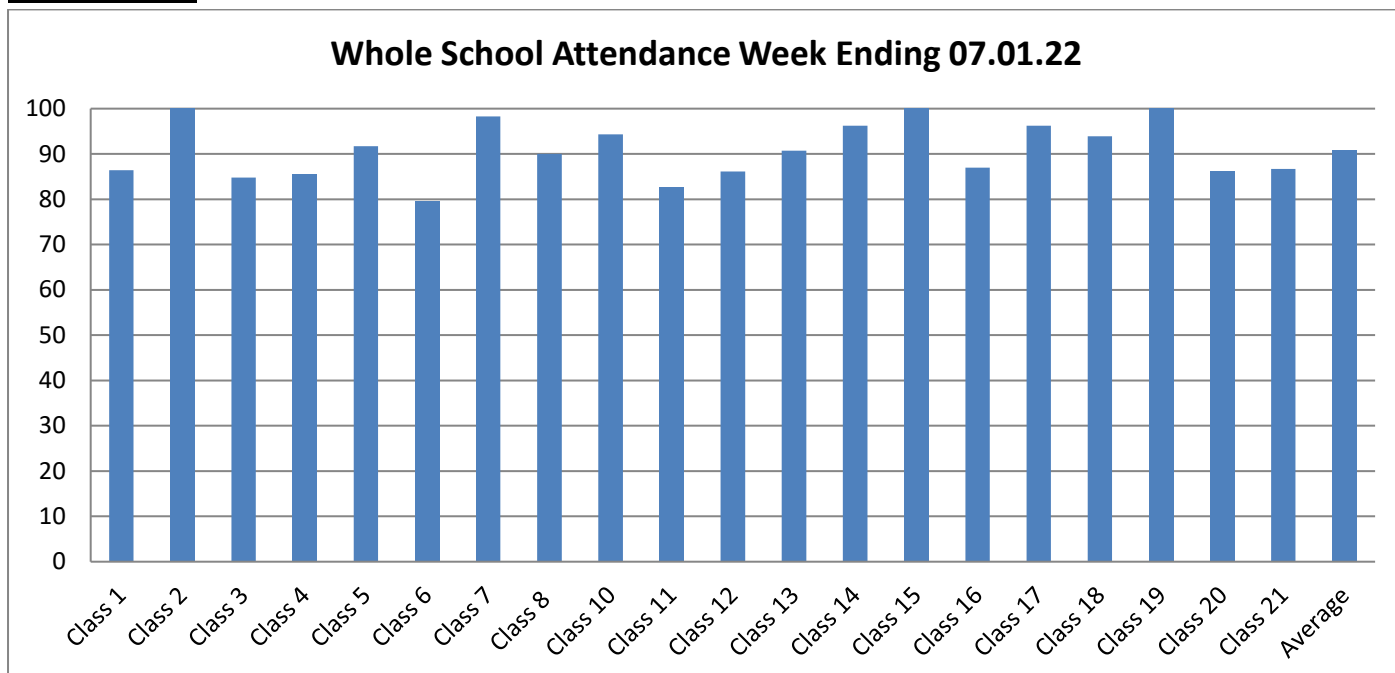




Parent Information Sheet – Thursday 13th January 2022

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 last week was **90.71%** - Thank you for your continued support.

Fundraising

As many of you will be aware, in the summer holidays last year sadly Mrs Jane Jones passed away. Mrs Jones had been a teaching assistant at Rhiw Syr Dafydd for a number of years. As a school, we have been looking at ways of remembering Mrs Jones and later this term we will be holding some fundraising events with all money raised donated to Cancer Research Wales. Mrs Jones’ son, Christopher, is climbing Mount Kilimanjaro in memory of his mum and has set up a just giving page where people can donate. The address is www.justgiving.com/fundraising/chris-jones333. He is aiming to raise £5000 for Cancer Research Wales.

Pupil Development Grant (PDG) Access - Additional Year Groups Added

Welsh Government are pleased to announce that they are extending the grant for additional year groups for this academic year, namely, Years 2, 4 and 6, at a rate of £125 per learner. This is in recognition of the extreme pressures facing many families, and the subsequent rise in eligibility of Free School Meals. The grant is now available to all school years Reception – year 11.

If you have already made a claim or received a payment for a year 2, 4, or 6 pupil under the LAC criteria, then no application can be made this academic year. Details on how to claim, along with the terms and conditions can be found on the Caerphilly website.

Blended Learning Task (Seesaw Challenge)

It has been wonderful to see so many children engaging with the weekly ‘Blended Learning Offer.’ We have been extremely impressed with the standard of work produced. The Christmas task was completed by 80% of pupils across the school! Each Friday, we randomly draw three raffle tickets out of the box and provide a small prize for the children. If you know of any businesses who would like to contribute any prizes, we would be extremely grateful.

Donations

We are seeking donations of socks to help support a local homeless charity. Prior to the Christmas break, we received a large donation of crisps for the children from a homeless charity and we would like to do something in return. We have been informed that there is often a shortage of clean, dry socks for homeless people, as their feet get wet very quickly. If you have any socks you would like to donate please send them into school. The socks do not necessarily need to be brand new but must be in very good condition.

Breakfast Club / Playworks

A separate letter will be sent out via Seesaw with information about Breakfast Club and Playworks.

Coronavirus

The new operational guidance for school states if a child tests positive for Coronavirus they will be required to self-isolate for a period of seven days. An LFT should be taken on day 6 and day 7 and if these are negative then the child may return to school. However, if the LFT is positive then they should continue to isolate until two negative LFTs are provided with a 24-hour gap or 10 days isolation have been completed. Any siblings of the child will not need to self-isolate and may continue to attend school as normal as long as they are displaying no symptoms of Coronavirus and have a negative LFT test. The same is also true if a parent tests positive for the virus. If there is a positive case then all family members should take an LFT test for 7 days.

If your child is displaying any symptoms of Coronavirus, they should not attend school and you should arrange for an LFT or PCR test to be taken as soon as possible. If a child is displaying any symptoms of Coronavirus in school, you will be contacted and asked to collect your child immediately. Thank you for your continued cooperation and support.

If there are two or more cases of Coronavirus in your child's class, you will receive a 'warn and inform' letter. This letter strongly advises that your child undertakes LFT tests for 7 days to try and prevent spreading infection more widely in the school. We have been supplied with a small number of LFTs for regular testing - these LFTs, or others that may be in your house can be used to test your child if they are a confirmed contact. If you/your child require more LFTs and cannot access tests online or through your local pharmacy please contact us as we hold a small supply of LFTs for pupils.

**Mr C George
Headteacher**

**Mr G Jones
Chair of School Governors**