



# Welcome to the Woodpeckers Class



Croeso i Dosbarth Cnocell y Coed!

## Woodpeckers Class Information

Woodpeckers Class will start school at 8.45am and finish at 3pm. Children need to enter the school via the junior yard (rear gates) and line up on the top area of the yard with their class. Staff monitor the yard from 8.35am onwards so children should not arrive before this. Parents do not need to enter the yard- if you need to pass on any information to teaching staff, feel free to ask Mrs Gauvain or Miss Richards who will be on the yard each morning. If you need to discuss any issues or concerns in further detail, please make an appointment via the office or contact staff through Seesaw.

Our class **PE sessions are going to be every Wednesday**. Rather than the children bringing in a PE kit to keep in school, please would you send your child in a PE kit for this day. This could be leggings or jogging bottoms with suitable footwear for games.

We try to spend as much time outdoors as possible, please could you ensure that children are dressed appropriately for the weather.

## Snack

This year the children will be taking more responsibility for their snack time in Woodpeckers class. We will be deciding as a class every Monday what healthy snack options we would like and our snack monitors (who will be different children each week) will be visiting the local shop with Mrs Robbins, buying our agreed snack and then preparing it for the class with support when they return. They will then set up and clear away our snack table each day. We will be having a variety of snacks to choose from, like fruit, yoghurts, cereal etc and children will be able to access this throughout the morning. We will also be using money in class to 'pay' for the snack we have so the children can practise their money skills! We hope that this will foster an ethos of independence and accountability, as well as provide real life experiences to use their numeracy skills. We kindly ask if all children can bring **£1 on a Monday** for us to provide this snack time.

Each day, all children need to bring a reusable water bottle with their name on it to drink from and refill throughout the day. These will be taken home each day for you to empty and clean.

### **Homework and reading**

For homework we will continue to use Seesaw as you did last year. We are going to send home your child's QR code for a new home learning account on Seesaw next week. Activities will be set on here every Friday for homework- this is usually to be completed by the following Friday.

We will be sending home reading books each week and staff will also be adding reading record comments to your child's seesaw journal (this may be on different days each week). Please can you add your own comments in return each week using the activity in the 'Activities' section to let me know how your child has got on with their reading at home. If you need any help, please refer to the help guides on our website [www.darranparkprimary.com/user-guides-and-tutorials](http://www.darranparkprimary.com/user-guides-and-tutorials) or don't hesitate to ask.

### **Seesaw**

As mentioned previously, you will be given a new QR code to access your child's Seesaw very soon. Please make sure to download the app on your phone/tablet (this can be done on multiple devices at the same time without it logging you out so more than one parent/carer/grandparent etc can have access). You can now also have more than one account registered on a device so managing siblings accounts should be easier- if you need help with this just let me know.

Seesaw is also a perfect way to communicate with the classroom teachers, if you have any queries or concerns, please feel free to message Mrs Labanciw on there.

### **Inquiry**

This term's inquiry question is 'How do forces and energy affect our world?'. We will be learning all about forces, magnetism, light, sound and electricity.

We look forward to working with all our lovely Woodpeckers and their families over the course of the year!

Mrs Labanciw and Mrs Robbins