



Head Teacher's Final Bulletin of 21/22

The end of one era - and the start of another!....

At the end of next week, we will arrive at the end of yet another excellent academic year at Borras Park Primary School. Moreover, what a final week it is going to be! It really is going to be complicated, eventful, stressful, exciting, character building and emotional. For want of a better phrase; it'll be a roller coaster of a ride!

For those of you that have been at Borras for several years, you will understand the emotional connection there is to the current environment of the school being on two sites. Saying goodbye to the Infant Site on the 15th will be a very difficult prospect as for many years it has been the launch pad for some amazing children that have grown through the school. We've already said farewell to the Junior Site as we know it; it is now unrecognisable inside ready and waiting for the youngest learners and staff to bring it to life.

From September, we will be aiming high on a different trajectory. We have a brand new school, a new curriculum to embrace and my very skilled, passionate and dedicated team of staff to continue to go above and beyond in providing the best ever learning environment that Borras has ever seen.

As parents and carers, you are going to play a major role in ensuring the new school community is successful and safe. There will be new systems, procedures and logistics to learn and some new site rules and regulations to follow. We will issue some site guidance on See-Saw before the children come back to school on September the 5th so that you have a good idea of what to expect on the first day back. We haven't had the completed site handed back to us yet, so we do not know exactly how the site will work ourselves! Please be patient and look out for See-Saw announcements and guidance in September.

Before you read the following bulletin, I would like to offer you all my sincere thanks and gratitude for your continued support and patience that you have displayed throughout the building phases. I would like to thank you for the messages of encouragement and praise that have been received across the school as we navigate our way through Covid and the building project.

Have a fantastic summer break with your family and friends - We will see you in September for the new beginning!

End/Start of School Reminder - IMPORTANT!!! (All information on this bulletin is important really, but we always get phone calls asking us when we break up and when we start back in September?)

THE LAST SCHOOL DAY FOR OUR PUPILS IS FRIDAY 15th JULY 2022

THE FIRST SCHOOL DAY BACK IS MONDAY 5th SEPTEMBER 2022

New Logo and Uniform



As you know, our new logo is ready for the new start in September! Sarah's Embroidery have opened their online shop for parents/carers to order new uniform. They still have a small stock of our current uniform available at a discounted price, but I know you will all be keen to get the new bee logo.

We are the first school on Sarah's Embroidery's online shop to have the updated uniform prices - this will explain why some schools seem to have cheaper uniform. Also, our grey uniform comes from a slightly different supplier to others and is a tad more expensive. The colour and material of our main uniform is not changing - just the logo. That said, I have decided to upgrade our yellow PE tops from cotton to polyester. They are lighter, dry quicker and are more durable.

Once you've got your sweaters/cardigans, other uniform to get ready over summer in time for September:

Black shoes - (Velcro fastenings for younger children!) Black skirts, black trousers White shirt/blouse or polo shirt **Yellow** PE top Black sports shorts for PE Black leggings or tracksuit bottoms for PE A school tie (optional but looks dapper!)

School Dinner and Breakfast Club Changes – IMPORTANT!! (Everything else is important too – but there's always somebody that fails to read such things!)

WE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO PROVIDE ANY SCHOOL DINNERS OR BREAKFAST ON THURSDAY 14th and FRIDAY 15th JULY!!

We have to relocate some of the kitchen resources and equipment into the new build before the end of the week. In addition, all of our existing dining furniture has to be collected and taken away from the temporary dining areas in the new extension so that the flooring can be adjusted ready for Year 1 to move in.

Therefore, we are asking **ALL** children throughout the school to bring their own packed lunch to school on the 14th and 15th. Please also make sure your child has a breakfast at home before coming to Breakfast Club. Families in receipt of free school meals (or those of you that are completely stuck) will be able to order a packed lunch from the school kitchen as we will still have the capacity to make sandwiches and other such foods. Please order a packed lunch as normal via Parent Pay system in advance so that the kitchen team have a chance to prepare the correct amount of food.

School Term Dates for the Autumn Term (next academic year 2022-2023) PLEASE MAKE A NOTE

INSET DAY - Thursday 1st September INSET DAY - Friday 2nd September

First Day for pupils - Monday 5th September 2022

Last day for pupil $\frac{1}{2}$ Term - Thursday 27th October

Pupils Return - Monday 7th November

Last day for pupils - Friday 23rd December

Arrangements for Child Care (Nursery Plus, Early Entitlement, After-School Club) IMPORTANT!!!

From Monday 11th July (the final week), the Borrass Park Full Day Care Provision will have relocated into the new extension. This has to happen now because the original building on the Infant Site has to be completely emptied and prepared for its new purpose.

Although we are facing some changes, we aim to keep any disruption to an absolute minimum for this week. We will be drawing on a collective approach from the Full Day Care and School team of staff to transport the children at various parts of the school day between the Infant Site and the new extension.

For Nursery and Nursery Plus, please continue to drop off and pick up your child from the same area as you currently do on the Infant Site. We will walk the children to their childcare area for their session and back again at the right times for your collection. I've booked a full week of fine, sunny weather to make this more pleasurable.

For example, if your child is in Morning Nursery and goes to Nursery Plus in the afternoon and you pick up at home time: Drop off at the Infant Site Nursery Class door as normal. At 11:30am children will be collected by staff members and walked up to the new Full Day Care extension for lunch and their afternoon session. In time for home time, the children will be walked back to the Infant Site by the staff in time for you to collect.

The reverse will happen if your child has Nursery Plus in the morning and school Nursery in the afternoon.

After School Club will continue to be cared for on the Infant Site as normal.

Early Entitlement Children will be starting and ending their session in the new extension. Parents have been informed of this change via Mrs Sarah Griffiths, Full Day Care Manager.

Year 6 Leavers Events

The Year 6 learners are ready to fly the nest after their extensive and fulfilling journey through Borrass Park Primary School. What an epic journey of development it has been for them. Many of our Year 6's have been with us since they started Nursery in September 2014, others have been fortunate to have joined us along the way. Either way, the children have been an asset to the school and it has been a privilege to have been their head teacher. The entire staff at Borrass should feel very proud to have played their part in creating some truly amazing young people that are ready to tackle the world beyond Borrass Park.

Year 6 Leaver's Service at St. John's Church = Wednesday 13th July. Children will arrive at 1pm. Audience let in at approximately 1:15pm. If accompanied by a parent/carer, we will allow children to go home with you after the service, otherwise, we will take them back to school for their usual home time routine (i.e. walking home, going to After School Club etc..).

Year 6 Leaver's Party. **When?** Thursday 15th July 6pm to 8pm. **Where?** School. ALL children must be collected after the party - Children will NOT be allowed to walk home on their own.



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New Class Names from September 2022

To fit in with our new logo and theme, we are moving away from hills and mountains of Wales as the names for the classes. Instead, we are naming each class using the Welsh name for flowers. We will all have to get used to learning the new names from September but in time, it'll become second nature to us all!

To start with, you need to be able to say and recognise the class name belonging to your child in Welsh. Then, build up to the other class in the year group before trying to learn the classes in Foundation Phase or Key Stage 2. You could even be a real bright spark and master the names for the entire school!! Remember, we will be using the Welsh version of the flower and not the English version! Each class will have the word "Dosbarth" (Class) in front of it.

Year Group	Current Class Name	Class Teacher Sept 2022	New Class Name In WELSH	New Class Name English Translation
Nursery	Glas	Miss Goodchild	Tiwlip	Tulip
Reception	Coch	Mrs Richards	Ffrisla	Freesia
Reception	Melyn	Miss Dale	Lafant	Lavender
Year 1	Moel Famau	Mrs Edwards	Eirlys	Snowdrop
Year 1	Brecon	Miss Rodenhurst	Rhosyn	Rose
Year 2	Gron	Mrs Stapeley	Eithin	Gorse
Year 2	Fferna	Mrs Beake	Ceian	Carnation
Year 3	Arenig Fach	Mr Stock	Saffrwn	Crocus
Year 3	Tarw	Miss Kelso	Fioled	Violet
Year 4	Cribyn	Miss Jones	Blodyn Haul	Sunflower
Year 4	Cadair Bronwen	Mrs Gough	Blodyn Menyn	Buttercup
Year 5	Tryfan	Mrs Kyffin	Briallen	Primrose
Year 5	Cadair Idris	Mr Hughes	Cennin Pedr	Daffodil
Year 6	Glyder	Mrs Davies	Gwyddfïd	Honeysuckle
Year 6	Yr Wyddfïa	Mrs Small/ Mrs Wynn	Llygad y Dydd	Daisy
N - Yr2	Y Garn	Ms Ellis	Pabi	Poppy
Yr3 -Yr 6	Pen y Fan	Miss Loney	Lelog	Lilac

New Teacher Appointment and Other Staffing Arrangements

We are delighted to announce that we have appointed a new teacher called Mrs West to join the team in Early Years and Foundation Phase. Mrs West will teach in Dosbarth Tiwlip every Wednesday and in Dosbarth Rhosyn every Thursday and Friday. Miss Goodchild is temporarily reducing her time in school to four days for a year and Miss Rodenhurst will be released from class to enable her to manage the Early Years and Foundation Phase in the days our Deputy Head, Mrs Jones isn't in school (Thursday and Friday).

Senior Leadership Team Structure

- Me - Head Teacher (Building Project Manager and occasional Dinner Lady!)
- Mrs Jones - Deputy Head (Mon-Wed)
- Mrs Small - Senior Leader of the Key Stage 2 Department (Mon - Thurs)
- Miss Rodenhurst - Senior Leader of Early Years and Foundation Phase Department
- Mrs Richards & Mrs Davies = Pupil Progress Managers from Nursery to Year 6

Other Updates...

Ms Ellis is now the Teacher in Charge of our Deaf Resource Bases (Hearing Impaired Units). This is a new role as we need to unite the two bases as we move into the new school and promote more "deaf awareness" strategies throughout the school and community.

Miss Jones is the Class Teacher of Dosbarth Blodyn Haul from September. Mr Roberts will be providing PPA cover across Key Stage 2 as well as being in Dosbarth Briallen every Wednesday.

Have a Super Summer!!!

Have a wonderful summer break, I hope you get a chance to get out and about on holidays far and wide, breaks in far flung locations or breaks closer to home. Whatever you do, please remember to have fun, stay safe, explore and try as many new experiences as possible with your children to feed their imagination and creativity.

Díolch am eich cefnogaeth - Thank you for your support ~ Mr Nicholson