



Weekly Newsletter - Tuesday 20th October 2020

The first half of the Autumn term certainly has flown by and I hope that the boys and girls have enjoyed being back in school with their friends and their teachers. I'd like to thank you all for your support in following the plans that the school has put in place. It's more important now than ever to keep our distance in the yard when dropping off and collecting the children so that we can be as safe as possible.

I'd like to thank all the staff of the school and the kitchen and cleaning staff who have worked so hard to keep the school clean, secure and your children learning through what have been difficult times for all the members of our school community. Their unfailing dedication to your children and the Melin community continues and I'd like to thank them for it. I'd also like to thank our Governors for their support.

In the news yesterday, the First Minister of Wales, Mr. Mark Drakeford MS has released his plans for the 'firebreak' for the next few weeks in Wales to help reduce the spread of the virus. The measures taken do not affect Melin Primary School and we will continue to open in the usual way after the half term holiday. This will help our boys and girls to continue their learning, maintain their friendships and keep them in a positive routine which helps their emotional well-being.

Yesterday, we welcomed in our Cycling Safety Team (via a video conference call) to all our Key Stage Two classes to help keep the boys and girls safe if they are out and about in the community on their bikes. Hopefully, if restrictions allow, we will be able to welcome Christopher and the Cycling Safety Team in to school in the summer term to work with our Year 6 pupils actually on their bikes.

I've had a few requests from parents to mention that, particularly around the Foundation Phase site, there are an increased number of people parking on the yellow line and up on the pavements. Parents have mentioned that they are having difficulty getting past these cars with buggies and prams. I've passed these concerns on to the PCSOs who will be liaising with the traffic wardens to help keep people safe.

As you know, we have INSET on Friday and then half-term the following week. We look forward to welcome your children back on Monday 2nd of November.

T. Richards
Headteacher



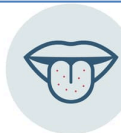
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- Staff member or pupil got symptoms of COVID-19? Don't attend the school. Stay home and self-isolate, arrange a COVID-19 test and notify the school.
- Family/household member got symptoms of COVID-19? Don't attend the school. Stay home and self isolate.
- If your child's test comes back positive, please let us know by scanning the QR code or visiting www.npted.org/melinprimary 'returning to school' page

