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Parent/carer information - October 16th 2020

Class Newsletters

Please check the website for newsletters from each teacher with information that is specific to your child's class.

Wear Red Day

We are supporting 'Wear Red Day' today to raise funds towards anti-racism education by wearing any red item of clothing and donating £1. Thank you your support; look out for photographs on Twitter.

Parent Teacher Consultations

We cannot offer parents the usual Parent Teacher Consultations (PTCs) this term but teachers will be sending brief pupil reports home by Monday 19th October. Parents/carers who wish to discuss the report further will be offered phone call appointments the week beginning 2nd November after half term. If you wish to make a telephone appointment, please ring the office on 01495742761 and speak to Mrs Taylor or Mrs Chaloner.

Pupil Code of Conduct for Covid and Home School Agreement

We have amended our Pupil Code of Conduct and Home School Agreement in light of changes in school due to Covid. The teachers are discussing these in class and they are available for parents/carers to see on the school website.

Macmillan Cake Sale

Next Friday, 23rd October, we will be raising money for Macmillan Cancer Charity.

Children can bring donations into school which will be collected at the start of the day at the school gate and cakes will be provided in class at break times.

We would greatly appreciate any donations of cake which is shop purchased. Thank you.

Pupil Absence - If your child is absent from school, please ensure you telephone the school office on 01495742761 by 9.30am to advise us of the reason for the absence. Please leave a message on the answerphone if you are unable to speak to a member of the office staff.

The Torfaen Education Welfare Service (EWS) has provided important information for parents/carers which is available on our website with this newsletter.

The EWS states:

"Current evidence suggests that the health risk posed by Covid-19 to children is extremely low. However, children not attending school maybe at significant risk to their health and mental wellbeing, progress in their learning and ultimately the level of qualifications gained and future life chances.





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Lockdown has already had a significant impact on their learning and engagement to date and further absence will further increase this, despite the best intentions of distance learning. On balance, school really is the best place for them to be. Your child has a right to an education, and there is a statutory obligation for parents to send their child to school.

I would encourage you to send your child to school on a regular basis and discuss any concerns you may have with your child's school."

If your child is absent from school as they are self-isolating, work will be set online through Hwb and Teams as the children are used to this process. Children's log in details must be used for this.

All homework will also be set in this way. Teachers monitor all use of Hwb and Teams weekly.

Weekly class attendance awards

The best attending class this week is Dosbarth Barafundle. They will receive the Attendance Trophy in class and can wear non-uniform to school on Wednesday 21st October. It would normally be today but we are all wearing red today and Dosbarth Barafundle have PE on Monday and the Halloween Disco on Tuesday!

Important dates for school in October:

Election of all Pupil Leadership roles	To continue throughout October 2020
Black History Month	October 2020
Macmillan Cake Sale	Friday 23 rd October 2020
Halloween in class discos arranged by PTA There will be a cost of £2 for the disco. Children can wear Halloween fancy dress or disco clothes and there will be the usual disco snacks and drinks provided. Each class will have some prizes provided for games and best costume.	Tuesday 20 th October 2020 (in school time)
End of half term	Friday 23 rd October 2020
Return to school	Monday 2 nd November 2020

The usual PTA Christmas raffle will also go ahead - any prize donations would be gratefully received!





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Important information - Covid Symptoms

Any children displaying any of the Covid symptoms should be kept at home.

- These are -
 - ✓ new continuous cough
 - ✓ high temperature
 - ✓ loss of taste and/or smell

We ask all parents/carers to keep the school informed of any changes to your child's medical state.

- If someone in your household has a confirmed case and they may have been in contact with others in school, those in their class and whoever they may have come into contact with will be sent home and asked to self-isolate for 10 days.
- The other household members of that class do not need to self-isolate unless the child or staff member develops symptoms.

What happens if a child/staff tests positive?

- The identity of the child/staff will remain confidential and parents/carers will receive a message by text to say that a case has been identified in the school.
- All pupils who need to self-isolate as a result will be informed. Please note that this message could come at any time during the day or evening.
- Public Health advice states that other members of your household do not need to self-isolate if no one in the household has tested positive or has symptoms.
- You may receive a separate notification from the Test, Track and Protect (TTC).
- In the case of self-isolation, your class teacher will be in touch and work will be set through Hwb and Teams.

Safety in school

Staggered activities including lunch and break times are in place to reduce the number of people in shared spaces including around school entrances and exits.

Please be reminded to only pick up and drop off your children at the specified times given for the safety of all. Parents/carers should not congregate at the school gates.

Once children have been collected please move from the gates so other families can collect safely.

Nut Allergies

We have a few children with severe nut allergies who have been affected this week by items that other children have brought into school in packed lunches. These include Nutella, Peanut butter, Kinder products and chocolate waffles. **Please check the products that are sent into school because these allergies can be life threatening.**

Best regards
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