October 5th 2018

Dear Parent,

We are already in October and the term is flying by! Apologies for not being outside much this week in the mornings but I have lost my voice! My husband and the staff have had some peace since Tuesday and I worry that they have enjoyed it too much!!! Sorry to those who I have squeaked at and hopefully normal service will be resumed on Monday!

We welcomed a new cleaner this week called Scott, and he will be working in the mornings and opening school and in the evenings and locking up school after the evening classes in the hall. We now have a full complement of cleaning staff and a big thank you to Antoinette, who has had to clean the whole school at times and done a fabulous job!

Reception class had their photo taken yesterday for the annual B&R feature of new starters across the county. Keep a look out for the photo in the paper next week!

I had a meeting with 2 gentlemen from Talgarth Male Voice choir today as they would like to perform with us again this year. If any children wish to join choir for just next half term to be a part of that concert, as well as performing when the Christmas lights are switched on, we would be very happy to see them. Choir will be on a Wednesday after half term.

Next week, we are holding parent consultations, so please make sure that you have booked an appointment to come and talk to your child’s class teacher. Any problems with the dates, please talk to staff as we will try to accommodate you at another time. We will be in the hall as usual, but any appointments after 6pm will be in the community room, due to evening clubs.

Clwb Cwtch starts on Monday October 8th at 2pm, so please come along if you wish to learn some Welsh and have a cuppa and a chat in a relaxed atmosphere. Toddlers are very welcome too. It will be in last year’s Y2 classroom and we will open the side gate by Little Stars just before 2pm for you to come in that way. It finishes at 3.15, so you will be able to collect your children at the usual time.

All schools are being asked to host the flu immunisation programme again and this year, it will be for all pupils in Reception to Y6. Permission slips are being sent home this week so please return them to school asap. It will take place on Tuesday November 6th.

I want to say a huge thank you to you all for children being in school on time. We hardly have any children who are not here by 8.55am and it means that staff can start lessons on time and children are not missing any morning routines. Attendance so far this term is 97.4% so we are also well above our target of 96%. THANK YOU!

For the last 2 weeks, we have had very few children join walking bus. We will continue this until October half term, but if the numbers continue to remain low, we will then stop it and resume it for the summer term.

We are once again going to collect for the Brecon Foodbank for Harvest and they have sent a list of what they are short of. They would like us to collect: **tinned vegetables, bottles of squash and male/female anti perspirant**. Obviously, any other tinned or dry food will be gratefully received, but these 3 things are in need. If children could bring in items during the week of October 22nd, we would be very grateful and they will be collected after our harvest festival on Thursday 25th October at 2.15pm.

**Stars of the week are as follows:**

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| Reception / Year 1 | Ava |
| Year 1 / Year 2 | Oliver |
| Year 3 | Jacob |
| Year 4 | Enid |
| Year 5 | Alana |
| Year 6 | Rhys P |

**Dinner menu for week commencing 8th October is as follows:-**

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| Monday  | Sausage roll, chips & baked beans |
| Tuesday  | Sliced turkey, potatoes, vegetables & gravy |
| Wednesday | Chicken & tomato pasta, garlic bread & vegetables |
| Thursday | Roast dinner, potatoes, vegetables and gravy |
| Friday | Fish & Chips |

\* Full menu can be found in the reception foyer

Wishing you an enjoyable weekend

Best wishes

Mrs B