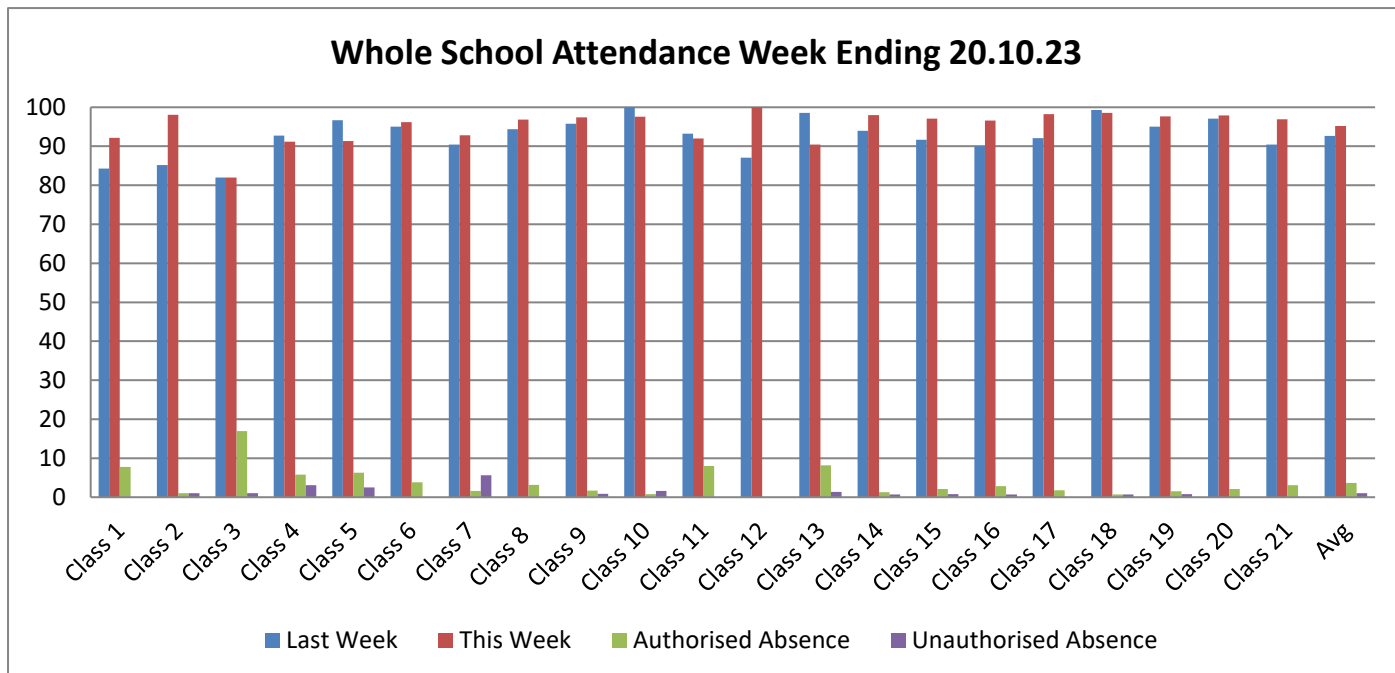


Parent Information Sheet – Thursday 26th October 2023

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 95.20%, this is slightly below our whole school target but a huge increase on the previous week. Thank you to everyone for your hard work!

Congratulations to Class 12 who had 100% attendance last week!

Authorised absences last week were: **3.7%**

Unauthorised absences last week were: **1.0%** (This is down from 5.9% the previous week)



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.

End of School Day

I politely request that parents do not disturb the junior pupils in their classrooms at the end of the school day. It has been reported that parents are knocking on the classroom windows and disturbing the teaching and learning taking place. If this persists, I will have no option but to stop parents accessing the junior playground at the end of the school day. Thank you for your anticipated cooperation.

Harvest Festival

Thank you to everyone who sent in items for the food bank. Once again, we have been overwhelmed with your generosity. We collected a significant quantity of food which will be donated to help others.

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### Half-Term

School will close for the half-term break tomorrow and will re-open to pupils on Tuesday 7th November. May I take this opportunity to wish you all a very safe and relaxing half-term break.

### School Dinners

Please check with your child that they like the school menu option before they come to school. When we return after half-term, we will be on Week 1 of the menu.

### Week 1

Week 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Choice 1	Southern Fried Chicken Goujons	Beef Bolognese with Garlic Bread	Chicken Breast Served with Gravy	Sausage	Jumbo Fish Finger or Salmon Fishcake
Choice 2	Ravioli with Cheese (V)	Margherita Pizza (V)	Quorn Sausage (V)	Meat Free Meatballs in Tomato & Basil Sauce (V)	Fruity Vegetable Curry (V)
Accompaniments	Chipped/Mashed Potatoes Sweetcorn Peas	Spaghetti Non Fried Herby Potato Bites Peas Baked Beans	Sage & Thyme Roast Potatoes Boiled/Mashed Potatoes, Swede, Cabbage, Carrots	Mashed Potatoes Pasta Peas Baked Beans	Smiley Faces with Ketchup Rice Sweetcorn Peas
Desserts of the day (fruit available daily)	Yoghurt	Flapjack & Fruit Juice	Jelly	Yoghurt	Citrus Oat Cookie & Fruit Juice

### Remembrance

This year's community Remembrance Day Parade and Service will be held on Sunday 12th November. The parade will assemble opposite the former Oakdale Post Office at 10:40am. It would be wonderful if as many pupils as possible could walk with the school as part of the parade. Once again, this year, pupils from Rhiw Syr Dafydd Primary School will be actively involved in the service. The school car park will be open for anyone wishing to use it.

Various items for the Poppy Appeal will be available from school after half-term. Suggested donations for items are below. Sales of these items will take place in the individual classrooms but please note there will be a limited stock of each item.

- Zip Pulls: Suggested donation 50p
- Reflector: Suggested donation 50p
- Wristband: Suggested donation £1.00
- Slap Bangs: Suggested donation £1.50

We also have poppies available for a small donation.

**Non-Uniform Day**

Friday 27th October will be a non-uniform day for staff and pupils. The junior leadership team have suggested a donation of £1 per family. All the money collected will be used to purchase art resources for Christmas activities.

**Sweet Shop**

The Friends of Rhiw Syr Dafydd will be running a sweet shop on the playground after school tomorrow. There will also be some Halloween items on sale.

I would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to the Friends of Rhiw Syr Dafydd for the amazing discos last week. All of the children had a wonderful time. I would also like to thank them for providing refreshments of the parents at parent teacher consultations this week. They are an excellent team!

**Dates**

<u>Event</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Year Group</u>
Half-Term	30th October – 3rd November	Whole School
<b>INSET Day</b>	<b>6th November</b>	<b>Whole School</b>
Christmas Fayre	8th December	Whole School (PTA)
Nursery Christmas Concerts	12th December	Nursery
Reception Christmas Concerts	12th & 13th December	Reception
Year 1 Christmas Concerts	13th & 14th December	Year 1
Year 2 Christmas Concerts	14th & 15th December	Year 2
Christmas Dinner	15th December	Reception – Year 6
Year 3 / 4 Christmas Concerts	19th & 20th December	Year 3 / 4
Year 5 / 6 Christmas Concerts	19th & 20th December	Year 5 / 6
<b>INSET Day</b>	<b>22nd December</b>	<b>Whole School</b>
Christmas Holidays	25th December – 5th January	Whole School
<b>INSET Day</b>	<b>8th January 2024</b>	<b>Whole School</b>
Love-ly Disco	8th February 2024	Year 1 – Year 6
Half-Term	12th – 16th February 2024	Whole School
Eisteddfod	1st March 2024	Whole School
Parent Teacher Consultations	19th & 21st March 2024	Whole School
Easter Holidays	25th March – 5th April 2024	Whole School
Cardiff Bay Trip	18th & 19th April 2024	Year 4
Summer Disco	2nd May 2024	Year 1 – Year 6
May Day Bank Holiday	6th May 2024	Whole School
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

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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**