



SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome back to the Autumn Term. We have missed you all! This is going to be a very exciting term as we work towards embedding our New Welsh Curriculum. We have already pencilled in a whole school educational trip to Margam Discovery Centre for Reception, Year 1 and 2 for September 21st and 22nd 2022. It might be wise to invest in wellies.

It's Cool to be in School. School Routines: School times have reverted to 8:50 start and 3:15 finish. Please work with us to ensure lessons can start promptly. Hopefully this year we can have a run at embedding normal daily routines. Please do not book holidays during school term times. Your child will miss building blocks if you take them out of school. NPT Educational Welfare Officers will be working with school to ensure good attendance.

Putting Christ at the Centre Please could you make an effort to take your child to Mass this weekend. Our Parish priests Monsignor Joseph (St Joseph's) and Father Andriez (Our Lady of Margam) are looking forward to seeing you.

RSE (Relationships and Sex Education) You may have heard a lot about this in the media. In our school we use the scheme 'Life to the Full' which is approved by the Bishops Conference of England and Wales. It fulfils the legal requirements whilst being firmly rooted in the teachings of the Catholic Church. We have delivered this for the last two years and it is a very good programme which is written to be age and stage appropriate. Themes covered include Created and Loved by God, Created to love others and Created to live in a community.

Free School Meal Offer All Reception aged children can access Free School Meals this year. Please take advantage of this offer. I am waiting for confirmation that offer this will roll out to Year 1 after October half term.

Why pay £2 Snack money? We all have high expectations- In our Catholic school we want every child to be curious and active. We want every child to have the offer of fruit daily. This small pot of money is also used to top up arts and craft resources, watch out for fantastic art work coming your way!

Voluntary Contribution Building Fund (£2 weekly voluntary contribution) As a Voluntary Aided School, we are required to contribute 15% of any major works. As a community we are very proud of our school and are striving to provide the very best for your child. Huge thanks to those families who have contributed financially. If families are not in a position to pay £2 weekly for the Building Fund, then we completely understand.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

Nasal Flu vaccination

Reception to Year 2 – Thursday 17h November (more details to follow nearer the date).

Individual Photographs

Finesse Photography (individual pictures)
Wednesday 16th November

Events for the Diary:

INSET: 5th September 2022

7th November 2022

22nd and 23rd December 2022

17th February 2023

Term Dates:

Half Term: October 31st – November 4th 2022

Christmas Holiday: Break on Wednesday 21st December 2022

Spring Term: First Day January 9th 2023

Easter Holidays: 31st March – 14th April 2023

Half Term: Monday 29th May – Friday 2nd June 2023

Term Ends: Monday 24th July 2023

Designated School Child Protection Officers

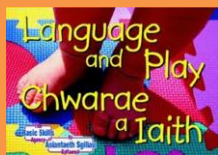


Deputy: Mrs S Turner

Lead: Ms J Beaumont



Governor: Mrs Murtagh



We are investigating developing a range of sessions for pre-school children- watch this space! Language and Play Sessions will continue in the Nursery on Friday afternoon, starting next week at 1:00PM. Please come along & bring your toddlers.

If you require written materials in a different format please inform the school