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Monday 18th September 2017

Dear Parents,

**School Priorities 2017 – 2018**

We will:

1. Develop pupils’ extended writing and numerical reasoning in everyday situations.
2. Improve pupils’ handwriting and spelling.
3. Improve whole school annual attendance.
4. Adapt work to challenge all pupils.
5. Improve pupils’ ability to review and extend their own progress.
6. Introduce the digital competency framework.
7. Review and develop the curriculum in line with ‘Successful Futures’.
8. Extend middle leadership to ensure very good outcomes in all areas of learning.
9. Ensure that performance management objectives are closely aligned to individual pupil targets.
10. Introduce and monitor an afternoon nursery ‘wrap around’ service.

**Welcome Back BBQ**

* The PTA ‘welcome back’ BBQ is on Friday 22nd from 3.30-5.30pm. We have many fun activities planned so please attend.
* Please donate cakes. Send them in to school on Friday morning.
* Children are invited to wear non-school uniform on Friday 22nd for the voluntary donation of £1.
* All proceeds will go to the PTA, who are saving for a canopy outside the Y2 class area.
* There will be no after school club on Friday and please do not park in the school yard as we are using it for activities.

**Photos**

Roz and Kirsty will be coming in to take individual photographs before half term. If you have not already completed a Roz and Kirsty photograph form giving your email address, please could you ask at the office for a form. You will need to provide the photographers with an email address in order to view and buy the photographs.

**Squid**

Please can you register on line for our cashless system of paying diner money. The phone app is very useful, so have a go!

**NSPCC talk**

Representatives from the national society for the prevention of cruelty to children (NSPCC) are attending assembly on Wednesday to talk to the children about how to stay safe.

**Orchestra**

Violin - Please can you return your violin forms by tomorrow (Tuesday 19th September) at the latest. If you do not return the form by tomorrow, I will assume you do not want the place.

Brass and wind instruments – you will receive forms next week.

**Important Dates**

* Wednesday 20th September: NSPCC safety talk to children
* Thursday 21st September: Y6 trip to Swansea university for a chemistry session
* Friday 22nd September: ‘The eye of the storm’ drama workshop for Y5 and Y6
* Friday 22nd September: PTA ‘Welcome back BBQ’, 3.30pm start
* Monday 25th September: Reception hearing tests
* Wednesday 27th September: Y4 trip to St Fagan’s
* Friday 29th September: Y5/Y6 trip to Swansea museum
* Monday 2nd October: Y6 residential trip to Carreg Adventure
* Friday 5th October: Y3 trip to Castell Henllys
* Monday 9th October: Harvest festival
* Wednesday 4th October: Y4 trip to Brynmill Park
* Tuesday 17th and Wednesday 18th October: Art workshops
* Thursday 19th October: Halloween disco
* Friday 20th October: Foundation Phase Diwali celebration
* Monday 23rd October: Parents evenings (all week)
* Thursday 26th October: Individual photos

***Monday 30th October – Friday 3rd November – Half term week***

* Wednesday 15th October: Flu nasal immunisation for pupils in Reception to Y4
* Thursday 16th November: Y4 trip to Big Pit
* Friday 1st December: Christmas fete
* Friday 8th December: Fluoride varnish for pupils in Reception to Y2

***Christmas Performances***

*Monday 11th December: Dress rehearsal for the Infants Christmas Concert, 10am*

*Monday 11th December: Dress rehearsal for the Junior Carol Concert, 1.30pm*

*Tuesday 12th December: Infants Christmas Concert, 10am*

*Tuesday 12th December: Junior Carol Concert, 1.30pm*

*Thursday 14th December: Infants Christmas Concert, 10am*

*Thursday 14th December: Junior Carol Concert, 1.30pm*

* Wednesday 13th December: Y1 and Y2 Pantomime trip to see Aladdin at Pontardawe Theatre
* Friday 15th December: Christmas dinner
* Tuesday 19th December: KS2 Christmas parties
* Wednesday 20th December: Foundation Phase Christmas parties
* Monday 8th January 2018: INSET day

*Date of next Newsletter: Monday 2nd October 2017*