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Summer Term - June 23rd 2017

Sports day

Sports day is planned for July 5th. Mr Haymer plans the event so I am looking forward to what's ahead! The plan for the day is on the website for you. Let's hope it is dry for it all to go ahead! Fingers crossed everyone!

A Big Thank You

Have you noticed how lovely the little gardens look in the school? Thank you to Piper's mum who has donated plants to the school. It has made a huge difference and many people have commented on what a difference it makes walking into the school. Thank you!!!

The New School

I am hoping that everyone knows that Dyffryn is closing and there is a new school opening in

September 2018. The current year 5 children will be the first year group going into the new school. The school is being built on Dyffryn upper school site. The lower school will no longer be in operation. The year 5 and year 6 children are getting involved in the build and will let us know how the building is progressing. Any questions? Please ask, as it will help us plan for all parents and children. Just email the school or ask us on Twitter.

School Progress

This week we have had two visits from the local authority to check on school progress. Wednesday was a rigorous safeguarding check and Thursday was a 5 hour check on everything that's happened at the school since the inspection report was released. We want to share that the authority are pleased with the progress the school is making and have identified good practice that will be shared with other schools in the near future. An amazing staff that are working so hard for the school! Well done everyone!

Medicines

Not all schools agree to administer medication. At Eastern we have a policy to say that WE WILL administer prescribed medication. This means that it has to be prescribed by a doctor and will have your child's name on the medication. I hope you will understand that we cannot take any risks. Can I ask you not to send in any type of medication that is used to treat any health problem as it puts us in a very difficult position. Staff are not able to administer any medication that is not prescribed. That includes medication that can be bought over the counter, e.g. throat sweet, creams, call etc. We are education trained and not medically trained so we rely on doctors to inform us of what to do in cases when children need medication. At the moment Welsh Assembly Government are looking into the problems that this poses at times. At Eastern we will adhere to welsh assembly guidelines until told otherwise. This protects your child and the staff. I appreciate your understanding in this matter. Any problems, please come and discuss them with us.

School uniform

I have spoken to many parents and children about their views on school uniform and the majority feel that it is the best way forward for us all. However, we can see that some of the children have worn items of clothing that, although they are in schools colours, have been totally inappropriate for school and have been quite alarming. This has been disappointing for Eastern. We believe the time has come to review policy on uniform to ensure that our pupils represent the school well and prepares them for appropriate clothing for the work they undertake. I know that parents purchase school uniform during the school holidays so this policy will be taken to governors before the end of term. All views will be taken into consideration when the policy is written so if you would like your views considered please let us know before July 6th when full governors will consider the policy.

INSET / staff training days

Do you know what these are?
In Service Education Training days. It is a time when ALL staff can be trained and discuss what is best for the children. It makes a big difference to what happens in school with the children. We will need to have two training days at the start of the new school year. One will be for staff and governors to plan what is happening for the year ahead and the second one will be staff training and planning. The school will not be open to pupils on these first two days.

Diary Dates

June 27th	Years 5 & 6 mountain biking in Margam Park
July 4th	Year 6 tranistion day at Dyffryn lower All children visit new classes.
July 5th	Sports day
July 6th	Year 6 - crucial crew Year 5 - Tag rugby
July 10th	Summer fete
July 14th	End of year reports out to parents
July 19th	Year 6 leavers assembly, concert & disco
July 21st	Last day of school
July 24th - Aug 10th	School holiday programme - food & fun theme. More information to follow. First come first served basis.

