



Summer 1 - 2023

# Newsletter

## School Website

We have now launched our new school website, please take time looking at our new site. We are always looking for ways to improve this, so if you have any suggestions, please contact us as the school office.

<http://www.gwaunfarrenprimaryschool.co.uk>



## Parking around school



We know drop off and pick up times can be pretty hectic around school.

Please help our pupils and families to stay safe by parking sensibly in the clearly marked areas, away from dropped kerbs and not on the pavement. We are receiving a greater number reports about poor parking and erratic driving close our school site.

Parking is also available at the Penydarren Club.

## Start and End Times

Foundation Phase

9.00 - 3.20

*Nursery - Collect from class*

*Foundation Phase - Collect on School Yard*

KS2

9.00 - 3.30

*Junior Children - Collect at the walking gate*



## Important Email Addresses

School Office

[office@gwaunfarren.merthyr.sch.uk](mailto:office@gwaunfarren.merthyr.sch.uk)

Mr Lewis

[head@gwaunfarren.merthyr.sch.uk](mailto:head@gwaunfarren.merthyr.sch.uk)



teachers2parents



Please keep up to date with our social media posts...



**Twitter** - @GwaunfarrenSch

**Facebook** - Gwaunfarren Primary School

**Parent Pay** - Please download the Parent Pay app - you will need to book your child's lunch on this even if they are Free School Meals

**Website** - <http://www.gwaunfarrenprimaryschool.co.uk>

**Text Messages** - Please ensure we have your correct contact details at the office, as we send regular messages



### The King's Coronation



On Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May, we will be holding a special party for the King's Coronation. The children can wear red, white and blue to school. Each child will also be given a party plate to come home with (this week), please fill this plate with your child's favourite treats for them to enjoy during the celebrations. Plates to be brought to school on Friday - clearly labelled with your child's name.

### Budget Pressures

All schools are facing budget pressures following budget cuts for this financial year. We are currently working on ways to minimise the impact of budget cuts on the school, we are not expecting to make a reduction in staffing but there will be limited spending on resources over the coming year. As soon as we have finalised plans, we will inform you of the impact this will have on the school.

### Staffing Changes

After many years of commitment and working with young children and their families Mrs James will sadly be leaving us on the Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May. This was a difficult decision for her to make but she has decided to take the opportunity to explore a new career. We are really happy for Mrs James and wish her well but she will be really missed by all, especially the children. Although I have only worked with Mrs James for a short time it is clear that she is a highly skilled, dedicated and positive member of staff. We wish Mrs James the very best for the future.



### Summer at Gwaunfarren



With summer just around the corner and hopes of warmer days, here are just a few reminders of what the children will need for school as we begin to plan many activities for the outdoors.

With our ever changing weather, please provide your child with appropriate clothing, whether that be a rain jacket or sun hat. We advise the children avoid wearing open toed sandals and flip flops as their little toes can get hurt when playing outside. We would also like the children to wear clothing that covers their shoulders.

On warmer days, please ensure your child is wearing sun tan lotion before coming to school - this will help keep them protected when playing outside.

We have a number of water fountains around the school, the children can bring their own bottles to fill with water. Please ensure these bottles have a sports cap and are clearly labelled.

# PHOTO DAY

Gwaunfarren  
Primary School

Monday June 5<sup>th</sup> 2023

Please wear  
school uniform



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A special lunch to  
celebrate  
The Coronation of King Charles III  
on Friday 5th May 2023

**Cheese & Tomato  
Stuffed Crust Pizza  
Chips  
Quorn Dippers  
Crudités  
Corn on cob  
Rocket lolly  
Fruit juice**



Book your meal via ParentPay  
in the usual way!



PTA  
QUIZ  
NIGHT

WEDNESDAY JUNE 14TH, 2023  
PENYDARREN SOCIAL CLUB - 7.30PM START  
£10 PER TEAM (MAX. 6 PEOPLE)

TEAM ENTRANCE FEE TO BE PAID BY WEDNESDAY JUNE 7TH  
TO REGISTER A TEAM, CONTACT,  
GWAUNFARRENPTA@GMAIL.COM



# GWAUNFARREN SUMMER SCHOOL FETE

Friday July 14th 2023

If you would like stall at our fete  
please contact our PTA on;  
[gwaunfarrenpta@gmail.com](mailto:gwaunfarrenpta@gmail.com)



FRIDAY 14TH JULY  
1.30PM  
GWAUNFARREN PRIMARY SCHOOL

FREE ENTRY

JOIN US FOR OUR 2023  
**SUMMER  
FETE**

FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY  
GAMES • MARKET • STALLS





# Sports Day

Thursday June 22nd  
@ School Field

Nursery - 9.15  
Reception - Year 2 - 10.15  
Juniors - 1.15

**EVERYONE WELCOME**




**FRUIT TUCK SHOP**

**FRUIT CAN BE PURCHASED  
FOR 25P PER DAY/ £1.25  
PER WEEK.**

**THIS CAN BE PAID TO THE  
CLASS TEACHER IN  
FOUNDATION PHASE OR  
AT THE FRUIT TUCK  
SHOP IN KS2.**