



Headteacher/Pennaeth:
Mrs. Julia Adams

27th January 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Newsletter

The new term has begun and we welcomed the arrival of our pupils in the Nursery. They have all settled in really well as have all the other children.

We have already had some visitors to the school. The Fire Service visited Reception, Years 2 and 5 to give a fire safety talk and the children were able to go out to look at the fire engine. Professor Buswell a historian, has been in to talk to the Year 2 class about castles. The children are due to visit to Cardiff Castle next month and following the Professor's talk they are all excited about going!

The children in Year 1 will be celebrating the Chinese New Year this week and they have been learning about China's cultures and traditions. In March they will visit Margam Park to look at animal habitats.

Year 3 children visited a Visual Storyteller at Cowbridge Library for 'Keycreate'. All of the Year 4 children have been given an invitation to join the library. The children in Years 5 and 6 will be going on their residential visits in July and letters have gone home regarding this.

Miss Jones has been busy working with 19 Year 6 children, teaching them a dance to perform at St. David's Hall as part of the Vale Festival of Dance. Year 6 will have their cycle training when we return to school after half-term.

Traffic

Please can I remind you to take care when you park in Borough Close and not to obstruct any of the residents' driveways?

Attendance Matters – Every School Day Counts

Our attendance last term was 96.4% which is close to our target. This is pleasing considering the amount of sickness before Christmas. We appreciate how hard it is for children to achieve 100% attendance due to widespread seasonal bugs and illnesses.

Please ensure your child arrives at school promptly – the bell rings at 8.55 a.m. and any lateness is closely monitored. If you are experiencing any difficulties, for whatever reason in ensuring that your child comes to school, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

School Lunches

"The Big Fresh Catering Company" has taken over from Vale Catering as the provider of lunches. ParentPay continues to operate in the same way so please remember to keep your accounts in credit and order your children's meals online.

Eco Council

This term the Eco Council had a ground force afternoon at the Conservation Area where the children cleared out the overgrown grasses and cleared the paths. They came up with lots of ideas of how they would like to use this lovely area.

The children decided there is a need to reduce waste at school so as from Monday 24th February there will be fruit only at break times from Mondays to Thursdays inclusive.



In order to save money and energy, the children have introduced a 'golden light bulb' award which will be awarded weekly to the class that switches off their lights and projectors when not in use. Three children created a fabulous eco song which all the children will have an opportunity to learn during eco assemblies.

Bins are now clearly labelled with 'Recyclable' or 'General Waste' to encourage children to reduce waste and think about their recycling habits.

We had the first Rags2Riches4Schools collection last week. Thank you all for bringing in your bags of unwanted clothes, shoes, bags etc. The amount raised from this collection was £77.80. The next collection will be on 23rd April – reminders will be sent out nearer the time.

Important Dates for Spring and Summer Term 2020

Friday 31st January – Years 3 & 4 Multisports Festival at Cowbridge Leisure Centre.

Tuesday 4th February – Urdd Netball tournament.

Tuesday 4th February – Rotakids to Memory Jar Café.

Thursday 6th February – Year 6 to St David's Hall for Vale Festival of Dance.

Monday 10th February – Year 6 to see Beauty and the Beast at Cowbridge Comprehensive.

Tuesday 11th February – Safer Internet Day.

Wednesday 12th February – 10 Year 6 children to Vale of Glamorgan Netball Festival.

Monday 17th – Friday 21st February – half-term holiday.

Monday 24th February – return to school.

Monday 24th February – Friday 6th March – Fairtrade Fortnight.

Monday 24th – Friday 28th February – Year 6 cycle training.

Tuesday 25th February – Shrove Tuesday.

Wednesday 26th February – Ash Wednesday

Friday 28th February – Years 5 and 6 Multisports Festival at Cowbridge Leisure Centre.

Sunday 1st March – St. David's Day

Monday 2nd March – Eisteddfod

Tuesday 3rd March – MAT Maths Competition.

Friday 6th March – World Book Day. Children to come to school dressed as a character from a book.

Wednesday 11th March – 10 Year 6 children to English Speaking Union.

Friday 13th March – Comic Relief Day.

Thursday 19th March – Rotakids to Longmeadow Court

Thursday 2nd April – Autism Awareness Day.

Monday 6th April – Friday 17th April – Easter Holidays.

Monday 20th April – Start of summer term.

Tuesday 5th May – P.C. Nick to talk to Year 6.

Thursday 7th May – P.C. Nick to talk to Year 4.

Friday 8th May – May Bank Holiday.

Tuesday 28th April – Tuesday 5th May – Test window for National Tests.

Thursday 21st May – Year 5 to Hay Literary Festival.

Monday 25th May – Friday 29th May – half-term holiday.

Monday 1st June – return to school.

Thursday 18th June – Year 6 Leavers' photos.

Tuesday 30th June – Year 6 Transition Day at Cowbridge Comprehensive School.

Thursday 2nd July – P.C. Nick to talk to Year 6.

Friday 3rd July – P.C. Nick to talk to Year 5.

Monday 6th – Thursday 9th July – Year 6 residential trip.

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Friday 17th July – last day of summer term.

Yours sincerely,

Julia Adams
Head Teacher