



Newsletter



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SUMMER TERM

7/5/21



Reporting to parents on your child's return to school



Spring term parents meetings did not go ahead because we were in lockdown. To ensure we keep you up to date with how your child is doing in school, teachers have prepared a report for you, as we cannot do face to face meetings. These reports will be sent out to you later today. Now that school has fully reopened again for all pupils we have taken the time to find out our starting points again so that teachers can make sure they plan appropriately for the children's needs.

The report reflects questions we asked ourselves:

- What has been the impact on the children's wellbeing, being in a second lockdown?
- Family loss through Covid - how has this impacted on the family support network for the child?
- How have the children reacted to the return to school? Is this what we expected?
- What is their approach to learning at school again? Is this different from pre covid times?
- How did online learning impact on their learning? What do we need to consider in terms of face to face teaching again?
- Reading, writing, maths - where are the children in terms of attainment? What's next?
- Reestablishing friendship groups - what support is needed?

The report summarises where your child stands on the return to school, but as you know, there is a bigger picture behind this report. If you would like a more detailed discussion with teacher, please do not hesitate to contact the school for a telephone appointment or a virtual meeting via 'Teams'.

Pupil wellbeing and settling back to school has been our priority. We aim to ensure our children make the best progress possible considering everything that they have been through. The annual end of academic year report will be sent to parents at the end of term, and this will reflect on progress since school has reopened.



PARENT MEETING

Consultation meeting for parents

As you know, we sent out information regarding a possible change of session times for the school day.

If you have not sent us your response you can still do so using this link - [click link](#) The response gives you the option to remain anonymous.

If you would prefer to attend the virtual meeting via Zoom on May 11th at 4.30pm you can do so using this link - [join the meeting](#)

Alternatively, you can also pass on your comments via post, email and telephone call.

We respect your comments and suggestions and all will be considered. Please have your say.

Parents New to School

Children will have disagreements in school one day and then make up as friends the next day! If there is a problem with the children in school, let staff know and we deal with each situation as it arises. Try not to deal with the situation outside school as it causes arguments with parents which then impacts on friendships for your child. If it is a situation that occurred outside school times then it is not appropriate for the school to become involved unless it impacts on the school day.

Breakfast Club

As parents work patterns are returning to normal more parents are requesting places at breakfast club. School are still expected to keep to class bubbles and this presents its problems in the current school setting. As more children attend, staff will need time to organise seating for family / class bubbles and sanitizing areas for when the school day starts. Therefore, we will return to asking parents to complete a booking in form for breakfast. This form will be sent out today to those who have already booked places for breakfast club. We kindly ask that you only request breakfast club if you have no alternative child care. Many thanks again for your support. Our wonderful cook does deliver toast to all classes every morning which is thoroughly appreciated by all and feeds the children's brains for the day ahead. It is working wonders! Thank you Irene!



Uniform

Thank you so much for ensuring your children come to school in uniform again. They are looking particularly smart and it is good to see how proud they are wearing our school colours too. It does make us smile. As regards shoes, please do not spend money on new shoes when we only have a small amount of time left of this school year. Save the money and it will be fresh start on black shoes in September and back to full school uniform again.



TIK TOK - DID YOU KNOW?

We found out this week that Tik Tok has an option for parents to control what their children have

access to. Tik Tok is appropriate for young people beyond primary years, but if you, as a parent/carer, choose to allow your child access to this then it is important you know that they are safe. The following link provides information on how to keep your child safe on Tik Tok.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=19ndEUUe4Oc>

School Term Dates

Here is the link

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

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The local authority has asked schools to share this information with families. If you know someone who needs support for substance misuse please refer them to this service and telephone numbers above.

Dear grownups

We are trying to make our yard look pretty for Spring and Summer. We are spending more time learning outside because of the virus. We would be delighted if you could donate anything that would help us like tools, pots, seeds and plants. We have started planting seeds but we don't have enough. It would make us super happy if we could plant some more.



Please read

Take a look at this lovely letter that one of our year 2 pupils wrote asking for your help. We have very little green space within the school so we have many planters and pots that we use to grow plants, flowers, herbs, vegetables and so on. These have been ignored during lockdown and we want to get our outside spaces looking better again. Please can you help us in whatever way you can. Many thanks!

School Arrangements

We have been asked by many parents "when is school returning to 'normal' " (whatever the new normal looks like that is!)

Currently we are governed by Welsh Government guidance and the local authority in relation to risk assessments for covid. As yet, nothing can change for us. Although many are keen to return to mixing bubbles again we need to be mindful that we also have those who remain fearful and very much appreciate the rigorous hygiene methods and awareness concerning the spread of contagious viruses.

We will keep parents informed of any changes in school and we will appreciate your support in ensuring that the safety of our families is paramount.

Staff training days

You will notice staff training days appearing in the calendar. It is important that we explain to parents why these days are needed. In September, all schools are expected to

- bring in the new curriculum
- reorganise arrangements for pupils with additional learning needs according to the new code from Welsh government
- work within a framework for pupils in support of their emotional and mental well-being

This is very exciting but also requires a great deal of planning to ensure staff are fully aware of the new requirements, and work together in designing the right curriculum for our school in partnership with **all** our families. More information will follow over the next few weeks.

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	INSET day - no school for children
31/5/21	Half term week
18/6/21	INSET day - no school for children
2/7/21	Possible date for children to attend new classes (dependant on covid rules around 'bubbles')
9/7/21	INSET day - no school for children
16/7/21	Last day of school!