



Newsletter

19th January 2018

Dear parents,

Happy New Year to you all! I hope that you have all enjoyed a peaceful and happy Christmas holiday spending time with family and friends.

Everyone has arrived back at school full of enthusiasm and quickly settled back into routine and are working hard throughout the school.

I look forward to working with you all in 2018!!

Dates for your Diary

Friday 19th January Water Safety Talk - Reception - Year 6

Monday 22nd January - Friday 26th January - Key Stage 2 Swimming Week

Friday 26th January PC Hodges to visit Year 6

Friday 16th February Last day of half-term

Monday 19th February - Friday 23rd February—Half Term Holiday

Wednesday 14th March Foundation Phase Visit to Techniquest

Friday 16th March Fluoride Varnish

Monday 19th March Year 6 to Dwr Y Felin School Production

Friday 23rd March Sport Relief

Tuesday 27th March Year 5 Transition Day at Dwr Y Felin

Thursday 29th March Last day of Spring term

Friday 30th March Good Friday— No School

Monday 2nd April - Friday 13th April Easter Holiday

Advance Notice of National Literacy and Numeracy Testing Dates

This year the National Testing period for Year 2 - Year 6 pupils is set for
Wednesday 2nd May - Wednesday 9th May.

Further details will be sent closer to the date.

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School Development Planning

Every year as a school we prioritise our areas for development.

This year our actions are:

Action 1: Raise standards in spelling and punctuation

Action 2: Provide further opportunities for creative writing

Action 3: Provide further opportunities for numerical reasoning activities

Action 4: To successfully implement the Digital Competency Framework (DCF)

Action 5: To work towards achieving the Learning with Autism Primary School Award

Action 6: Further develop the community links of the school by introducing a weekly playgroup



School Parking and Yellow Lines

The yellow lines outside school **MUST** not be used as a drop off or pick up point for children, even for the shortest of times. Please park safely and sensibly. I fully appreciate how difficult it can be to park at busy times but pupils' safety remains a priority for us at all times. Our local PCSO will continue to work closely with the school and make regular, unannounced visits to monitor the situation. I thank you for supporting us with this matter, ensuring the safety of our pupils.

Breakfast Club

Please be aware that Breakfast Club runs between 8:10-8:40am. However, breakfast is served until 8:30am. Children arriving later than this, will be unable to receive breakfast. Children attending **MUST** eat breakfast.

Playground Supervision Reminder

Please be aware that children are not supervised in the school yard until 8:40 am. A member of staff will be on duty from this time each morning. During very wet mornings a member of staff will be available to allow children into the school building from 8:40am



St David's Day Celebrations

On Thursday 1st March we will be holding a St. David's Day assembly for pupils and class based activities will also have a St. David's Day theme. Children can dress in Welsh Costume, Welsh Rugby/Football shirts. This day will be a creative day with arts, crafts, stories and dancing all with a Welsh theme. We will also hold a Coffee Morning/Afternoon on Friday 2nd March where you will be very welcome to join us. Further information and timings will be set out closer to the date.



Adverse Weather Conditions Procedures

We have recently experienced some cold and windy weather. Other parts of the country have also experienced snowfall. I would like to take the opportunity to inform you that in adverse weather conditions pupil and staff safety are our priority.

We will keep you informed of any weather updates/change in school timings/closure information via the Text to Parents service and Twitter. NPT Council website will also show information regarding Emergency School Closures as they receive it.

Attendance and Punctuality

December saw a slight drop in whole school attendance compared to 2016/17. This was due to coughs, colds, sore throats and sickness. Lots of people have been affected by this. However, can I thank you all for following our school procedures and contacting the school as soon as possible to inform us about your child/children's illness/non-attendance. This ensures all registers are updated, coded correctly and absences fully explained. Your support with this matter is vital. Our Education Welfare Officer visits regularly and to maximise attendance at school we discuss any children's attendance that falls below 94%. These discussions may then be followed up in writing or with a home visit from the EWO.

We currently have a few children who regularly arrive late for school. I totally understand that sometimes this is unavoidable but when it continues to happen regularly this has a negative impact on pupil progress. All pupils throughout the school start the day promptly with phonic and spelling activities and this leaves the children who arrive late at a big disadvantage. Please make every effort to arrive at 8:50 am for the start of the school day. This is something that the EWO and myself are currently monitoring very closely.



Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Jefford