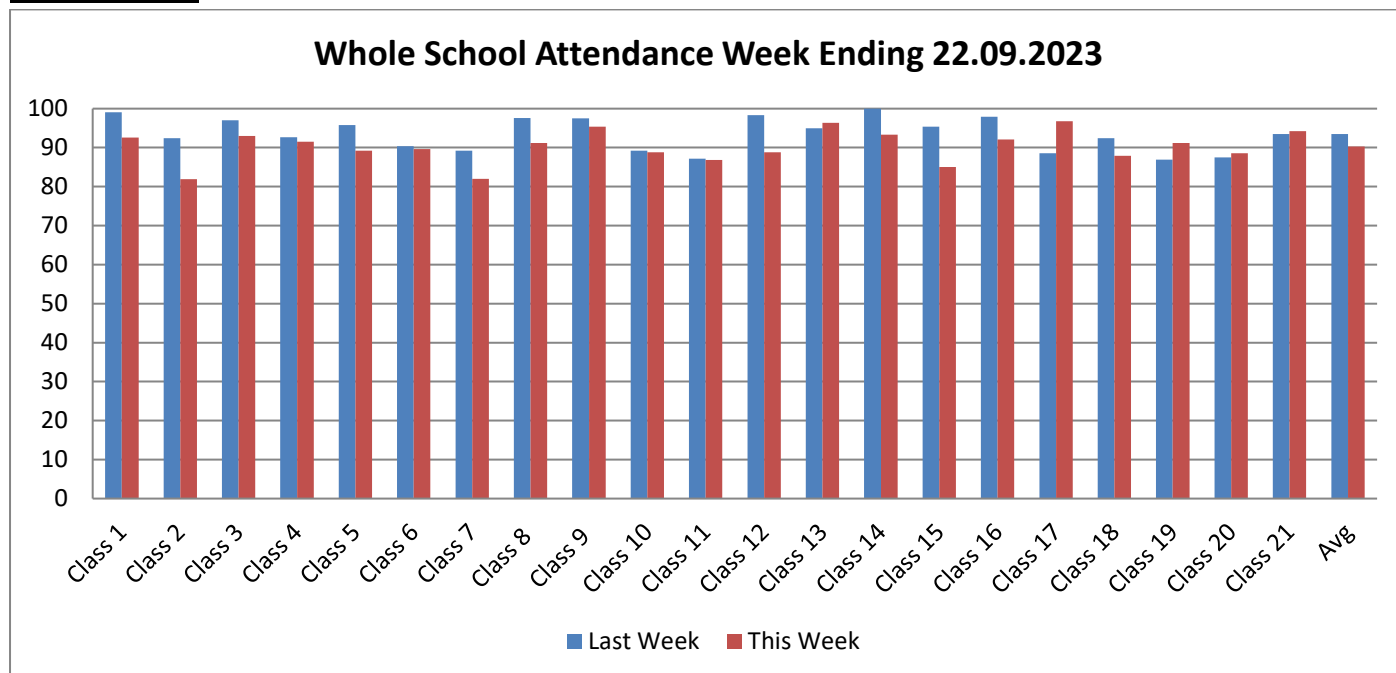


Parent Information Sheet – Thursday 27th September 2023

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 90.3%, this is significantly below our whole school target.

Letters are being sent home to parents where their child's attendance has fallen below 90%. If you receive a letter, please make an appointment to speak to Mr Hampshire, our school liaison officer.

Swimming

A reminder that swimming lessons for Year 4 start next week. All children will need their swimming costume and a dry towel each day.

Big Pit

Year 5 pupils will be visiting Big Pit next week as part of their work on the Victorians. This is always an excellent experience and one I'm sure the pupils will benefit from greatly. Pupils will require a packed lunch and may take a maximum of £5 spending money for the shop.

School Car Park

All vehicles using the school visitor car park must adhere to the rules of the highway code and park in a parking bay. Vehicles should not be parked on the zebra crossings or grassed areas. This is to keep all our children and visitors safe. Thank you for your anticipated support.

Reception Applications

In September 2024, Nursery children will transfer to Reception. To secure a place for your child, you will need to complete an application online.

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Please visit the Caerphilly.gov website, search for School Admissions and click to 'Apply for a place at school'. The actual web address is as follows: - www.caerphilly.gov.uk/schooladmissions

You **must** complete the form by the **15th December 2023**. Please note, you must include your council tax number on the form. You will find this number on your council tax statement in the top right-hand corner.

Your child's attendance at a feeder Nursery school does not provide automatic entry into your preferred Reception class. It is your home address that will determine their catchment school. If your child resides at more than one address (i.e. if there are shared custody arrangements in place), then the address at which the child spends most of the school week should be used.

Secondary School Applications

In September 2024, Year 6 children will transfer to Secondary School. To secure a place for your child, you will need to complete an application online.

Please visit the Caerphilly.gov website, search for School Admissions and click to 'Apply for a place at school'. The actual web address is as follows: www.caerphilly.gov.uk/schooladmissions

You **must** complete the form by the **27th October 2023**. Please note, you must include your council tax number on the form. You will find this number on your council tax statement in the top right-hand corner.

Your child's attendance at a feeder Primary/ Junior school does not provide automatic entry into your preferred Secondary school. It is your home address that will determine their catchment school. If your child resides at more than one address (i.e. if there are shared custody arrangements in place), then the address at which the child spends most of the school week should be used.

Healthy Schools

Over recent weeks I have noticed an increasing number of pupils in Key Stage 2 eating crisps or chocolate at break time. At Rhiw Syr Dafydd, we encourage all our pupils to follow a healthy lifestyle. Please encourage your child to eat a piece of fruit at break time – fruit can be purchased in school at a cost of 20p per day. Thank you for your anticipated support.

School Photographs

A reminder that the photographer will be in school on Monday 23rd October. We will send out further information closer to the time.

WRAP Project

We are inviting you to attend a 1 hour parent presentation in school on 5th October at 14:30.

As a school we are introducing restorative approaches, which is a model for building, maintaining and repairing relationships and developing the children's emotional intelligence.

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We have only just begun this work and wanted to share what benefits this will provide to all the children in the school.

The presentation will be given by the team supporting us to become restorative, and It will be an interactive session where you will be able to see some of the key ideas in action, have your needs listened to, and be able to ask any questions you may have.

I think it is important to say, that this journey will not stop any of the normal learning your children will receive, but enhance the way in which we interact day to day.

This letter is being sent to every guardian in the school, and we would love to have you attend. If you are unable to, a short video will be provided so that you have some understanding of the restorative approach.

Cost of Living

Cost of Living Push Back

BARGOED YMCA

School Uniform

Hair Cuts

Prom wear

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If you are working with families that need a little extra help.

We can Help you!

School Uniform	Free Child Hair Cuts	Every day items
<ul style="list-style-type: none">☑ All school uniform☑ School bags☑ School shoes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">☑ book your space☑ Basic hair cuts for all children	<ul style="list-style-type: none">☑ All childrens clothes☑ All children Shoes☑ All childrens coats

☑ Small amount of adult clothes.

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School Dinners

Please check with your child that they like the school menu option before they come to school. Next week we will be on week 2 of the menu.

Week 2 Menu

Week 2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Choice 1	Lasagne/Pasta Bake	Minced Beef Pie & Gravy	Sliced Pork & Seasoning Served with Gravy	Chicken Curry	Fish Portion
Choice 2	Margherita Pizza (V)	Ravioli & Cheese (V)	Cottage Pie (V)	Pizza Bagel (V)	Cheese & Potato Pie (V)
Accompaniments	Savoury Herb Diced Potatoes Potato Croquettes Garlic Mushrooms Baked Beans	Parsley Potatoes Mashed Potatoes Carrots Peas	Sage & Thyme Dry Roast Potatoes Boiled Potatoes Broccoli, Carrots, Cauliflower	Rice Potato Croquettes Sweetcorn & Peas Baked Beans	Chipped Potatoes Served with Ketchup Boiled Potatoes Baked Beans Tomatoes
Desserts of the day (fruit available daily)	Yoghurt	Delight & Fruit Juice	Raspberry Mousse Slice	Fruity Flapjack	Chocolate Cookie & Fruit Juice

Flu Immunisations

The School Nursing Service will be visiting the school to offer pupils a nasal flu spray vaccine on 5th and 6th October 2023. The consent form can be completed here:

<https://forms.office.com/e/eyggpck0Kf>

Please submit one form per child no later than 48 hours before the above date. Any consent forms submitted after this time may result in your child not receiving their vaccine on the day. Should you have any difficulties accessing the above link, please contact 01633 431685 for further support.

It's very important to protect your child from flu to make sure they stay as healthy as possible, as flu is likely to circulate this winter. The best flu vaccine for most children is a nasal spray. This is the vaccine that will be given on the day. For information about flu vaccination please visit:

phw.nhs.wales/flu vaccine.

Mr C George
Headteacher

Mr G Jones
Chair of School Governors