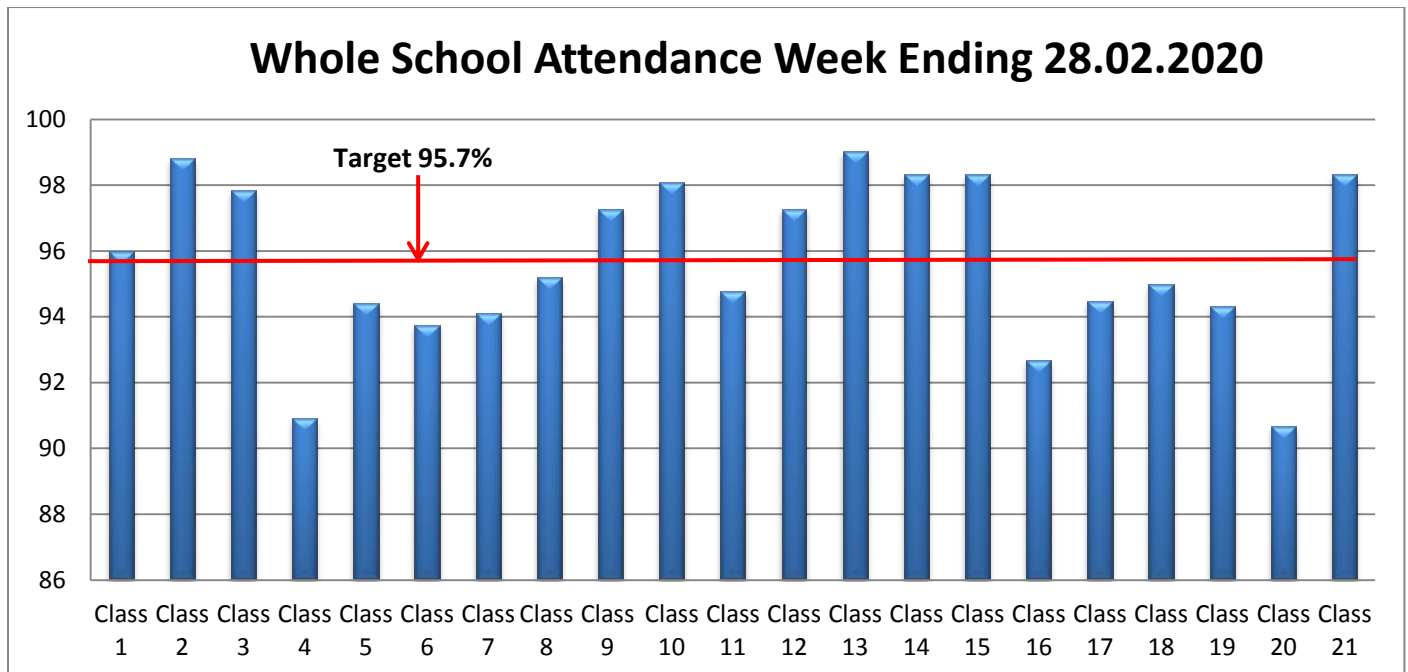




### Attendance



Our target for the academic year is 95.7%. We can only achieve our target with your support. Take a look at the graph above to see how your child's class is performing. Mr Hampshire continues to identify pupils who arrive late for school on a daily basis. **If your child is absent from school, please ensure you contact the school office to inform us of the absence.** Any absences that are not reported are recorded as unauthorised on your child's attendance record.

### Breakfast Club

Please be aware that Breakfast Club begins at 7:50am. Children should not be brought to school before this time as there is no supervision from Breakfast Club staff. If children are left in school unattended before 7:50am then this is clearly a safeguarding issue. Thank you for your anticipated cooperation with this.

### School Eisteddfod

Our school Eisteddfod will take place tomorrow, Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March and pupils may wear their traditional Welsh outfits on this day. The Eisteddfod is always a wonderful celebration of Welsh culture and I am very much looking forward to seeing the pupils perform.

### Novel Coronavirus (COVID – 19)

The latest information regarding Coronavirus can be found on the reverse of this newsletter. Parents should be reassured that we are constantly monitoring the situation and are receiving daily updates from the Local Authority Health & Safety department.

In school we have discussed the importance of good hygiene with the pupils and we would ask that you reinforce this message at home. Hand sanitizer gel has been placed in the reception area for all visitors to clean their hands on entry to the building. Gel is also being provided in the dining hall and new soap dispensers are being installed in the toilets throughout Key Stage 2.

### World Book Day

Many people have been asking why we did not send out information regarding World Book Day. Reading is something we celebrate every day at Rhiw Syr Dafydd Primary School and reading for pleasure is very high on the school agenda. In my opinion, World Book Day has become more about the fancy dress costumes and less about the books, placing further pressure on families to spend increasing amounts of money.

### Sporting Success

Congratulations to the school cricket team who attended a tournament at Sophia Gardens in Cardiff last week. We sent two teams to the tournament and they were both excellent, winning the majority of matches in which they played. In addition, the behaviour and sportsmanship of pupils was a real credit to themselves and the school.

### PTA Mother's Day Gifts

Your child should have brought home an order sheet from the PTA with which you can order a gift. All orders need to be received in school by Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2020. Orders will not be accepted after this time as the PTA need to purchase the gifts.



# Advice on Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) for members of the public

## How serious is the coronavirus?

- it can cause flu-like symptoms, including fever, cough & difficulty breathing
- the infection is not serious for most people, including children
- there is currently no vaccine
- most people get better with enough rest, water to drink and medicine for pain

## How likely are you to catch the virus?

- you can only catch it if you have been close to a person who has the virus
- the chance of being in contact with the virus is currently low in the UK
- if you have travelled to areas where many people are infected, your chance of catching the virus is higher, i.e. China and any affected areas

## How can you stop coronaviruses spreading?

### If you need to cough or sneeze



**Catch it**  
with a tissue



**Bin it**



**Kill it**  
by washing your hands with soap and water or hand sanitiser

### You should wash hands with soap & water or hand sanitiser



**After breaks & sports activities**



**Before cooking & eating**



**SCHOOL ETC.**  
**On arrival at any childcare or educational setting**



**After using the toilet**



**Before leaving home**



Try not to touch your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands



Do not share items that come into contact with your mouth such as cups & bottles



If unwell do not share items such as bedding, dishes, pencils & towels



Stop germs spreading by using the e-Bug resources on hand and respiratory hygiene available through [e-bug.eu](http://e-bug.eu)

## What should you do if you feel unwell?

Keep away from others and stay at home to stop the infection spreading. Avoid public transport if you think you have symptoms of coronavirus.

If you think you have symptoms of coronavirus, call NHS Direct Wales on 0845 4647 or NHS 111 if available in the area, for advice. Follow the Welsh Government advice for childcare or educational settings: [gov.wales/guidance-educational-settings-about-covid-19](http://gov.wales/guidance-educational-settings-about-covid-19)

Staff, students and pupils who have returned from some specified countries should self-isolate for 14 days even if they do not have symptoms:

[gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-specified-countries-and-areas](http://gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-specified-countries-and-areas)

[phw.nhs.wales.uk/coronavirus](http://phw.nhs.wales.uk/coronavirus)