

# GASC Newsletter

## Taflen Newyddion GASC

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### A NEW SCHOOL YEAR

We are already coming to the end of the first half term of the year, and it has not been straight forward with many a twist and turn. As I write this, all GASC staff are still working and have not succumbed to Covid-19. All staff do lateral flow tests twice a week.

Numbers are slowly increasing, although at the time of writing we have up to a third of children away isolating. Hopefully, after half term things will improve.

GASC is outside playing as much as possible in both the Before and After School Clubs. Portable lights have been purchased to illuminate the outside area. So please could each child have a warm coat, good fitting shoes, so as to be able to run around, and perhaps a hat and gloves in their school bag if they need them.

### October Half Term Holidays

The half term Holiday Club was open but for only 4 days. GASC was closed all day on the Monday due to a lack of children due to Covid-19.

Although numbers were well down GASC is glad it decided to open for the four days. Luckily we only had one damp day, so the children could play on the scooters outside.

The leaves are now falling off the beech tree and the fallen leaves have provided plenty of fun for the children.

### Caroline

Caroline has left GASC, after 2 years with us, to go and work full time at the school.

GASC will sadly miss her and wishes her all the best for the future.

### New Staff

A new member of staff has started at GASC: Joanne. She is stepping into completely new occupation. She is local and fully vaccinated. Her training is about to start in accordance with CIW regulations.



Goytre After  
School Club  
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## Afternoon tea with Father Christmas

Sunday 12th December between 2 pm and 4 pm at the Community Centre, School Lane.

Cost is £12.00 per head and £5.00 for pre-school children, this includes afternoon tea, meet and greet from Father Christmas and a small gift for each child. All children must be accompanied by at least one fee paying adult.

Please let us know of any dietary requirements.

Why not come dressed up as your favourite character.

Places are limited to 36.

E-mail [joan@gasc.org.uk](mailto:joan@gasc.org.uk) to book a table.

Booking confirmed when payment is made to bank: HSBC

account name: Goytre After School Club

sort code: 40-45-07,

account number: 91379968, using ref xmas.

If the event is cancelled a full refund will be given



## Absences

Please if your child is ill or not coming to GASC or school, can you let both school and GASC know.

GASC After School Club staff spend a lot of time running around the school trying to find out where a child is.

Information would help both GASC and the school.

## Fund Raising

GASC would welcome any simple easy Covid-19 friendly ideas for fund raising.

This last year has been tough with all the restrictions and lack of children at times.

So some realistic thoughts or notions would be most welcome at this most trying of times.

The Christmas fund raising is going to be used to spruce up under the beech tree in the new year to add more play value to our setting.

## Booking

If you verbally book your child/ children into GASC with either Joan or another member of staff, could you please also follow that up with a text or email to GASC.

## Online Booking

GASC is now using an online booking system, and there are teething problems. You will need your AID and your child's CID as printed on all booking confirmations and registrations.

Please be aware that it is a two stage process: 1) Complete the form and generate the email; 2) send the email using your email app. When the bookings have been entered you will get a confirmation email.

Online registration is also available.

It is unlikely GASC will return to our previous system.

## No Bazaar

GASC is not holding a Christmas bazaar this year. Hopefully next year things will be a little easier.

## Front Gate

The routine of children being collected and dropped off at the front gate will, for the foreseeable future, remain as it is now.

## Separation

GASC continues to separate the children, within each year group with each group with the same member of staff all the time.

## Enquiries

All enquiries to: Joan Howells, Senior Play Leader, GASC, School Lane, Penperlleni, Nr Pontypool, Monmouthshire, NP4 0AH. Telephone (01873) 880342 Mobile 07855 706173

## Opening Times & Fees

### Before School Club

7:30 a.m. to 9:00a.m. Cost £3.50

### After School Club

3:30 to 6:00 p.m. Cost £7.00

### All Day Club

8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
half a day (5 hours) £14.00  
school day £17.50  
full day £21.00 .

### Holiday Club

8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
half a day (5 hours) £14.00  
school day £17.50  
full day £21.00.

## Staff

### Senior Play Leader

Joan Howells

### Deputy Play Leader

Sarah Sims

### Play Leader

Diane Griffiths

### Trainee Play Leader

Joanne Jones

### Catering Assistant and Play leader

Linda Robinson

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## Bank Charges

From November 2021 the bank is going to charge us for handling cash and cheques. Could you please pay GASC fees in advance bank to bank to help minimise the extra costs involved with handling cash and cheques.

## Dates for Your Diary

### October Half term

Monday 25th to Friday 29th  
October 2021.

### INSET Days

January 4th 2022

February 18th 2022

July 4th 2022

July 22nd 2022

### February Half term

Monday 21st to Friday 25th  
2022

### Easter holidays

Monday 11th to Thursday  
14th 2022

### Summer Holiday Club:

Monday 25th of July to  
Friday 19th of August 2022  
5 days a week for 4 weeks

## Committee

Chair	Mike Page
Vice-chair	Rhianne Pollard
Secretary	Kate Morris
Treasurer	Kate Sheppard
Members	Joanne Child Michelle North-Jones
Registered Person	Roger Howells
Internal Auditor	Mr Morris
Non-voting Members	Joan Howells Sarah Sims