



Dear Parent/Guardian,

Welcome back to the Summer Term and I trust that you have all had an enjoyable break over Easter. It promises to be a busy and learning packed term for the children.

We are currently in the middle of our National Test week. The tests are from Year 2 to Year 6 and are Numeracy and Literacy based. This is a strange week for us here at school but I'm pleased to say the children have been fantastic and have given 100%. Teachers have made it as comfortable as possible for the children but it is still a very alien experience for them, which doesn't always highlight the child's true ability. The results of the tests form part of a whole range of assessments we make and this will be explained to you at a later date. We are proud of all of the pupils and on their achievements throughout the year.

As you may be aware, the school is allocated 5 training (Inset) Days a year. We currently have used three and I have decided to use **Monday 3rd June** and **Monday 22nd July** as the remainder training days. School will end for the pupils on **Friday 19th July**. Pupils will return to school on **Tuesday 2nd September, 2019**.

Half Term will be the week of the 27th May, 2019.

Congratulations to Miss Michael who has been successful in gaining a new job. Her last day here at Gnoll Primary will be Tuesday 4th June. I would like to personally thank Miss Michael for the commitment and dedication she has shown during her time here at Gnoll Primary. I wish her all the success and happiness in her new venture. I'm sure she will be a huge success.

Congratulations also to Mrs Wheadon, who has successfully been appointed as Seconded Deputy Headteacher and will start her secondment in September 2019. Again I'm sure she will be a huge success and will be dearly missed here at Gnoll Primary.

Dates for the diary:

29 th April	-	Whole School	Start of Summer Term
7 th – 14 th May	-	Year 2/3/4/5/6	National Test Week
Monday 27th May to Monday 3rd June			Half Term Week
3rd June	-	INSET Day	
12 th June	-	Whole School	PTA School Fete commencing at 3.20
27 th June	-	Year 6	Dwr-Y-Felin Transition Day "Music Pupils Only"
1 st July	-	Rainbow Rooms	Sports Day
2 nd July	-	Nursery	Sports Day
3 rd July	-	Year 6	Dwr-Y-Felin Comprehensive Transition Day and Disco
3 rd July	-	Foundation Phase	Sports Day
4 th July	-	KS2	Sports Day
8 & 9 th July	-	Year 6	Cefn Saeson Comprehensive Transition Days
11 th July	-	Whole School	PTFA & Leavers Disco
12 th July	-	Whole School	Annual reports to parents
6 th July	-	Nursery to Reception pupils	Parents whose children go to Reception Sept 2019
16 th July	-	Year 6 Pupils	Leavers Concert (evening)
17 th July	-	Year 6 Pupils	Leavers Concert (afternoon)
18 th July	-	Year 6 Pupils & families	Presentation Evening 5.30 – 6.30
19 th July	-	Year 6 Pupils & families	Leavers Assembly
19 th July	-	Whole School	Last day for pupils
22 nd July	-	Whole school	Inset Day

NB dates will be added to this list as and when they are organised.

Nursery Places:

We always warmly welcome our newest arrivals in Nursery and look forward to the day they start their exciting journey through our school. The current application for a place at any school in Neath Port Talbot needs to be made directly through County. Please ensure you get a form from us and apply directly to Helen Lewis. We are unable to admit any child prior to receiving confirmation from County. If you require any forms or help to complete them, please do not hesitate to contact us.

School Admission: applications need to be made to Neath Port Talbot CBC, telephone: 01639 763580

Polite Reminder - Attendance and Lateness:

We work very closely with our Education Welfare Officer. We are currently monitoring several families very closely as lateness and unauthorised absences have a hugely negative impact on child development. Please ensure your child arrives on time and attends school regularly. You are expected to contact school on 01639 642938 to report your child's absence by 9:30am. Unauthorised absences and latecomers are reported to the EWO. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

Every school's Welsh Assembly Government target is **95%**
The current attendance is: **92.9%**
Whole school attendance last week: **93.8 %**
We remain 2.1% away from our school target!
Congratulations to Rainbow Room Infant Class with 100%

We cannot achieve it without you

Water Bottles, sun hats & Sun Cream

Keeping suitably hydrated can have positive benefits to our pupils learning and wellbeing. Pupils are encouraged to bring transparent water bottles into school. Pupils have access to their bottles throughout the day and are encouraged to drink water regularly. However in line with our Healthy School Accreditation the pupils are only allowed water and not squash, juice or fizzy pop. Also our yard becomes a sun trap during the day, with little sheltered area available. Please could all pupils bring in a sun hat (with their name written inside) and we encourage parents/carers to apply sun cream in the mornings. Thank you for your continued support.

After School Clubs and Activities for this term

As you are aware, the staff at the Gnoll are very committed and have once again given up a night to put on an after school club/activity for your children. I would like to thank them once again for the continued commitment.

The clubs for this term are:

<i>Day</i>	<i>Dinnertime Clubs</i>	<i>After School Clubs</i>
<i>Monday</i>	School Council	
<i>Tuesday</i>		Dance & Glee Club
<i>Wednesday</i>	Digital Leaders	Girls Football Club (Swansea City) Code IT (Key Stage 2) Arts and Crafts (Foundation Phase)
<i>Thursday</i>	ECO Committee Ciw Cymraeg	
<i>Friday</i>		

Once again, thank you for your support and I know we all work together to achieve our school mission statement –

Learning Together, Achieving Together.

Rhys Harris

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