



Newsletter



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Autumn Term - October 16th, 2017

Stranger danger

A pupil within the school reported to us that a man has been making intimidating gestures to young people. This apparently occurred on Margam road. Please be vigilant with your children and remind them of stranger danger. I would also recommend that responsible adults supervise your children closely, especially if they tend to walk alone in the community. The incident has been reported to the police who will deal with the matter appropriately.

£1 coins

The school can no longer take the old £1 coins. Please can you make sure that we receive the correct coins for payment of dinner money and fruit. Many thanks.

Book bags

Just to let you know that the book bags are available at the school for £5.

Inspection

Estyn inspectors are revisiting the school on the week beginning October 23rd. They will be making comments regarding the progress the school has made against the recommendations set out during the last inspection in November. Staff have worked extremely hard in improving the school over the last nine months and they deserve a positive result. I'm sure you will agree that we have seen many changes for the best and the school is moving from strength to strength. We shall let you know the outcome of the visit as soon as we can.

Parents' ideas

We welcome any help and support within the school. If you have any suggestions for us to improve we would love to hear them. Send us an email or just call in!



Uniform

There have been many lovely comments from visitors about the children in their uniform. They really do look very smart. Some pupils have taken interest in wearing the school tie too. If you are interested they can be purchased from Images in the town centre.



"Small Steps"

We have recently started a small parent and child group. This is not just for toddlers and parents it is also for our little people in school also. It's a group that provides opportunities for everyone to learn how children reach certain milestones in their development. It is based around fun and play. Mrs Palmer is organising the group if you need further details. Please spread the word in the community also as we have learned that there is no longer a playgroup nearby.

Attendance

Unfortunately attendance dropped again last academic year. Hours and hours of learning time was lost for some pupils! The attendance officer is working very closely with the school now to improve the school's attendance. Come on parents, help us out here - bring your children to school!

Community police officer

The new local officer introduced himself to the school this week and he has planned some drop in visits so the children get to know him well. It is important for the children to see police officers to know that they turn to them for help.

Important !!

If your child is moving into Reception class or year 7 in September 2018 you will need to apply for a place in the school. Your child DOES NOT automatically get a place unless you apply. Online admissions go live on October 6th and close on Nov 25th. You will have a unique reference number to make your application. Letters will be sent out the first week in October.

Diary Dates

Oct 17th	Road safety quiz - year 6 - the final!!
Oct 19th	Kerbcraft year 2
Oct 23rd, 24th, 25th	Estyn inspectors revisit
Oct 26th	NSPCC assembly talk
Oct 27th	Non school uniform day to raise money for NSPCC Last day before half term holiday
Oct 30th	Half term week
Nov 6th	Back to school
Nov 9th	Be bright be seen. Bike safety talks - wholes school
Nov 13th	Anti bullying - launch week Parent meetings with class teachers
Nov 15th & 16th	Fluoride varnish
Nov 20th	Parent meetings with class teachers
Nov 22nd	Small Steps coffee morning - main school hall
Dec 13th	KS2 Christmas carol service 1.30pm and 5.30pm
Dec 14th	Foundation phase carol service 1.30pm and 5.30pm
Dec 22nd	Last day of term