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This Week's News
Friday 9th February.



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Please see attached pages for important information.

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Show & Tell

*Please could children in
Dosbarth Jac Y Do only
bring one item in during
Show & Tell. Many thanks.*

Diary dates

20th February school open to children

1st March School Eisteddfod-children to wear red or Welsh costume or sports kit- please no English teams

5th March sharing time-2:30pm

13th March parents evening-times to follow

15th March Easter service at the church 10am

19th March Music lesson concert-parents welcome-10:30

Eyton Extras Raffle

We have a beauty hamper for raffle.
£1 per strip. If you would like tickets,
please put the money in an envelope
marked with your child's name and
amount of money

Reading Bee

The school is holding a classroom reading bee. The winning class will watch a movie of their choice in school. Please encourage your child to read at home and write it in their diary.

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Wrexham Primary Headteachers' Federation

8th February 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Budget Cuts – The Impact on our Schools

The Wrexham Primary Headteachers' Federation is an organisation representing all the headteachers in primary and special schools in Wrexham. Members are appointed by their local cluster of schools to represent the views of headteachers in discussions with the council.

Having consulted with all our colleagues, we are writing to ensure that all parents and carers are fully informed of the significant consequences currently facing all our schools in relation to our budgets and the subsequent impact on the services we will be able to provide.

You will no doubt be aware that the impending cuts across services in Wrexham County Borough Council will include education and specifically the amount of money that is available for schools. In this coming financial year beginning on April 1st, there will be considerable financial constraints imposed on our schools. This will present significant challenges and place every school, primary, secondary and special in a very difficult budgetary position.

Inflation, energy costs and increased staffing costs, have resulted in a considerable impact on local government spending. There has been a slight increase in the Welsh educational budget, but the extremely high rate of inflation has meant a considerable cut in real terms. Of greatest concern to headteachers and governing bodies is the impact this will have on learners across Wrexham. Increased energy costs have already placed an enormous burden on school budgets and primary schools are having to pick up the increased costs in relation to the "free school meals" initiative.

These are unprecedented times as regards school finances and budgets, and headteachers have never known the situation to be so dreadful. We are worried about the likely impact:

- redundancies causing a reduction in staffing
- larger classes

- fewer trips and extra-curricular activities that are either subsidised by schools or require high levels of staffing
- support for pupils with additional needs will be seriously affected
- less support for children needing extra help with literacy and maths interventions
- less support for children who need wellbeing interventions
- less support for children with behavioural difficulties, leading to more disruption and exclusions
- less support for children with complex needs in mainstream schools
- fewer resources for the children to use
- the stifling of innovation at a time of great change and opportunity including the New Curriculum for Wales, new examination qualifications and important national initiatives
- repairs and upkeep of school buildings will suffer
- general health and safety in schools
- negative judgements from Estyn as a result of reduced services

As headteachers, we want to assure our families that we will always do our utmost to maintain the core provision in our schools, protecting teaching and learning by placing our learners and staff at the heart of everything we do. However, we believe headteachers and governors will have to make a choice between providing the current level of service or balancing the books. Therefore, it is inevitable that in many cases, schools will not be able to provide and sustain the same level of support and services due to the significant shortfall in our funding.

If this happens in your school over the next year, we would ask you please to remember that much of this will be completely out of the control of your headteacher and governors, but part of a much wider financial issue.

As headteachers we are grateful for the ongoing support from Wrexham's education and other county officers in helping us to navigate our way through this situation. However, your support and understanding during these challenging times are invaluable. We have made representations locally and nationally to councillors and members of the Senedd and we will continue to do this.

This letter has been written in consultation with all primary headteachers in Wrexham and your local headteacher will be happy to discuss any concerns you may have. However, please be aware that we are all at an early stage of the budget planning process and we may not yet be able to answer some individual questions.

Yours faithfully,

Wrexham Primary Headteachers' Federation

A Welsh version of this letter will be available soon. Apologies for the delay.

Newidiadau i'r tâliadau am sesiwn chwarae boreol mewn ysgolion cynradd

Mae nifer o ysgolion cynradd yn Wrecsam yn cynnig brecwast am ddim mewn sesiwn yn y 30 munud cyn dechrau'r ysgol. Gallwn eich sicrhau na chodir unrhyw dâl o hyd am y pryd hwn.

Fodd bynnag, yn ychwanegol at y sesiwn brecwast am ddim, mae nifer o ysgolion yn cynnig sesiwn chwarae 30 munud ychwanegol ac yn codi £2 y plentyn ar rieni (50c i blant sy'n gymwys am brydau ysgol am ddim).

Tra bod y gyfradd hon wedi arwngwmpio yn ddigynwedd ers cyflwynwyd y ddarpariaeth yn 2018, tan newid ym mis Medi 2023, o ganlyniad i gynnydd ychwanegol mewn costau gweinyddol a staffio, y pwysau presennol a y gyllideb, a'r ffaith nad yw'r cyngor yn derbyn unrhyw gyllid allanol, bydd rhaid adolygu'r strwythur codi tâl unwaith eto.

I sicrhau fod ysgolion yn gallu parhau i ddarparu'r sesiynau hyn, bydd y ffi i bob plentyn am y sesiwn chwarae 30 munud yn cynyddu i £3 y plentyn (£1 i blant sy'n gymwys am brydau ysgol am ddim) o Ebrill 1 2024.

Nid yw'r cynnydd hwn yn effeithio ar y sesiwn brecwast 30 munud yn union cyn dechrau'r diwrnod ysgol, sy'n parhau am ddim i bob plentyn.

Fe wyddom y daw hyn ar adeg pan fod cynifer o breswylwyr yn teimlo fod costau cartref yn heriol. Os ydych chi'n cael trafferth talu costau eich cartref, ewch i dudalennau '[cymorth gyda chostau byw](#)' Cyngor [Wrecsam](#) am gyngor ar unrhyw gymorth arall a allai fod ar gael i chi.

[Mae gan Lywodraeth Cymru hefyd dudalen gymorth yn ymwneud â chostau byw](#), sy'n darparu gwybodaeth ynglŷn â ffynonellau o gymorth ariannol posibl.

Os hoffech i'ch plentyn fynychu sesiwn brecwast, cysylltwch â'u hysgol i gael y manylion.

A ydych chi'n gymwys i dderbyn prydau ysgol am ddim?

Os ydych chi ar incwm isel, fe allwch fod yn gymwys i dderbyn prydau ysgol am ddim yn ogystal â'r grant Hanfodion Ysgol i helpu gyda phrynu gwisg ysgol a chyfarpar. Ewch i'r dudalen isod i gael gwybod mwy:

[Y Cynllun Prydau Ysgol am Ddim i Holl Blant Ysgolion Cynradd yn cael ei gyflwyno i Flynyddoedd 3 i 6 - Newyddion Cyngor Wrecsam](#)

Changes to charges for morning play session in primary schools

Many primary schools in Wrexham offer a free breakfast at a session in the 30 minutes before the start of school. Please be reassured that there will continue to be no charge for this meal.

However, to supplement the free breakfast session, many schools offer an additional 30 minute play session and charge parents £2 per child (£0.50 to children who are eligible for free school meals).

While this rate had remained unchanged since the provision was introduced in 2018 and changed in September 2023, due to further increased staffing and administrative costs, current budget position and the fact that the council receives no external funding we are having to review our charging structure further.

To make sure that schools are able to continue to provide these sessions, the fee per child for the 30 minute play session will increase to £3 per child (£1 for children who are eligible for free school meals) with effect from April 1, 2024.

This increase does not affect the 30 minute breakfast session immediately prior to the start of the school day, which remains free for all children.

We appreciate this further review comes at a time when many residents are finding household costs a challenge. If you are struggling to meet your household costs, please visit [Wrexham Council's 'help with the cost of living' pages](#) for advice on any other help you may be able to access.

[Welsh Government also have a cost of living help web page](#), which provides information of sources of possible financial support.

If you would like your child to attend a breakfast session, please contact their school for the details.

Are you eligible for free school meals?

If you are on a low income, you may be entitled to free school meals as well as the School Essentials grant to help with buying school uniform and equipment. Please visit the story below to find out more:

[Universal Primary Free School Meals scheme rolls out to Years 3 to 6 - Wrexham Council News](#)

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