



*Summer Newsletter 2 – 21<sup>st</sup> June 2021*

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### Transition

Welsh Government have indicated in their operational guidance that usual transition activities should continue to take place as this supports pupil wellbeing as they prepare for their move into their new year groups in September. Therefore, we have arranged for a whole school transition day to take place on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> July. On this day, children will have the opportunity to spend the day in their new class with their new teacher and classmates. As a new, growing school, we will also have new children joining us on this day ahead of their official start dates in September. Whilst this transition activity will inevitably mean pupils spending the day in an alternative contact group, please rest assured that we have robust arrangements in place for managing this change and usual covid-mitigation measures will still apply. We are currently in the process of organising staffing for our Year 1-6 classes and still await our final pupil lists from NCC's admissions department. Classes will be finalised as close to the transition day as possible to ensure a fair distribution of pupil numbers across our classes.

### Staffing Update

Ms Shohid has now started her maternity leave and Mrs King will also be starting her maternity leave in a couple of weeks. We wish them both well and look forward to hearing of their new arrivals!

We have been lucky to second an experienced senior leader, Mrs Ryan to the deputy headteacher role for the Autumn and Spring Term to cover Mrs King's maternity leave.

Mr Miles has recently been successful at gaining a temporary promotion to another Newport primary school for two terms. This secondment is a great opportunity for him and we look forward to him returning in the summer term with lots of new experiences to share with us at Glan Llyn.

As the school continues to grow, we have recruited more teachers to teach the extra classes that we will have next year. Additionally, we are currently in the process of recruiting teaching assistants to support in these classes.

### National Tests

Welsh Government have requested that pupils in Years 2 to 6 undertake the national online personalised assessments this year. We have waited until the end of term for pupils to take these tests so we are able to use the information to plan for continued pupil progress in the Autumn Term.

The tests will take place on the following dates:

**Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> June – Reading**

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> July – Numeracy**

Please rest assured that these tests will be completed with the children with the minimal of fuss and disruption and are nothing for the children to be concerned about.

### Breakfast Club

A reminder that children attending Breakfast Club should not enter the school site before 8am for safeguarding and health and safety reasons.

### Covid

Whilst many restrictions have now been lifted, the council have reminded us that Covid is still very much present in our communities and as such, we have been asked to remind parents to continue to follow the rules regarding social distancing, minimising contacts and self-isolating if any member of a household or extended household shows symptoms.

Public Health Wales have now extended a list of wider symptoms whereby individuals can get tested. Legally, individuals do not have to isolate for the wider symptoms, but NCC have directed us to ask anyone awaiting a PCR result to stay away from school until a negative result is confirmed.

If anyone is confused with the current guidelines, please do not hesitate to give us a call and we will be happy to try and advise you based on the knowledge we have.

## Diary Dates Summer

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July – Last day of term**

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July – INSET Day 5

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> July – INSET Day 6

**Thursday 2nd September 2021 – First day of new school year**

### Year 6 Leavers

Unfortunately, we have been advised by the local authority NOT to hold any end of term events for staff or pupils due to the rise in cases and the prevalence of the Delta variant in the local area.

Whilst this is disappointing, Year 6 will now work with their teachers to put together a short, filmed version of a leavers' event which they will be able to share with you via private link. Teachers will contact you via SeeSaw to ensure you give permission for your child to be included in this short film.

Staff will also work together to ensure that children can enjoy special activities in class to mark their final days in primary school.

### Sports Day

As the guidance currently stands, unfortunately we will be unable to invite parents/carers to our sports day again this year. However, we are planning on running this event safely within our own class bubbles and are aiming for maximum participation for all children. We will take steps to film/photograph the events to share with you digitally. In the meantime, please keep in touch with teachers via SeeSaw to ensure your child wears PE kits to school on key dates over the next few weeks.

### Uniform – September 2021

As you may start to be looking ahead to purchase uniform for September, a reminder of our current uniform list is shown below. Please note that trousers, shorts, skirts and dresses should be **navy** and whilst we accept black trainers, these must be all black with no colours on the shoe or sole.

In September, children will continue wearing their PE kit into school on their PE days.

- Navy v-neck jumper/cardigan (with logo if possible)
- Navy trousers/shorts/dress/skirt
- Foundation Phase pupils (N-Y2) - white polo shirt (with logo if possible)
- KS2 pupils (Y3-Y6) - white blouse/shirt with aqua blue school tie
- Navy or white socks
- Navy gingham dress
- Plain black shoes - smart, sturdy, trainer-type shoes are acceptable as long as they are all black with no coloured or white trims/soles.

### Year 2 to 3 Transition

Some Year 2 pupils have already started to increase their independence and have asked if they can be dropped at the main gate in the mornings to walk into class on their own. This is absolutely fine with us if parents are happy, but we ask that children are not left before 8:40am as this is when the gates open to Y2 children.

*Some key points to remember as they move to Year 3 in September:*

\*Session Times are different for Year 3. Pupils can be dropped at the main gate from 8:30am for a 8:40 start. Year 3 pupils finish at 3:40pm.

\*Uniform change - Pupils in Y3-6 wear a white shirt with the school tie.

### Attendance and Punctuality

Our attendance currently stands at 95.9%. This is very good – thank you all for supporting us by ensuring your child attends school regularly.

Unfortunately, we have been seeing a lot of lateness this term – please ensure that your child arrives promptly for their session start time as lateness can be very disruptive for children and their classes.

Whilst we are unable to authorise holidays in term time in line with our Cluster Attendance policy, it is still vital that an absence request form is completed so we are aware of any upcoming absences.

### Music Tuition

Following a recent meeting with Gwent Music, we are hoping to start offering individual and group tuition for a range of instruments to Key Stage 2 pupils (Y3-6) from September. Music teachers will be visiting the school to provide some demonstrations to the children and we will share information with parents following these visits for children to register their interest for lessons.

#### **PE KIT:**

- Navy shorts/joggers
- Jade or Sapphire t-shirt with logo (*Available from AJP in a kit bag - your child will be allocated a house*)
- Navy hooded jumper/zoodie (*optional - please note this is for PE/Sport only*)
- Trainers

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