



Headteacher/Pennaeth:
Mrs. Julia Adams

26th September 2019

Dear Parents/Guardians,

SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

It is lovely to see all the children settled well into their new classes after having a restful summer break.

At the end of the summer term we said goodbye to Mr Couldrick and Mr Winwood, and this term we welcome Miss Tebbey and would like to congratulate Miss Lewis on her summer wedding; she has now become Mrs Rees.

School Dinners

School dinners are cooked on the premises by our team and cost £2.30 a day; £11.50 a week. Please ensure that your ParentPay account is always kept in credit. **All meals must be selected at home and ordered online.** The current menu can be found at the following link: <http://www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/en/living/schools/school.meal/School-Meals.aspx>.

Home Learning

Teachers will be sending home a range of homework activities that will consolidate previous learning. We place great emphasis on teaching your child to read but also how to understand, appreciate and question what they read. Please help by reading with your child regularly. Children who read often, widely get better at it; after all, practice makes perfect in almost everything we do and reading is no different.

Enrichment Afternoons

As part of the school's development towards the Donaldson Curriculum, we are providing enrichment afternoons for pupils from Reception to Year 6. Learners will undertake activities in mixed age groups for four afternoons each term relating to our different school councils; School Sports/Healthy, Eco and Digital. The pupils will experience a range of learning experiences linked to each area whilst helping to improve our school.

Music Lessons

If your child is in Key Stage 2 and is interested in learning a musical instrument in school, CAVMS and Cardiff County and Vale of Glamorgan Music Service provides peripatetic teachers for lessons. Music lessons are available for learning to play the guitar, keyboard, brass and strings. If you would like further information, please contact office@cavms.co.uk for guitar and keyboard or ccvgmusicsservice@cardiff.gov.uk for brass and strings.

Driving to School

Please can you support us in keeping your children safe by driving and parking carefully and considerately around Borough Close? Please do not block the residents' drives and please avoid parking on the zigzags outside the school which are there for the children's safety.



Home-time Arrangements

Please can you inform the school of your home-time arrangements for your child if there are any changes.

Attendance

All pupils must be in school by 8.55 a.m. ready to start learning by 9.00 a.m. Important learning may be lost if children arrive late. If your child is unwell, please phone school by 9.00 a.m. or send an email informing us of his/her absence.

Data Capture

At the start of a new academic year, we need to ensure that data held on pupils is up to date. This includes home addresses, emergency contacts, telephone numbers, email addresses and any health-related issues such as allergies, asthma etc.

Secondary School Open Evening

Cowbridge Comprehensive School is holding an Open Evening for Year 6 pupils and parents on Wednesday 2nd October from 4.00 – 6.00 p.m.

Safety at School

- All access to school during the day is via the school main entrance.
- Please complete a medication request form if your child needs to take prescribed medicines during the school day. These are available either from the office or on the school website.
- Please do not drive into the school car park at any time of the day.

Safeguarding

Mrs Julia Adams is the designated Safeguarding Officer with Miss J. Jones, Mrs Hayman and Mrs Miller as deputies. Mrs Carolyn Lyons is our Safeguarding Governor.

All staff have been trained in safeguarding procedures. School liaises with partner agencies as required.

School Uniform

It is lovely to see the children looking so smart in their school uniforms. Please can you ensure that you either sew name labels or write your child's name inside their clothing as we already have a lot of lost property at school!

Communication

The Schoop app, Twitter, email and school website are the main ways in which we communicate. If you have any problems with Schoop, please ask school for help or email Schoop directly. Family members can also sign-up to receive Schoop messages using the School Reference Number – 28433.

Healthy Schools

Please can you support us by providing your children with healthy snacks and a healthy lunch box if they choose to have a packed lunch? Also, due to a number of pupils having nut allergies in the school, please refrain from providing your child with nuts or nut products as snacks or lunch box treats.

Dates for your Diary

September

Friday 27th September, 9.00 a.m. – Macmillan Coffee morning followed by the PTA's AGM.

October

Tuesday 1st October – Rags2Riches4Schools Collection – all bags of clothes to be brought to school by Monday afternoon.

Monday 7th October – Individual and Class photographs to be taken by Colorfoto.

Friday 11th October – Harvest Festival celebration.

Monday 14th October – Flu immunisations for children from Reception to Year 6.

Week commencing 14th October – Nursery Parent Consultations.

Friday 18th October – Sharing Day.

Week commencing 21st October – Parent Consultations.

Friday 25th October – Nursery Share and Play Day.

Week commencing 28th October – half-term holiday.

November

Monday 4th November – school restarts.

Week commencing Monday 4th November – swimming lessons for Year 4 children at Barry Leisure Centre.

Weeks commencing Monday 11th and 18th November – swimming lessons for Year 3 children at Barry Leisure Centre.

Friday 29th November – Christmas Fair from 3.00 – 5.00 p.m.

December

Week commencing Monday 9th December – Christmas Concerts.

Friday 13th December – Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children (date to be confirmed).

Sunday 15th December – Carols by Candlelight at Ramoth Church – 5.00 – 6.00 p.m.

Tuesday 17th December – Church Service at Ramoth Church – 9.30 a.m. start.

Wednesday 18th December – Christmas parties.

Thursday 19th December – School Christmas dinner for Reception – Year 6 children.

Friday 20th December – last day of autumn term.

January

Monday 6th January – spring term starts.

Thursday 23rd January – Rags2Riches4Schools collection.

February

Week commencing Monday 17th February – half-term holiday.

Further dates for your diary will be given when they become available, or you can check on the website.

Yours sincerely,

Julia Adams
Head Teacher