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Dear Families,

Welcome

Welcome back for the autumn term! It's been lovely seeing your children again, albeit in a hot and bothered state! Hopefully upstairs will bear less of a resemblance to the tropics as the weather has now cooled a little.

We have lots planned for this term – some already sorted some to be arranged. A dates list will accompany this newsletter but please keep an eye on the school calendar on the website for updates.

Memory Walk

We are a dementia friendly school and have long standing links with nearby Pontcanna House. To mark this association we are going to be holding a memory walk this term to raise money for the Alzheimer's Association. The walk will involve all children and take place during the afternoon of Thursday 26th October in Thompson's Park. Helpers will be needed!

Flu Vaccines

'Flu vaccines will be given to children on Thursday 26th October. Permission slips will sent out shortly.

New Classes

The children have settled well into their new classes and quickly picked up routines. We've had a lot of new children arrive at school and we welcome them and their families. Our new Reception children are a delight. Their shoes are shiny, (but not for long) their uniforms will take some growing into and they are full of charm. I can't wait to see them in their first Christmas concert (sorry to mention Christmas in September).

Inspection Report

Last term's inspection went really well and the report was pleasing. The inspectors' finding were very close to those that we found in our own self evaluation activities. Our action plans are almost complete and these will be shared with you on our website in due course.

Bike Bus

Our first bike bus of the year will be on Friday 22nd September

Kitchen

Our new kitchen is well on the way to completion and is looking great, so much space.

School Meals

From this term all children up to and including Year 3 are eligible for a free meal at lunchtime. From 20th November this will be extended to Y4 children.

Radnor University

RU starts next week, for all children from Y1 to Y6 and there are some exciting new course taking place. Your children should have already had a slip stating which courses they'll be taking part in.

#HelloYellow

#HelloYellow day takes place on October 10th. It recognises the importance of children's mental health. Children and staff are encouraged to wear yellow – donations are optional.

Y6 Cycling Safety Course

Our Y6 children's cycling course takes place during the week beginning 16th October – we encourage all children to take part. Bikes and helmets are **not** optional – we can help if you don't have either.

After School Clubs

After school clubs begin next week.



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New Headteacher

The new headteacher who has been appointed is Louise Williams. She is currently deputy headteacher at Glyncoed Primary School and she will take up her post in January.

Open Day

We will be holding an open day for parents and carers of children starting in Reception in September 2024. The session will run from 1.30 – 2.45 on Thursday 9th November.

SRE

SRE will be taught from this term. The content of the curriculum was shared with families over a period of three days last term and will also be put onto the website in the coming weeks. Please note that, in line with all other curriculum areas no notice will be given as to when individual lessons will be taught.

Yours sincerely,

Ann James
Headteacher

INSET Days 2023 – 2024

Wednesday 7th February
Wednesday 22nd May
Monday 10th June
Monday 22nd July

Photographs

The photographer will be in school on 12th (individual) October and 13th (family groups) October. Siblings who are not currently in our school are welcome to come in for the family photographs.

Child Protection

We are currently updating our CP policy, when it's finished we'll put it onto the website. Please note that we have a statutory duty to safeguard and promote the wellbeing of children and this includes the duty to report to partner agencies when we have concerns.

Parents' Evenings

Parents' evenings will take place between 3.30 and 6pm on Monday 23rd and Wednesday 25th October. The appointments will be virtual and details of how to make an appointment will be given closer to the date. February parents' evenings will be face to face.

Zones of Regulation

This year, in a bid to promote children's mental health we have introduced Zones of Regulation in all classes (except Reception for now). ZoR recognises how we are feeling, the impact of this on learning and how we can support ourselves and each other so that we can be at our best to learn. We have spent lots of time so far introducing this to the children and will continue to build on this throughout the year. Please talk to children about this and feel free to use it at home!

Breakfast Club

The building of our new kitchen has meant that we have less space for breakfast club. There are currently no issues but it could mean that in future we may need to limit the number of children who can attend. There's no need to panic at the moment though.

Celebration Day Diwrnod

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This year we are trialling something new which will take place instead of class assemblies. Parents will be invited into school to meet with their child so that you can look at their work together. Classroom will have art displays/craft displays and a short piece of live entertainment such a choir/short drama. We'll be starting off with the children in Classes 5 – 9 this term



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