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Parent/carer information - November 13th 2020

Although the Welsh 'Firebreak' limited what we all did in half term, I hope you all had an opportunity to have a break and some well-deserved rest. It has been lovely to welcome all our children and staff back for this second half term which is going to be very busy.

Anti-Bullying Week

Anti-Bullying Week 2020 will take place from Monday 16th November - Friday 20th November 2020. The theme is **United Against Bullying**. Classes will take part in activities linked to this.



Anti-Racism Competition

I am very proud of the work that children completed for the Gwent Schools Creative Responses to anti-racism. The entries were creative and sincere and out of almost 100 submissions, the judging panel selected not one but three of the entries from your school as prize winners. In the years 4-6 category the entry by Gracie Burgess year 6 was chosen in 2nd place. In the years 1-3 category the entry Art Yr 2 was chosen for 1st place and Art Yr 1 was chosen for 2nd place. As well as prizes we were given a complimentary copy of *Wales Untold* DVD; a unique insight into Welsh history.



Harvest Donations for Food Bank



Thank you for the donations we have had for Eastern valley Food Bank for Harvest. A representative from Pontypool food bank will collect all the food items today.



Weekly Class Attendance Awards

The best attending class this week is Dosbarth Barafundle (Year 3). They will receive the Attendance Trophy in class and can wear non-uniform to school next Tuesday as it is Children in Need day today.

School Photos

Due to Covid-19 regulations, our school photographer won't be taking the normal school photographs this term. School photos will take place in the spring term.

Jewellery

Reminder that stud earrings are the only jewellery to be worn in school due to safety reasons. These must be removed for PE lessons.

Important dates for school from November





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These will be updated weekly.

Anti-Bullying Week	Week beginning 16 th November
Universal Children's Day	Friday 20 th November
New Curriculum Character Launch Day	Monday 30 th November
Elf Day - children can dress as elves or in elf colours to welcome the elves to Cwmffrwdoler.	Tuesday 1 st December
Christmas Dinner	Wednesday 16 th December
End of Autumn Term	Friday 18 th December 1:15pm
INSET day - school closed to pupils	Monday 4 th January 2021
Spring term begins for pupils	Tuesday 5 th January 2021
Half term	Monday 15 th - 19 th February 2021
End of Spring term	Friday 26 th March 2021 - Term ends
INSET day - school closed to pupils	Monday 12 th April 2021
Summer term begins for pupils	Tuesday 13 th April 2021
May Day Bank Holiday	Monday 3 rd May 2021

Important information - Covid

Please ensure that your child does not come to school if a member of your household has Covid symptoms or is awaiting a test result.

If a staff member or pupil within our school is tested positive, we will ensure that parents are notified as soon as possible if any children have to self-isolate.

Congregating at gates

Staggered starts/finishes 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 and must adhere to social distancing for the safety of all. Once children have been collected please move from the gates so other families can collect safely.



Welsh phrase of the fortnight

Bobl bach! - Goodness gracious me!





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Please see below important information from Aneurin Bevan University Health Board, who provide NHS healthcare services to our families.

When the new Grange University Hospital, in Cwmbran, opens on 17th November 2020, the way you access urgent healthcare will change - it is vitally important that you understand these changes for you and your family.

Please visit our website for full information about these changes (<https://abuhb.nhs.wales/clinical-futures1>). A dedicated information leaflet on children and maternity services can be found at <https://abuhb.nhs.wales/files/clinical-futures/clinical-futures-information-leaflets/children-and-maternity-layout-1-pdf/>

Please also look out for a printed A5 booklet which will be posted to your home in the coming weeks.

Best wishes
Sarah Truelove
Headteacher

