

28<sup>th</sup> February, 2020

Dear Parent, Carer or Guardian,

This year we celebrated St David's Day by having a Welsh week at school and an Eisteddfod on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February, 2020. The build up to the eisteddfod saw the pupils enjoying various Welsh activities. The children wore their Welsh costume / rugby jerseys / red clothing for the week. The home – school tasks were once again of the highest calibre and congratulations to the winners.

On Thursday March 5<sup>th</sup>, we will be celebrating World Book Day. The theme of the day will be around Fairy Tales, Traditional Stories and Nursery Rhymes. The children will have a choice of dressing up, making masks, face painting, making posters, bringing in items related to the book etc. You can talk about this with your child to see what they want to bring in that day. As staff we have talked about what we will do to celebrate books. We feel that the purpose of book day needs to be refreshed to ensure it doesn't become a world dress up day! The purpose of the day is to enjoy the value of books and getting children reading.

The remaining two **INSET days** for this academic year will take place on: **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June, 2020** and **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2020**. School will be closed to pupils on these dates.

Below are lists of important dates for your diaries.

### **Dates for the diary:**

28 <sup>th</sup> February	-	St David's Day Celebrations at school
2 <sup>nd</sup> March	-	Yr 3, Yr 3&4, Yr 4 Class visiting St Fagan's
4 <sup>th</sup> March	-	Colorfoto in school. Class contemporary photos
5 <sup>th</sup> March	-	World Book Day
6 <sup>th</sup> March	-	Playgroup are starting back up (9:30am – 11:00am)
9 <sup>th</sup> March	-	NPT Writers Festival at the Gwyn Hall, Year 4 only
9 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> March	-	Parents Evenings
13 <sup>th</sup> March	-	Sports Relief (wear something red)
20 <sup>th</sup> March	-	Great big School Clean up
26 <sup>th</sup> March	-	PTA Spring Event
31 <sup>st</sup> March	-	Year 6 visiting Swansea University
2 <sup>nd</sup> April	-	PTA Spring Event
2nd April – Autism Awareness Day		
3 <sup>rd</sup> April	-	Last Day of Spring Term
20 <sup>th</sup> April	-	Start of Summer Term

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

### **Mobile Phones**

If possible please avoid sending your child to school with their mobile phone. We seem to have large numbers of phones being brought in daily and cannot take responsibility for these expensive items.

### **School Uniform for September 2020.**

Thank you to all the parents that attended the meeting. Positive dialogue was had and everyone was in agreement that uniform does make a difference in our wonderful school. We are looking at various elements regarding the uniform and both parents and school have some homework before we meet again in about five to six weeks. We appreciate your support on this matter and we hope this will continue.

### **Parents Evenings**

Parent Evenings will take place week commencing **9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup>/ 12<sup>th</sup> March, 2020.**

Teachers will contact you with a time and a date to discuss your child's progress. This year we will continue with the new format. The teacher will have a progress record on each child and the discussion will be about how we (school and family) can work together to move the child on in their learning. Pupils with Individual Education Plans will continue to work with staff members of their targets. However, they will now help create One Page Profiles on themselves.

**Attendance:**

Our attendance for the start of the New Year rose to 91.5%. This is lower than the past few years and we hope that this will increase. Punctuality for a minority of pupils is a cause for concern and is being monitored very closely.

***"BETTER LATE THAN NEVER, BUT NEVER LATE IS EVEN BETTER!"***

Poor punctuality or leaving before the end of the school day regularly is not acceptable. School data shows a link between poor attendance & under-achievement. School starts at 8.50am prompt and finishes at 3:20pm so pupils arriving late or leaving early causes disruption to classes and to the individuals themselves. Learning goes on all day at the school. Please make every effort to ensure that pupils come to school every day and on time.

***"GOOD ATTENDERS = GOOD ACHIEVERS"***

**Family Fun Days**

being creative or a little active with your child/children. These six weeks before the Easter holidays will include activities like craft, cooking, yoga and Lego.

The sessions are held every Tuesday afternoon (1:30pm- 3:00pm) in the iZone. Refreshments are available.

Once again I'm looking forward to working closely with you to ensure our children continue to grow, develop and blossom during their time at this very happy and successful school.

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