

09 November 2018



Dear Mums and Dads

Welcome back after half term. The nights are drawing in and already there is crispness in the air. We are looking forward to Christmas and we are beginning to plan our Christmas Festivities. I have included some information below to help you plan for the forthcoming term.

Weather

As the weather is changing we would be grateful if you could send your child in with a warm winter coat. We are eager to ensure that all children are well equipped for the winter weather.

Attendance

As you know good pupil attendance is a high priority for us. Over the last few years our attendance has been good, however last year we missed our target of 95.2% and our attendance was 93.9%. We are currently looking at all pupils' attendance, and we note that we have a number of pupils whose attendance falls below 90%. We will be sending out letters soon inviting parents to school to discuss children's attendance where appropriate. Please be reassured that our aim is to support parents to secure good attendance for all pupils and secure help for parents if required.

New Curriculum

Don't forget that we have a parents meeting next week. If you are interested in learning about the new curriculum please come and meet us. This is an exciting time in Wales when we are writing a new bespoke curriculum.

Twitter

Don't forget that all of the lovely things that we do in school can be viewed on our School Twitter feed. We would encourage all parents to sign up! Many thanks.

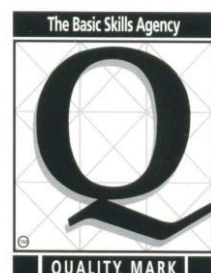
Parking

Please be reminded that we ask all parents drive and park safely around our site. We want to ensure that all children can enter and leave our building safely at the beginning and end of the day.



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Children in Need

Once again we will be supporting Children in Need this year. On the day children can wear their own clothes. We would be grateful if all children could bring a donation of £1.00 to support this worthy cause.

ESTYN Inspection

As you know, we are due to have an ESTYN Inspection on the week beginning 19th November. We are very much looking forward to inviting the Inspectors in and sharing the work that we do with them. Don't forget that there is a PARENTS MEETING on the 19th NOVEMBER AT 3.30pm. We would encourage you all to attend and share your views with the inspectors.

Parent Survey

Many thanks for your responses to our parent survey. We were very pleased with the number of positive responses that we received. Should you wish to view the survey results they can be found on our website.

Useful Dates:

12 November	Y4 Visit to Big Pit
15 November	Reception Class Visit to Parc Cwm Darran (rearranged date)
15 November	3.30pm New Curriculum Parents meeting
16 November	Children in Need
19 November	ESTYN visit - All week
30 November	Christmas Fayre & Enterprise Sale (3.30pm Hall)
4 December	Yr 6 visit to Eden Centre
5 December	Yr 5 visit Cardiff Bay
11 December	1.30pm Y3/4 Concert 6.00pm Yr 3/4 Concert
12 December	1.30pm Infant Concert 6.00pm Infant Concert
13 December	1.30pm Yr 5/6 Carol Service 6.00pm Yr 5/6 Carol Service
14 December	Christmas Dinner
14 December	Christmas Jumper Day for Noah's Ark
17 December	Children's entertainer in school
18 December	Rec/Yr/Yr2 visit to Brecon Mountain Railway Yr 5/6 Christmas Party (pupils may wear own clothes)
19 December	Yr 3/4 Christmas Party (pupils may wear own clothes)
20 December	Infant Christmas Party (pupils may wear own clothes)
21 December	School closes for Christmas at 1.30
07 January 2019	Training Day
08 January	Training Day
09 January	School Re-opens

Yours sincerely

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Head Teacher