



‘Nurturing Hearts, Growing Minds, Opening Eyes, Imagining Futures’

Friday 5th September/Dydd Gwener 5 Medi 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you’ve all had an enjoyable summer with your children and have enjoyed all the beautiful weather we have had. We are thrilled to have welcomed all pupils back to school for the start of this new school term and new school year! It has been a lovely week back with pupils adjusting to the school routine and exploring and familiarising themselves with their new classrooms, teachers and classmates.

We have nine new pupils who are settling very well into class 1 and have welcomed a new pupil to both class 2 and class 3, taking our overall numbers to 80. The children will spend these first few weeks settling into their new classrooms, before diving straight into all their exciting learning opportunities. As a school and staff, we are still committed to realising our vision of ‘Nurturing hearts, growing minds, opening eyes and imagining futures’.

We will endeavour to update parents, families and friends on all learning, events and aspects of school life through our newsletters, our text to parents’ system and our facebook page, it is also worth checking our school website as this is regularly updated and has all sorts of relevant and interesting information. In addition, please be aware that you can approach any member of school staff with an enquiry or concern; they will always aim to help and support you. Class teachers are always available for a quick chat at the start and end of the school day, but please be aware that mornings can be quite busy as they welcome and settle children in. As headteacher, I am available on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays to speak with parents should they so wish and although I have a teaching commitment at the start of the week, I will always try to make myself available either before or after school. Mrs Canning (school secretary) is available in the office on the following days:

Monday	All day
Tuesday	Afternoon
Thursday	All day
Friday	Afternoon

During times when Mrs Canning and I are not available, the school answerphone will always be on, and messages are picked up and responded to throughout the day. Emails to office@caersws.powys.sch.uk are picked up and responded to regularly too.

We have one new member of staff joining the Caersws team, Miss Rebecca Davies has joined us as a TA in Class 1. Mrs Nia Davies continues in her role as ALNCO. All relevant staff will meet to discuss and review which pupils need additional ALN support and which interventions will be the most effective over the coming weeks. If you have any concerns over your child or the support they receive, please get in touch with either Mrs Davies or Miss Corbett.

Dropping off and collecting-

Dropping off and collecting time can become quite congested around the school site. We ask that wherever possible those collecting by car, park on the rear playground or away from the school site. There are two disabled parking spaces to the front of the school and these are desperately needed. In addition, we now have pupils travelling on school transport, so avoiding parking in this area is essential and very much appreciated. The wellbeing and safety of our pupils remains incredibly important. Therefore, we would remind all parents to join us in encouraging pupils to use the yellow walkway on the main playground to access cars, and the zebra crossing at the front of the school when walking to and from school. Building these routines and processes now will hopefully help keep everyone safe when the dark nights and bad weather draw in.

Safeguarding and Attendance-

Parents have been emailed a 1-page guide to safeguarding; we ask that all parents take the time to read this through. We want to ensure pupils attendance remains high and that children arrive on time for the school day. Pupils should arrive at school between 8.50 and 9am. If your child has any lates recorded on our register, parents will receive a text on a Friday morning alerting them to this.

Breakfast Club-

Breakfast club is still available between 8am and 8.50am at a charge of £1.20 a day. Our breakfast club is very popular, so it is essential that this is booked in advance for the week ahead. We ask that bookings are completed by a Sunday evening. If you would like your child to be set up for breakfast club please contact Mrs Canning, school secretary.

Curriculum-

The school is busy preparing for the school year ahead, organising our committee groups and their targets to be achieved, and in developing our School Development Priorities. We aim to update parents on these in the coming weeks. The whole school topic this term is 'A long time ago', however, each class will interpret this in their own way. Each class will be holding a 'Meet the teacher' style event on the afternoon of Thursday 18th September at 3pm. This will include a short introduction to the expected learning in your child's class this term. Pupils will not be included in these events. This will provide parents with the opportunity to ask any questions about our curriculum.

HWB-

All children in school have their own Hwb username and password, pupils will be bringing home a 'Guide to Hwb', alongside their login details in the coming weeks.

Swimming-

Swimming lessons will resume next Monday 8th September for pupils in Years 6, 5, 3 and 1. Details of swimming sessions and costs have been added to parentpay this week. We try to encourage the children to take responsibility for their belongings, this includes remembering their swimming kit when needed on a Monday. In addition, we suggest that children bring a PE kit into school and leave this in school until the end of the half term, as this can also be easily forgotten on days needed. Your support in this is appreciated. Pupils, particularly in older year groups, will be given weekly homework that we ask is completed and returned to school and we ask that all children bring in a water bottle for daily use. Please note this should contain water only.

Personal details-

We ask that parents ensure we have the most up-to-date personal details for all children. This includes contact numbers, home addresses, email addresses and medical details and information. Please let us know if any of these have changed.

Whole-school target-

Our whole school target this term is 'Being Independent'. This includes pupils developing their listening skills, finding the equipment or resources they need, getting themselves organised, following instructions to complete a task, and making choices about the way they present their work. As parents, we urge you to join us in encouraging and developing these independent skills.

Friends of the School-

We have our first meeting of the year next Monday 8th September at 3.30pm in class 1. All parents are welcome to join this committee. Pupils will be able to play securely on the class 1 playground during this meeting. Our Friends of the School committee are a lovely group who raise much needed funds for the school.

Summer Reading Challenge-

Any pupils who have been taking part in the library's 'Summer Reading Challenge' have until Saturday 13th September to complete the challenge.

School Photos-

Individual and sibling school photos are scheduled for this Monday morning (8th September). Should parents wish for younger siblings to attend and be included in sibling photos, we ask that they attend school from 8.15am, where they will be photographed first.

High school admissions-

It always seems to come around so quickly but high school admissions for pupils in Year 6 are now open and will remain open until Friday 31st October 2025. Applications can be made following the link below. If any parents would like support in completing this application, please contact Mrs Canning in the school office.

<https://en.powys.gov.uk/article/1158/Applying-for-a-School-Place>

Emergency alert-

We have been asked to advise parents that this Sunday 7th September, there will be a nationwide emergency alert at 3pm.

Kerbcraft-

Some of our Class 1 pupils will this week begin their Kerbcraft lessons. These are important lessons which help our younger pupils develop a good understanding of how to be safe in our community and how to cross roads in the safest locations and way possible.

Myotonic Dystrophy Day-

On Monday 15th September the school will be marking Myotonic Dystrophy Day. This is a genetic condition that causes complex health needs including progressive muscle loss and weakness. This is a cause close to our hearts and pupils will be learning about it in school. To support us in raising awareness of this condition, we invite pupils to wear green to school on this day and to bring £1 to purchase a cake at breaktime.

Dates for the diary-

Monday 8 th September	Swimming starts (weekly) Year 6, 5, 3 and 1.
Monday 8 th September	Friends of the School meeting 3.30pm
Monday 8 th September	School Photos 8.15am.
Monday 15 th September	Myotonic Dystrophy Day. Wear green to school and bring £1 for a cake at breaktime.
Thursday 18 th September	Meet the Teachers Event 3- 3.30pm.
Thursday 18 th September	Llanidloes High School Open Evening 6 – 8pm.
Wednesday 24 th September	LHS Team Building Transition Day- Year 6
Friday 26 th September	Messy Play- Pre-school Children.
Friday 26 th September	McMillan Coffee Event 2.30pm in the school hall. All welcome. Cake donations welcomed.
Tuesday 30 th September	Fire Safety Talks- Year 2 and Year 5.
Thursday 9 th October	Scholastic Book Fair (arrives for the week).
Thursday 9 th October	Nasal Flu.
Wednesday 15 th October	Harvest Festival pm. More details shared closer to the time.
Thursday 16 th October	Urdd Football- Year 5 and 6.
Friday 17 th October	Show Racism the Red Card
Thursday 23 rd October	Grandparents Tea- Class 1 only. Details to follow.
Friday 24 th October	School breaks up for half term

Monday 3 rd November	Return to school
Wednesday 5 th November	Parent's Evening. Appointments will be sent out nearer the time.
Thursday 6 th November	Parent's Evening. Appointments will be sent out nearer the time.
Friday 14 th November	Children in Need
Friday 21 st November	Christmas Fair pm. More details to follow.
Monday 1 st December	LHS Science & Technology Transition Day- Year 6
Tuesday 9 th December	Christmas Performance. Details to follow.
Wednesday 10 th December	Christmas Performance. Details to follow.
Thursday 11 th December	Save the Children Christmas jumper day
Wednesday 17 th December	Christmas Party pm.
Thursday 18 th December	School breaks up.

This list will be added to as the term progresses, and more details will be provided for upcoming events.

Finally, the Autumn term is always a long one and is incredibly busy with Harvest and Christmas celebrations taking place. Whilst it is incredibly enjoyable and we look forward to welcoming families and the community to celebrate with us, it can be very tiring and can take its toll on the children. If you have any concerns or worries, please get in touch with us and we will do our utmost to support and help. We are here for all parents, families and children!

With kindest regards,



Sarah Corbett- Headteacher