

Welcome back or welcome to Dinas Powys Infants' School. We are looking forward to a happy and successful year. We are now a Foundation Phase School. We look forward to many more exciting initiatives. The directive is "there is no such thing as bad weather just bad clothing", so please can you ensure your child wears a weatherproof coat daily as appropriate to the weather. The children will be out in all weathers!

The Nursery use their own access gate. The upper side gate will be locked between 9.15 to 3.15 p.m. to ensure the safety of all children. Please use the front gate if you require access during school time. Please ensure you always shut all gates. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

### Car Park

Please note the school car park is for staff only. There is absolutely no exception to this rule. This is for the safety of your child. Due to persistent use by some parents the gate will be shut and locked. This rule applies to afternoon Nursery children. Please do not use the staff car park during the staff lunch hour. We also recommend you park legally and safely around the school as the police do patrol the area.

### Parental Help

We urgently require help in our Forest School initiative Wednesday, Thursday and Friday afternoons. Please contact Mrs Thompson if you have any spare time available.

### Morrisons Grow Again in 2011

We are collecting these vouchers. Thank you.

The topic for this half term is - Bears.



An information sheet about this topic will follow shortly.

### Free Parent Support Website

Oxford Reading Tree has successfully become the established Reading Scheme in our School. [www.oxfordowl.co.uk](http://www.oxfordowl.co.uk) is a free Parent Support Website with over 100 free e books, phonics made easy guide and plenty of activities and games. We highly commend this website to you.

Our Proud to Present Scheme continues.



A Nomination form will be forwarded shortly. This scheme is an important part of our school life and we are very grateful for your support. It is fully explained in the School Prospectus and in the Guide, but please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any further information.

### Values School

As part of a Vale of Glamorgan initiative we have become a Values School. Values Education underpins all aspects of our school life. The values this term are Respect and Peace. The children will have opportunities to discuss and reflect on these values.

### Pavement Widening

I am sure you agree that this excellent project funded by the Vale of Glamorgan has been very successful.

We are very grateful to everyone who supported this project.

Our next INSET Day is Monday October 17th in conjunction with Murch Junior School.

The School Holiday dates for 2011/2012 are attached.

### Individual Photographs Colorfoto

Wednesday September 21st All siblings will also be photographed together. Other siblings may be brought to the School Hall from 8.30am onwards.

### Parents' Association AGM

Monday October 3rd School Hall at 8 p.m. Please make every effort to support our Association.

### Harvest Festival



on Thursday October 13th. Your child will be invited to bring a harvest parcel - details to follow.

Half-term 24th October to 28th October inclusive.

### Nursery Curriculum Talk

School Hall - Thursday 3rd November 10.45a.m./2.30 p.m. You will be given a chance to see your child in the Nursery after the talk. Crèche facilities will be available.

Parents Evening will be after half term this year

Thursday November 10th This will give you an opportunity to discuss how your child has settled into Nursery. Details to follow nearer the time.

Nursery parents will also have an opportunity to discuss your child's on-entry assessment report (statutory requirement) due to the introduction by the Welsh Assembly Government of the Foundation Phase Statutory Assessment and reporting arrangements.

### Book Fair Week

Friday 4th - Friday 11th November. Details to follow.

Thank you for your information for the ParentMail system. Future newsletters will be forwarded by e-mail.