Any lateness after 9.25am onwards, will be classed as unauthorised.

Minutes late per day	Learning time lost
5 minutes	3 1/2 days
10 minutes	7 days
15 minutes	10 1/2 days
20 minutes	14 days
30 minutes	21 days

For more comprehensive information about this, please see our Attendance Policy on our website.

A New Outdoor Shelter

We are excited to announce that our new outdoor shelter has been completed and is ready to use! This structure will be used during break and lunch times for children to sit, relax and have some quiet time, as well as a base for Forest School activities.



❄️ Freezing Weather ❄️

With freezing temperatures set to stay, can you please make sure your children are wearing plenty of warm layers, a warm coat, and a hat.

We will try our best and get outside as long as it's safe to do so!

Nursery places 2023

If your child turns 3 years old before August 31st, it's time to apply for your nursery place.



Ysgol Sant Dunawd can offer:

- ★ A nurturing, happy and successful school
- ★ Experienced and dedicated staff and confident pupil role models
- ★ Creative learning experiences both inside and outside the classroom
- ★ Focus on Inquiry Based Learning
- ★ Strong Welsh ethos
- ★ Breakfast Club and a variety of extra-curricular clubs
- ★ Beautiful and extensive rural setting next to the River Dee
- ★ Excellent on site wrap-around childcare provision provided by:



At a glance

Whole School Attendance

90.0%

Target 96.8%

Extra-curricular clubs

	3:15pm –4:15pm
Tue	Netball club
Wed	Football Club Art Club
Thu	Cookery Club Performing Arts Club

Dinners, Trips & Clubs



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Hot Chocolate with the Headteacher