



Parent/Carer information – 06/09/24



Dear Parents/Carers, Annwyl Rhieni/Sy'n ofalwyr,

Welcome back/Croeso Nôl to the 2024/25 academic year! I hope you have had relaxing summer holiday, it has been lovely welcoming all our pupils this week including our new intake of nursery and reception children with hardly any tears!

Thank you so much for actively supporting our uniform policy, our children look so smart. We would also appreciate your support our PE kit expectations of black shorts and white t shirts.

Meet The Teacher – Year 1 to Year 6

On Tuesday 17th September between 3:20pm and 4:20pm, you are invited to meet your child's teacher who will provide information about routines in the new class. These will be drop-in sessions to allow parents/carers to visit more than one class.

Breaktime Tuck Price Increase

Unfortunately, we have had to increase the price of tuck for the first time in three years to 50p. Children can bring their own snacks into school as long as they are in line with our Healthy School Policy.

Please apply for UPFSM (Universal Provision for Free School Meals)

The links to apply for UPFSM are provided below. Please ensure you click on the links to ensure your child is provided with a free school meal and if you are in receipt of any additional benefits which may be available to you.

There are two forms this year – please see below. The form also acts as the gateway for parents to access additional grants for clothing. Special dietary information is also collected on these forms to ensure that we are aware of any dietary requirements to ensure all pupils are provided with a safe and nutritious meal. Reception and pupils new to the area from Sep 2024.

Reception and new to the area:

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Pupils in year groups 4,5 and 6:

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Mr Edwards – Year 6

For the remainder of September, Miss Thomas will be teaching Mr Edwards' class. Miss Thomas has met with Mr Edwards and they have planned work together. The children know Miss Thomas well, disruption to the class will be minimal until Mr Edwards returns to school.

Year 6 will be taking part in a weekly Forest School session starting next Wednesday afternoon with Mr Manning and staff. A permission letter will be sent home prior to the session.

After School Clubs

Every year, staff run a number of after school clubs and children can choose which clubs they would like to attend and club leaders will provide permission letters to bring home. These will need to be returned by Monday 16th September for clubs to start the week beginning 23rd September. Please note that clubs must be attended every week (unless your child is unwell), if a week is missed, the place will be offered to another child on waiting list.

Pupil Voice

Every year, we elect new members of our pupil voice teams including School Parliament, Eco-Committee, Digital Leaders, Criw Cymraeg, Heddlu Bach and Curriculum Group. If children are interested in these roles, they can express interest and return forms to school by Friday 13th September for the balloting process to start.

Children who are interested in Head and Deputy Pupil and Prefect roles will have already brought application forms home as part of the recruitment process. Application forms must be brought back to school by Monday 9th September. All candidates will present in assembly, be interviewed and children will vote for their choice.

Multiply Cooking Sessions



In partnership with Multiply, a UK Levelling up funded project, we have



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secured funding to run a series of 4 “Happy and Healthy” cooking sessions for a group of 14 pupils in Year 5 and their parents or carers. These cooking sessions will also contain an element of Numeracy in all sessions. Places will be allocated by a random draw. To be entered into the draw, you (or another family member over the age of 18) will need to commit to attending every session with them. This funding is only available for these cookery projects and is being run by Cook Stars Newport to Ebbw Vale. Letters have been sent out this week to Year 5 Pupils. Please return forms ASAP to secure your place.



Fedline Cooking Project

Dear Parents and Carers, We are excited to announce a series of cooking workshops at Cwmffrwdor Primary School delivered by ‘Cookstars’ and warmly invite you to join us! These workshops are a wonderful opportunity for parents to learn new cooking skills, explore different cuisines, and enjoy a fun and interactive experience with other members of our school community.

Please complete the online form to secure your space as we only have 5 spaces left -

<https://forms.office.com/e/GKVeacEhEJ>

Please see our ‘Letter’s Home’ section on the website for more details about upcoming events -

<https://www.cwmffrwdorprimary.co.uk/copy-of-pdg-2>

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Attendance

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Regular and punctual attendance at school or alternative provision is a legal requirement and is essential to enable children to maximise their educational attainments and opportunities available to them. Unless pupils are unwell, they should be in school.



Fixed Penalty Notices (FPN)

Fixed Penalty Notices will be issued from September for 10 sessions (5 days) of unauthorised absences.

As of the start of this academic year our school will be issuing fixed penalty notices, as part of the attendance strategy of Welsh Government and Torfaen County Borough Council.

Fixed Penalty notices can be issued under any of these circumstances:

- At least 10 sessions (5 school days) are lost due to unauthorised absence during the current academic year. These do not need to be consecutive.
- Unauthorised absences of at least 10 sessions (5 school days) due to holidays in term time or delayed return from extended holidays.
- Persistent late arrival at school, i.e. after the register has closed, in the current term. "Persistent" means at least 10 sessions of late arrival.
- Truancy, where the child has come to the attention of the Police or public during school hours for being absent from school, without an acceptable reason.

Payment of Fixed Penalty Notices

Arrangements for payment will be detailed on the Penalty Notice. Payment of a Fixed Penalty Notice discharges the parent's liability for the period in question and they cannot subsequently be prosecuted under other enforcement powers for the period covered by the Fixed Penalty Notice. If the Fixed Penalty Notice is paid within 28 days, the penalty payable is £60, or £120 if within 42 days. Payments will not be accepted from parents after 42 days has elapsed and cannot be paid either by instalments.

Non-Payment of Fixed Penalty Notices

Non-payment of a Fixed Penalty Notice will result in prosecution for the period covered by the Fixed Penalty Notice under Section 444 of the Education Act 1996.

Attendance

Our attendance target is 93% for whole school.

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We have noticed a rise in the number of unauthorised absences and holidays. We would like to remind you that our school follows the Torfaen Fixed Penalty Notice policy. FPN's will be based on last year (2023-24) for any holidays taken this month.

Please note that this policy applies to unauthorised holidays and a fine can be issued once your child returns to school.

Please can we also ask that if your child has a Medical/Dental/Optician etc appointment during school time, that the appointment card or letter is given to the office to copy. Thank you for your cooperation.

Diary Dates:

Please check these every week as more events will be added.

23/10/24 2pm	Forest School Parental Engagement Session
11/11/24 9am	E-Safety Parental Session
14/11/24 11am	Governor Learning Walk PS1



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15/11/24 9am	Support Your Child with Maths session for parents/carers
18/11/24 9am	Support Your Child to Read (Phonics) session
13/12/24 9am	Christmas Community Breakfast
28/10/24 – 01/11/24	October Half term, normal finish time 3:10
20/12/24	End of term for pupils 1:30pm

Forest School 2024-25

Your Child will be taking part in Cwmffrwdor Forest School programme this year. The lessons will run at least once every three weeks throughout the year, **however Year 6 will be having weekly sessions throughout September every Wednesday**

Children will require some outdoor clothing for each session. This should consist of Wellies or good outdoor boots, waterproof trousers, a warm jacket, and a hat and gloves.

Could parents and carers please ensure all medical and contact information is up to date. Forest school takes a holistic approach to learning with child-led development and authentic learning being the key factors in our sessions.

The aims of Forest School are to develop children's physical, social, cognitive, linguistic, emotional and spiritual aspects. Sessions are planned and tailored to allow the growth of these values. Participants will be involved in many different activities including fire safety and fire lighting, cooking, crafting and building, poetry, music and storytelling.

A comprehensive copy of our policies and procedures are available from the school office for more information.

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Headteacher