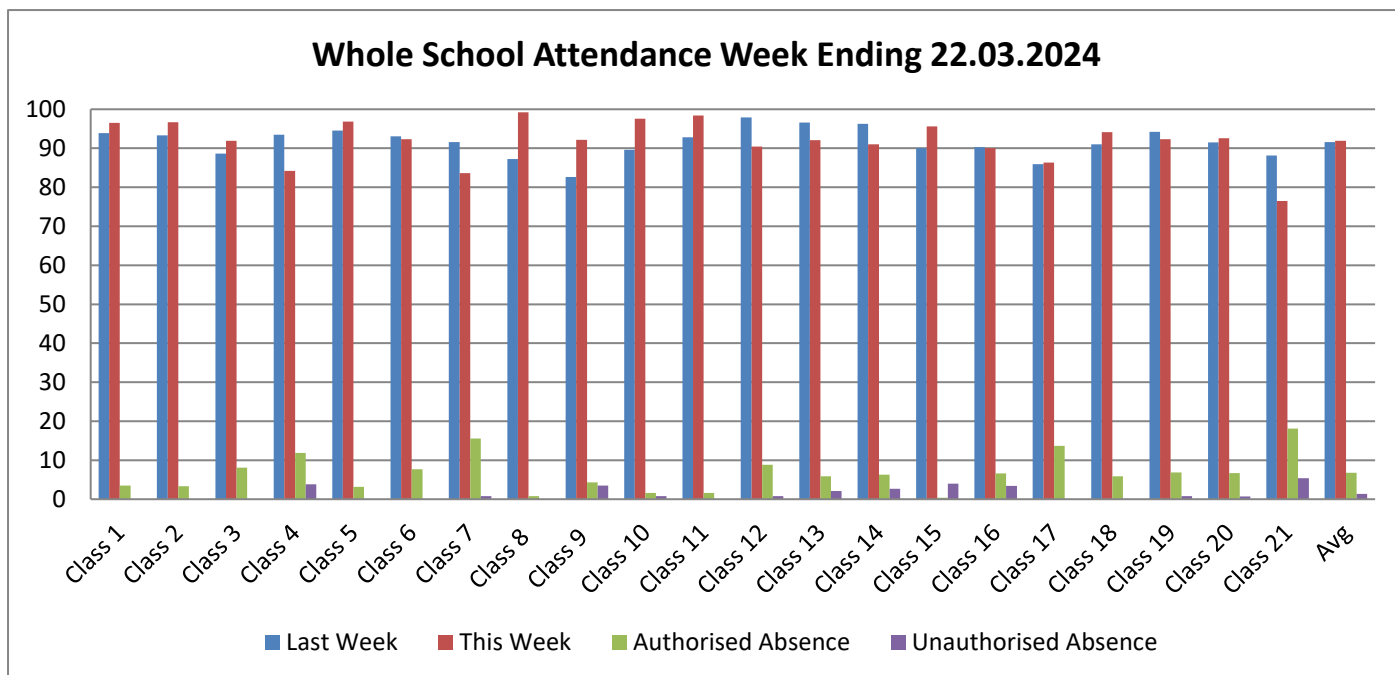




Parent Information Sheet – Thursday 11th April 2024

**Attendance**



Our target for the academic year is **95.7%**. Look at the graph above to see how your child’s class is performing. The average attendance across the school the week before Easter was 91.92%, this is below our whole school target but a very slight increase on the previous week.

Authorised absences were: **6.8%**

Unauthorised absences were: **1.4%** - If your child is absent from school, please contact the school office and inform them of the reason.

It is imperative that all absences from school are reported to the school office. This will help to reduce the percentage of unauthorised absences at the school. Failure to report your child’s absence from school could result in a prosecution from the educational welfare officer.

Over the next few weeks we will be closely monitoring the number of children who are persistently late for school. Arriving late for school has a negative impact on well-being and also impacts on learning and teaching in the classroom. Where I identify any concerns, I will be inviting parents into school for a meeting.

**Pre-loved Uniform**

The Friends of Rhiw Syr Dafydd are introducing a new way for parents to order pre-loved uniform. You can collect a form from the main school reception area. All items are on sale for a suggested donation of 50p. They have a significant amount of almost new uniform on sale.

**Cardiff Bay Trip**

Our Year 4 Cardiff Bay trip is taking place next week. If you were unable to attend the meeting but require information, please contact the school office.

**School Dinners**

Caerphilly catering have made a further change to the lunch menus. Please look carefully and discuss the changes with your child.

Next week, we will be on **Week 3** of the menu.



**LUNCHTIME MENU WEEK 3**



<b>Week 3</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
<b>Choice 1</b>	Welsh Pork Meatballs with Tomato & Basil Sauce	Welsh Sausage Roll	Chicken, Yorkshire Pudding, Seasoning & Gravy	Minced Beef Pie & Gravy	Fish Bites
<b>Choice 2</b>	Vegetable Nuggets (V)	Ravioli in Welsh Cheese Sauce (V)	Vegetarian Cottage Pie (V)	Quorn Patty Muffin (V)	Cheese & Potato Pie (V)
<b>Choice 3 Daily Special</b>	Filled Jacket Potato	Lemon Sole Non-Fried	Welsh Vegan Sausage Roll (V)	Filled Jacket Potato	Filled Baguette
<b>Accompaniments</b>	Mashed Potatoes Pasta Salad Bar Cheesy Coleslaw Peas & Sweetcorn	Mexican Bread Potato Croquettes with Various Sauces Salad Bar Baked Beans Sweetcorn	Oven Baked Dry Roast Potatoes Boiled/Mashed Potatoes Salad Bar Cauliflower/Swede Peas	Savoury Herb Diced Potatoes Non-Fried Seasoned Wedges Non-Fried Salad Bar Peas Farmhouse Mixed Veg	Boiled Potatoes Chipped Potatoes With Various Sauces Salad Bar Baked Beans Peas
<b>Desserts</b>	Sticky Orange Date Brownie & Orange Wedges	Various Fruit Crumble & Custard	Various Flavoured Mousse	American Pancake with Fruit & Ice Cream	Chocolate Cookie

A Selection of Filled Jacket Potatoes, Sandwiches, Baguettes or Wraps are also available daily  
Please note: The above menu contains allergens

**Estyn**

I am delighted to inform you that our Estyn report was published yesterday. You will be able to download a copy of the report and the parent / carers summary from the Estyn website:

<https://www.estyn.gov.wales/provider/6762392>

I am thrilled that the inspection team thought the staff and pupils were a real credit to the school. Estyn recognised our school as a ‘positive, community focused learning environment where the well-being and safeguarding of pupils and staff is a priority.’

**Friends of Rhiw Syr Dafydd**

At the end of the academic year, we will be losing a number of parents from the PTA. Over recent years, the PTA have worked hard and raised significant funds for the school, all of which are spent on the pupils. Without them, we would not be able to provide many of the resources that children have in class such as Chromebooks, iPad, etc. If you are interested in volunteering for the role, please contact the school office.

**Parking**

Please do not park in a disabled space unless you have the relevant disabled badge.

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### Dates

Please note that our final INSET day this year will be on Friday 24th May. As a result, pupils will finish school for half-term on Thursday 23rd May 2024.

<u>Event</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Year Group</u>
Cardiff Bay Trip	18th & 19th April 2024	Year 4
School Photographs	29th April 2024	Whole School
Summer Disco	2nd May 2024	Year 1 – Year 6
May Day Bank Holiday	6th May 2024	Whole School
<b>INSET Day</b>	<b>24th May 2024</b>	<b>Whole School</b>
Half Term	27th – 31st May 2024	Whole School
Nursery Sports Day	11th June 2024	Nursery
Reception Sports Day	12th June 2024	Reception
Year 1 Sports Day	12th June 2024	Year 1
Year 2 Sports Day	12th June 2024	Year 2
Year 3 / 4 Sports Day	13th June 2024	Year 3 / 4
Year 5 / 6 Sports Day	13th June 2024	Year 5 / 6
Rising 3s Sports Day	14th June 2024	Rising 3s
Reserve Sports Day	14th June 2024	
Reserve Sports Day	18th June 2024	
PGL Residential	19th – 21st June 2024	Year 6
Transition Day	26th June 2024	Whole School
School Reports	5th July 2024	Whole School
PTA Summer Fayre	12th July 2024	Whole School
Year 6 Leavers' Evening	16th July 2024	Year 6

**Mr C George**  
Headteacher

**Mr G Jones**  
Chair of School Governors