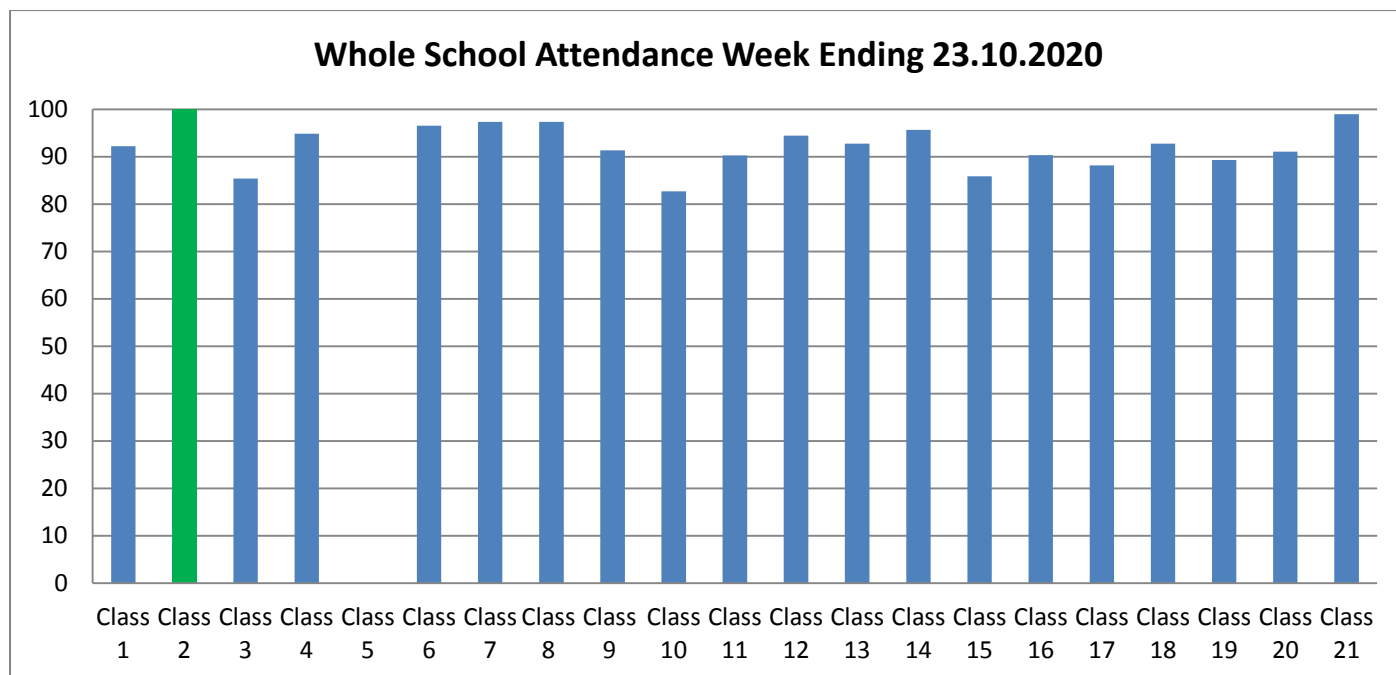




### Attendance



Our target for the academic year is 95.7%. Take a look at the graph above to see how your child's class is performing. Congratulations to Class 2 who achieved 100% attendance the week before half-term.

### Remembrance

Unfortunately, due to the current Coronavirus restrictions which are in place we will be unable to participate in the annual remembrance parade on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November. I will visit the memorial in the square on Sunday morning and lay a wreath on behalf of the whole school community. In addition, on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November I will take the Head Boy and Head Girl to the memorial to lay a wreath at Ilam whilst everyone in school will observe the 2 minutes silence at this time.

After school on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November I will be outside selling Poppies and other items to help raise money for the Royal British Legion. We are not able to order additional items this year and everything will be sold on a first come, first served basis. If you are buying items, please remember to maintain social distance at all times.

### School Collection

We all have a responsibility to help reduce the spread of Coronavirus. You can help with this by ensuring you maintain the recommended social distance from other people when collecting your child from school. Wearing a mask can also help reduced the spread of the virus. As soon as you have collected your child from school I ask that you leave the immediate area so that children can safely leave the school premises. Thank you for your continued support.

### PTCs

Unfortunately, due to the Coronavirus restrictions which are in place we are not able to hold Parent Teacher Consultations this year. However, each class teacher has completed a short report regarding your child's progress and these will be sent home with a separate letter next week.

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### Money

Please ensure that all money sent into school is placed in an envelope clearly marked with your child's name and class. We have a 'handling cash' risk assessment in place which means that money sent into school cannot be touched for 72 hours. Therefore it is imperative that we know who has sent money into school.

### Children in Need

Children in Need will take place on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November. On this day pupils and staff may wear non-uniform to school in exchange for a donation to the charity. Please send all donations into school in an envelope clearly marked with 'Children in Need 2020'. Pupils will complete activities related to Children in Need in their classrooms.

### Christmas

Christmas in school is going to look significantly different this year. There will be no Christmas Concerts and pupils will not have their usual trips to the pantomimes. I am trying to establish a way that pupils can have Christmas dinner in school although this will need to be in consultation with Caerphilly catering.

I am determined to give our pupils the best build up to Christmas that we possibly can in school. This week staff have been thinking of different activities that can be safely undertaken in school. We will inform you of all our ideas in the near future.

One date to put in your diary is Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December which is Christmas jumper day.

### Isolation

Do you know someone who is living alone during the current Coronavirus pandemic? As a school we would like to reach out to the community and help those who are struggling at this time. We would like to engage our pupils in community projects such as writing letters or sending cards to those who are lonely. If you know someone who is living alone and finding things difficult, please inform the school office so we can include them in our project.

Mr C George  
Headteacher

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Chair of School Governors