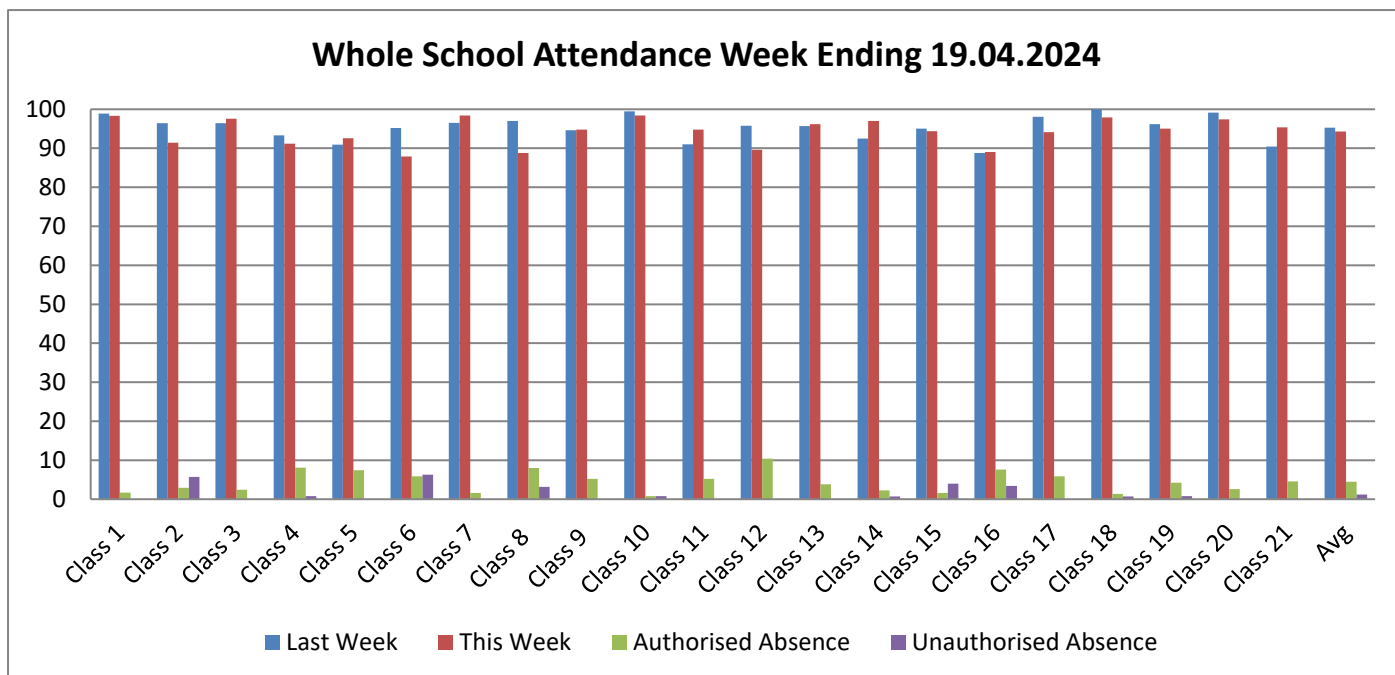


Parent Information Sheet – Thursday 25th April 2024

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 last week was **94.3%**, this is below our whole school target and a slight decrease on the previous week.

Authorised absences were: **4.5%**

Unauthorised absences were: **1.2%** - 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.

Early Collection

Pupils should only be collected early from school if they are ill, have a medical appointment or if there is an emergency in the family that cannot be avoided. I am aware of a significant number of children leaving school early, particularly on a Friday afternoon. If you must collect your child early from school on Friday, I would appreciate you doing so before celebration assembly begins at 2:25pm. As I’m sure you can appreciate, removing a child from assembly causes great disruption. Thank you for your anticipated cooperation.

### **Photographs**

The photographers will be in school on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2024. They will be taking class photographs and team photographs. In addition, they will be taking individual photographs of Year 6 pupils.

### **Caerphilly LA Estyn Inspection**

The local authority will be inspected by Estyn from 24<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> June 2024. As part of the inspection process, Estyn would like to gather parents' views. You can give your views on education in the local authority by following the link: [Survey of Local Government Education Services in Caerphilly County Borough Council local authority \(smartsurvey.co.uk\)](https://smartsurvey.co.uk)

### **Disco**

The Friends of Rhiw Syr Dafydd are holding their summer disco on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May.

Year 1 and 2 disco will run from 4:00 – 4:45pm. Children should be brought to the main school reception door ready for a 4pm start. Entrance is £1.50, this includes a drink and a snack. Pupils should be collected at the end of the disco from their outside classroom door.

The junior disco will run from 5:00 – 6:00pm. Children should be brought to the junior entrance at the rear of the school ready for a 5pm start. Entrance is £1. Refreshments will be on sale for pupils to purchase, including hot dogs. All pupils must be collected at the end of the disco. Parents should wait at the junior entrance until you are told to go to the hall to collect your child.

### **Lost Uniform**

Our lost uniform cupboard is literally bursting! Pupils have been working extremely hard attempting to identify items of clothing and reunite them with their owner. However, there are so many items that do not have names on them. In a school of over 600 pupils this makes it virtually impossible to identify who the uniform belongs to. It would be extremely helpful if you could label all your child's uniform. This will increase the chances of finding any lost items.

### **School Rugby Team**

My congratulations to the school rugby team who competed in the Welsh Schools National 10-a-side competition. They were undefeated throughout the tournament but sadly lost on a coin toss in the semi-final. I am extremely proud of the way the team behaved both on and off the rugby pitch. There were comments from the referees that Rhiw Syr Dafydd were the best team they had the pleasure of officiating for. Well done to everyone involved.

## 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 2** of the menu.



## LUNCHTIME MENU WEEK 2



Week 2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Choice 1	Hot Dog with Onions & Tomato Ketchup	Fruity Curry	Turkey, Yorkshire Pudding Seasoning & Gravy	Jumbo Fish Finger	Chicken Chunks
Choice 2	Tomato Pasta Bake with Garlic & Herb Bread (V)	Welsh Cauliflower Cheese (V)	Margarita Pizza (V)	Macaroni Cheese Made with Welsh Cheese (V)	Quorn Hot Dog with Onions & Ketchup (V)
Choice 3 Daily Special	Fish Goujons Non-Fried	Filled Jacket Potato	Meatball Baguette with BBQ Sauce (V)	Filled Sandwich	Salmon & Cod Fish Cake Non-Fried
Accompaniments	Mashed Potatoes Seasoned Wedges Non-Fried with Tomato Ketchup Salad Bar Peas Coleslaw	Rice/Noodles Savoury Herb Diced Potatoes Non-Fried Salad Bar Mixed Vegetables Corn on Cob	Sage & Thyme Oven Baked Dry Roast Potatoes Mashed/Boiled Potatoes Salad Bar Carrots Cabbage Peas	Pommes Noisettes Tomato & Garlic Cheesy Twist Bread Salad Bar Sweetcorn Baked Beans	Seasoned Wedges Non-Fried Crispy Fries & Various Sauces Salad Bar Baked Beans Peas
Desserts	Strawberry Flapjack	Arctic Roll	Jelly	Fruit Sponge with Custard	Plain Cookie Served with Fruit

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

## 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.

Event	Date	Year Group
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	

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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**

**Mrs S Windsor**  
**Chair of School Governors**