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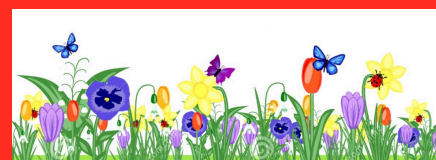
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Spring Term  
Happy New Year!  
10/1/20



## New Year New Term

Happy new year to you all. It's lovely to see all the children back happy and excited to tell us about their Christmas. They have been an absolute delight!

### Texts

Please remember that if you change your mobile number you will need to let school know so that you receive our text messages and our newsletter. If you hear any parent saying they didn't have a message please tell them to come into school to ensure we have their correct number. We send many texts so we want to ensure you that are all kept up to date with what's going on.

### Children's mobile phones

On Monday, all staff had further training on safeguarding matters. We are living in a society that poses many risks to our children, and parents now face many new challenges. The use of social media and how children communicate using technology is becoming more evident. During the training staff were told of cases within Wales whereby children had suffered / been exposed to some form of harm from inappropriate use of games/social media/video sites.

Many children told us they had new phones for Christmas. Last term, a list of apps and their suitability for children and the risks they pose were included in the newsletter. This was to help you keep your children safe. If you need any further advice please let us know. As school is informed of any further apps that cause concern we will let you know.



We would recommend that all our parents make regular checks on their child's phone. Ensure you, as the adult, has the password to that phone and checks could be made without notice. Ensure your child knows that these checks are only to keep them safe from outside harm. The children are taught in school how to keep safe online and they are taught how to access help if needed.

### Dentist visit

The dentist came into school this week to check the children's teeth. You may have received a note from the dentist if your child needs treatment. Please ensure your child is taken to the dentist and then regular appointments are essential for your child's health and well being.

### Mrs Fry's class

If the children would like to bring pencil cases for their work in class they can do so. Pens will need to be blue ink only. Children will need to be sensible, otherwise, they will be asked to leave their equipment at home. Bringing their own equipment prepares them for year 7 when this will be expected.

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### No jewellery policy

Children are not to wear jewellery to school. This is part of the school uniform policy and also for health and safety reasons. If it is worn to school the child will be asked to remove it and items will be kept safe until the end of the day. If a child refuses to remove the jewellery parents will be asked to attend the school straight away.

### Attendance

Reminder - 95% is expected. 90% is the absolute lowest before the educational welfare officer becomes involved. If you receive a letter, this means that your child has been identified as in need of possible involvement with this service. We are aware that there was a lot of sickness before Christmas but hopefully levels of attendance will now improve. Don't forget we will always ring you if we notice that they are too ill to learn in class.

### Small Steps

We are aware that some parents are asking about Small steps pre school playgroup. We will be put this back into place as soon as possible. If anyone is willing to help out by getting the toys out with us and preparing what is needed please let us know. Watch this space!

## **Diary Dates**

<b>Jan 14th</b>	Medical forms to school please Nursery coffee afternoon
<b>Jan 16th</b>	Class newsletters will come home with the children Tots group
<b>Jan 26th</b>	Christingle service 4pm St Theodor's church - all families welcome
<b>Jan 30th</b>	Year 5 visit Cwm Brombil
<b>Jan 31st</b>	Year 6 transition day to Cwm Brombil. Humanities day
<b>Feb 17th</b>	Half term

**Christingle Service**

This is a family event so all are welcome.

Sunday January 26th, 4pm.

St. Theodore's church.