



Newsletter



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Potential accidents on the road!!

Many concerns have been brought to our attention regarding careless driving outside the school. These have ranged from drivers who have lost attention to the road whilst smoking, parking in the middle of the road, driving too fast when there are many pedestrians trying to cross the road with their little ones, parking on zig zag lines. Here is an email that was sent to the headteacher by a pupil in year 4, "Mrs Jefford, sorry to bother you but I saw somebody parked on the zig zag lines outside the school". How can we ignore such a comment made by a child?! We have spoken to the children about trying to encourage their parents to think safety whilst outside the school. One pupil informed us that she does tell her parent but the answer is "I know but I don't care". How can we not care about the safety of children?! No parent at Eastern would deliberately set out to harm a child in the road but one day an accident is going to happen due to carelessness and thoughtless behaviour. Please don't wait until the courts decide on what to do with these drivers. Help protect our children please!

Sumdog

Mrs DeClaire has set up a new challenge on sumdog for all the children. This can be accessed at home also don't forget! Teachers are logging in and watching progress also. There is much competition going on out there which is very healthy and the added bonus is the children are learning! Winner! Remember that sumdog is used as a means of homework as the challenges can be set at the child's level of ability. We have paid for every child to have access to this site.

Amazing news!

Halle Prosser has been selected to represent Team Wales in the Dance World Cup 2019!!! Wow!! She has to travel to Portugal in June for the competition. Competitors from Australia, Canada, Russia, Germany, Spain, India, Hong Kong, and America will be there and the event will be shown on television. How exciting! We would like to wish you all the very best and we will all be cheering you on back here in Port Talbot! Well done Halle! What a tremendous achievement.

146 followers on our school Twitter account now. Four more than last week! That's an increase for the last two weeks! Happy days!

Child care

Do you work 16 hours or more? Is your child 3 or 4 years old? If so you may be entitled to help to cover the costs of child care. See leaflet in parent notice board outside the school.

Attendance & punctuality

Every parent understands how important education is and we all want our children to achieve the best they possibly can and have the best start in life. The local authority, with schools, strive for this. Please take note of letters you receive from school and/or the education welfare officer (EWO) for the local authority. If attendance falls too low letters will be sent home to parents. If there is continued sickness, medical evidence will need to be provided and we can also help you by involving the school nurse and medical practitioners. For those of you who have acted on the letters and improved your child's attendance and/or punctuality, this has made a difference to your child's education. Fantastic!

Reminder

If your child has a problem with another child in the school it is important that you inform the teacher so that this can be investigated and explored in school. We always promise to help sort every problem and we endeavour to keep parents informed of what is happening or any concerns that we may have. Please do not try and resolve the problem yourselves by approaching somebody else's child, questioning other children or approaching other parents. From experience we know that this would often make the situation worse and the children observe parent behaviours and then they worry about parents arguing.

Year 3

Mrs Wall, as you have noticed is having another baby. She will be leaving us to start her maternity leave at the end of this term. Mr Harries will be teaching the class for the summer term. The children already know him as he taught them whilst Mrs Wall was off sick a few weeks ago.

Welsh Phrase - are you practising?

Bore da ...Good morning.... Sut wyt ti how are you? wyt ti'n iawn....are you ok? dw i'n hapus ...I'm happy ... dw i'n wedi bleno ... I'm tired. Dydd Llun... Monday.... Dydd Mawrth ...Tuesday ... Dydd Merhed.....Wednesday..... dydd iauThursday.

New phrase

Dydd gwener heddiw

(Deeth gwenu hethiw)

Friday today

Diary Dates

March 25th	Parent meetings with teachers. Pupil progress. 2.30 til 5. Please refer to letter sent home. The big pedal starts
March 26th	Year 5 visit to Cwm Bromptil - to see school show.
March 29th	Super hero day to mark the end of big pedal. More information to follow..
April 1st	Parent meetings with teachers. Pupil progress. 2.30 til 5. Please refer to letter sent home.
April 2nd	Class photos - please ensure children are in school uniform
April 8th	Headteacher of Cwm Bromptil to meet year 6 parents at Eastern school hall 9am
April 11th	Easter bonnet parade. Nursery & Reception 10.30am. Years 1-6 1.30pm
April 12th	Easter raffle Last day of term.
April 29th	School starts. For children too.