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September Newsletter

It has been wonderful to be back in school this Autumn term and it has been lovely seeing the children back in school eager to learn and looking smart in their uniforms. We hope that you feel that your child/children are settling well in to school. Please speak to your child's class teacher if you have any questions or if you need any information about any aspect of school life.

We have had a few changes this year, we have a new Deputy Head, Mrs.Hoskins who is teaching Year 5 and 6 and we have a new school clerk Mrs. L.Jones.



Our Post Inspection Action Plan (PIAP) targets are;

1. Ensure that leaders use evaluation and improvement processes effectively to ensure that the teaching and learning experiences provided for pupils meet their educational and development needs.
2. To provide a purposeful and engaging curriculum that develops pupils' skills progressively.
3. To make effective use of assessment information to inform teaching and to support pupils' progress in lessons over time.
4. To improve attendance, particularly for vulnerable learners.

Attendance

As you can see from our school improvement targets, Attendance is a priority for our school as we are currently below the expected level. Estyn were pleased with the progress that we made but we need to continue with this. Pupils should arrive between 8.40 and 8.50am –school starts with registration at 8.50am. Pupils who come in to school after 9.00am are marked as late. If your child is unable to attend school, please remember to ring and let us know. We are working with the Education welfare officer (EWO) Jamie Gregory to improve attendance and need your support to do this. Please let us know if we can do anything to support you to improve your child's attendance.

Communication

We send most messages home via our communication tool Schoop so it is really important that you can access it and that you are attached to the correct classes. If you find it difficult to access Schoop, please ask your child's teacher and we can support you. Please remember to look at the school website for any updates, which are shown on the first page in events. Please let us know what we can include on the website to support you.

Pupil Voice

We will be setting up our new pupil voice groups including School council, Criw Cymraeg, Eco Schools and ASD superheroes. We have asked the children from year 1 to Year 6 if they would like to be part of one of these groups and if they did then they will have brought an application form home. We will be selecting pupils for these groups next week.

Fruit shop /Daily snacks

Class 5 run our school fruit shop and fruit is available to buy every day at play times for 30p. They sell bananas, apples and tangerines. The profits from the shop are used to buy equipment for the school yards. Please support the children by buying fruit from their shop. If your child is bringing snacks for breaktime please can we remind you that snacks should be fruit or cereal bars. We are a healthy school, and we need you to support us in this matter.

After school clubs

We will be sending letters regarding after school clubs this week. Please make sure that you complete your child's forms in if you want them to attend. More information will come with the permission slips.

Reminders

- As the weather is very changeable at the moment, please could we ask you to send your child to school with a coat as there have often been rain showers.
- We ask that pupils don't wear jewellery to school and that they only wear studs and a watch.

Parents Welcome

Next Monday 15th September from 3.30pm to 4.30pm we are having a parents/guardian welcome. You can come and see your child's class and talk to the teacher. The family engagement team will also be on hand with refreshments and to answer any questions you have as to how they can support you.

Date to remember for this half term

Monday 15 th September	Parents/Guardian welcome
Friday 19 th September	School photographs
Tuesday 30 th September	Y6 transition to Llangatwg and open evening for parents
Thursday 2 nd October	Flu Vaccination Reception to Year 6
Monday 6 th October – Friday 17 th October	Swimming fortnight for KS2
Monday 27 th – Friday 31 st October	Half term holiday



Thank you for your support
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