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SUMMER TERM

30/4/21



Great Start Back

We have had a great start to the term. The children have settled well and it is so good to see them back again with lots of indications that we are very unlikely to close again. Infection rates are decreasing and with more adults having been vaccinated everyone is feeling safer again. Happy days! However, it is still important that we follow the Welsh Government rules. It is these rules that have helped lower risks and reduce the spread. Now the weather is improving we can meet outdoors more and that is helpful for everyone to socialise again, but please avoid meeting indoors as it does put our school at risk if it comes into school from the community. We are continuing with all our safety measures that were put into place when infection rates were high and the risk assessment is on our website also. The local authority have informed us that we must remain operating with the Welsh Government guidelines to ensure that we all continue to keep safe. They will inform us when restrictions around school operations can be lifted. We know that children are low risk and adults at the school are taking all precautions to ensure they keep safe and also protect your family unit. All staff are wearing masks and are tested for covid-19 twice a week. All is good and let's hope it stays that way!

Bank Holiday Weekend

Don't forget there is no school on Monday as it is bank holiday!
ENJOY!

Tik Tok

We sent a text to all parents regarding a message that was being circulated on Tik Tok. We encourage all parents to check their child's use of social media and we would suggest you check that your child is not accessing the message. It is inappropriate and could frighten young children.

Reminder

If your child is absent from school please can you let us know the reason. Our registers get checked by the local authority and we have to account for all absences. We know we nag but it helps us explain when we are asked these questions. Many thanks. It does help.

School Term Dates

We are often asked for holiday dates. We will keep this link in the newsletter weekly for your convenience. It is the link to the Neath Port Talbot website. Just click here.

<https://www.npt.gov.uk/18512>

Changing the School Session Times

We sent a letter to you about possibly changing the session times. Your comments are coming in and they are extremely helpful! Thank you! You have made some valid points and they are being taken into consideration. They have also provided us with more ideas on how we could possibly improve on the possible changes further. This is a very good example of school and families working together to help improve the school for our children. If you have not yet sent a response please do so if you are not attending the meeting on May 11th. We would like as many responses as possible.

Washing hands



Some children are experiencing dry or sore hands due to the frequency of washing and sanitizing. Some are unable to sanitize so additional hand washing is then in place. Children are currently washing their hands regularly through the day. We have noticed that some are not drying their hands well and this too may be the cause of soreness. We are still unable to use the hand driers so paper towels are in place. We are speaking to the children about the need for hands to be dried properly. If you can do the same at home this will be helpful too.

Telephone Numbers

Have you changed your mobile number? Let us know, otherwise you will be unable to receive the texts and letters we send. We will also be unable to get hold of you in the event of an emergency or if your child needs help from you.



Covid Symptoms



Fingers crossed, we are seeing less cases of positive results for covid now, but if in doubt, remember to get checked. It is easy to book a test and results are now coming back within the same day. Better to be safe than sorry we say! Nobody wants to be ill.

Easyfundraising

Do you shop on Amazon, ASOS, Boots, Just Eat, eBay? If you do, if you do so through the easyfundraising app, they donate to school for free! It does not cost you any more and school gets the donation! It is simple, staff have tried it and it is easy to sort. Just download the app which looks like this.



Register to our school. When you are ready to buy something, tap on the shop you want to buy from and it will take you straight to that shop and then you order online as you would normally. Recently, we have a cheque from them for £35.89. That has bought the school some new books to help the children increase their vocabulary, which means they can use different and interesting words when they are writing. Every little helps!



The Crossing Patrol (aka Lollipop Man) - Real name - Lewis!

We have just found out that Lewis who helps everyone cross the road at the start and end of the day will be leaving the job, his last day is Tuesday. He has found full time work elsewhere. This is a very important job, keeping our little ones safe, so I know we would all like to say thank you. If you could pop to see him at the end of the road I am sure he will be delighted.

After Tuesday, the children will have to cross without his assistance, so please please please.... make sure your children are safe crossing that busy road!! The job will be advertised in the next bulletin which is May 15th and then it will take time to get recruitment checks sorted. We will let you know who will be taking over when we hear from the local authority.

If you know anyone who would be interested in doing this job, which is a very rewarding one, you can contact the school and we can put that person in touch with the lady, Helen, who organises this for us.

Diary Dates

Date	What's happening?
3/5/21	Bank holiday - no school
10/5/21 - 14/5/21	Parents will receive a short report about their child's learning
11/5/21	Parent virtual meeting - consultation on changing the school session times
28/5/21	Possible INSET day - to be confirmed
31/5/21	Half term week
7/6/21	Possible INSET day - to be confirmed
2/7/21	Possible date for children to attend new classes (dependant on covid rules around 'bubbles')
16/7/21	Last day of school!