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***Welcome Back***

Happy New Year and welcome back to the new Spring Term. Once again, all staff would like to express their thanks and gratitude for the cards and gifts given at Christmas.

Christmas was a huge success at the school and the concerts and activities were enjoyed by all.

School has started a lot quieter (thankfully) and we are straight back into learning.

Just a few reminders for you, please provide:-

* PE Kits on the designated days and for after-school clubs
* Water bottles every day (it is warm in school)
* Spelling books (returned weekly on designated days)
* Reading books (returned on designated days)
* Homework

If you are not sure about the days, please can you Dojo class teachers.

Lots of children have returned to school with new items from Christmas. Please can you ensure names are put onto coats, bags, water bottles as there are duplicates around the school. Thank You!

***Core Visit and School Categorisation***

The school has recently been visited by ERW (the regional consortia for education) and a review has taken place on standards and leadership. The results of this review were extremely positive and the school has been categorised as a GREEN school. I would like to thank the pupils, governors and parents for the hard work and support that has been needed throughout our journey of improvement. The staff have worked relentlessly year on year to secure improvement with great success and for this I say a great big thank you. We will continue to show the same commitment as we prepare for the new curriculum reform that is coming to Wales.

***AFTER SCHOOL CLUB for Y3-Y6***

There will be a Tae-Kwon-Do Wales after school club starting on Wednesday January 23rd. The session will start at 3.25pm and finish at 4.25pm. As this session is provided externally, there is a cost of £4 per session - £20 for the half term.

Pupils will need to pay for the session either in advance or on the day. I have been informed that pupils will not be allowed to stay unless payment has been made in advance.

There will be 30 spaces available and it will be allocated on a first come, first serve basis.

Netball will be moved to a Thursday evening from 3.20pm until 4.20pm.

***Attendance***

This is the attendance for the class for the Autumn Term

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| Year Group | Percentage | Holiday Absence  |
| Reception | 95% |  |
| Year 1 | 96% | 37 sessions |
| Year 2 | 94% |  99 sessions |
| Year 3 | 97% | 41 sessions |
| Year 4 | 97% | 39 sessions |
| Year 5 | 97% | 47 sessions |
| Year 6 | 95% | 62 sessions |
| Class 7 | 92% | 2 sessions |

 Congratulations to all those classes who have achieved 95% and a particular thanks to all those over 96%. Please keep it up.

***IMPORTANT DATES***

Thurs Jan 10th – Fire Safety talk Y2 and Y5

Wed 23rd Jan – Tae-Kwon-Do After School Club

Fri 25th Jan – CLUSTER INSET DAY

Mon Jan 28th – Football Finals (Mr Owens)

Tues 29th Jan – Y2 & Class 7 Trip Cardiff Castle

Wed 30th Jan – Darren Bartley Young Carers to talk to Year 6

Mon Feb 4th – Fri Jan 8th – Year 4 Swimming

Fri 8th Feb – Yr 5 Transition DYF

Mon 11th Feb – Fri 15th Feb – Year 3 Swimming

Tues 19th Feb – Fri 22nd Feb – Year 6 Cyclecraft

***INSET***

Fri 25th Jan – CLUSTER INSET DAY

Fri 12th Apr – INSET

Mon 22nd July - INSET

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