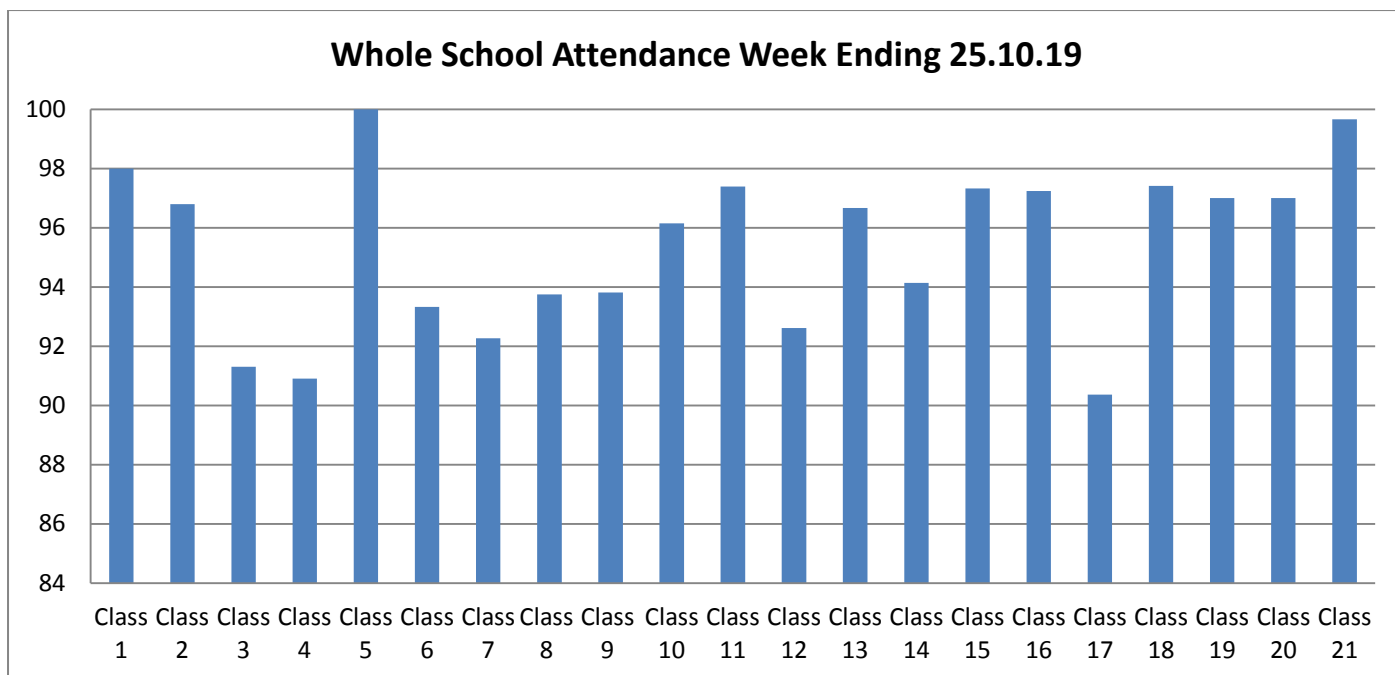




Attendance



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. 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.

Remembrance Parade

This year's community Remembrance Day Parade and Service will be held on Sunday 10th 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.

Children in Need

As with many schools around the country, we will be raising money for Children in Need on Friday 15th November. The School Council have met and they would like the day to be a Pyjama or Non-Uniform Day! The school council have asked for donations of any amount to be sent in. Once again this year, all classes will be invited to the school hall where they will be able to put their coins or notes on Pudsey! We hope to announce the total raised before the end of the school day.

If your child has ordered any Children in Need items through the school they should now have brought them home. If your child has not received their items please contact the school office by the morning of Friday 8th November at the latest.

Change of Menu

There will be a change to the dinner menu on Tuesday 12th November as part of National School Meals Week. The main meal will be: BBQ Chicken Wraps or Vegetable Nuggets, served with: Potato Wedges or Smiley Faces, Salad Bar or Baked Beans. Dessert will be: Raspberry Ripple Ice Cream Roll or Fresh Fruit Pots. A copy of the menu is also attached to this newsletter.

Photographs

You should have received school photograph proofs. Please return all orders to school by Tuesday 12th November as we need to ensure the photographs are sent back to school in time for Christmas.

Year 6 Bristol Trip

Year 6 pupils attending the trip to Bristol on Friday will need to be in school by 8:15am as the coaches are leaving at 8:30am. Pupils should return to school at approximately 4:30pm although updates will be posted on class twitter accounts. Please collect your child from their classroom door.

Butties & Blocks

Butties & Blocks returns this Saturday, 9th November. There will be an exciting challenge to complete and old and new members are more than welcome to attend. Refreshments will be available on the morning - we look forward to seeing you all there!

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Dates

The remainder of the autumn term is going to be extremely busy. With this in mind, I have included a list of the all the important dates you are going to need.

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| Saturday 9 th November: | Butties & Blocks (Whole School) |
| Sunday 10 th November: | Remembrance Parade (Whole School) |
| Friday 15 th November | Children in Need (Whole School) |
| Monday 18 th November | Cyber Bullying (Year 6) |
| Monday 18 th November | Internet Safety (Year 3) |
| Friday 29 th November | Advent Assembly with Reverend Nick Adams |
| Tuesday 3 rd December | Reception Dress Rehearsal |
| Thursday 5 th December | Nursery Dress Rehearsal |
| Friday 6 th December | Year 1 Dress Rehearsal |
| Friday 6 th December | Year 2 Dress Rehearsal |
| Friday 6 th December | Christmas Fayre (Whole School) |
| Monday 9 th December | Reception Christmas Songs & Workshop (10:30am) |
| Monday 9 th December | Nursery AM Christmas Songs & Workshop (9:15am) |
| Monday 9 th December | Nursery PM Christmas Songs & Workshops (1:15pm) |
| Tuesday 10 th December | Reception Christmas Songs & Workshop (9:15am) |
| Tuesday 10 th December | Year 1 Christmas Concert (10:30am) |
| Wednesday 11 th December | Year 1 Christmas Concert (10:30am) |
| Wednesday 11 th December | Year 2 Christmas Concert (9:15am) |
| Wednesday 11 th December | Year 3 / 4 Pantomime Newport |
| Thursday 12 th December | Year 2 Christmas Concert (9:15am) |
| Friday 13 th December | Christmas Dinner Day & Christmas Jumper Day |
| Monday 16 th December | Reception Christmas Party |
| Monday 16 th December | Year 3 / 4 Christmas Concert (1:30pm) |
| Monday 16 th December | Year 5 / 6 Christmas Concert (6:00pm) |
| Tuesday 17 th December | Nursery Christmas Parties |
| Tuesday 17 th December | Year 1 Christmas Party |
| Tuesday 17 th December | Year 5 / 6 Christmas Concert (1:30pm) |
| Tuesday 17 th December | Year 3 / 4 Christmas Concert (6:00pm) |
| Wednesday 18 th December | Pantomime Reception – Year 2 Blackwood Miners Institute |
| Wednesday 18 th December | Year 2 Christmas Party |
| Wednesday 18 th December | Year 3 / 4 Christmas Concert (1:30pm) |
| Wednesday 18 th December | Year 5 / 6 Christmas Concert (6:00pm) |
| Thursday 19 th December | Year 3 / 4 Christmas Party |
| Thursday 19 th December | Year 5 / 6 Pantomime Newport |
| Friday 20 th December | Non-Uniform Day (Whole School) |
| Friday 20 th December | Christmas Story Assembly with Reverend Nick Adams |
| Friday 20 th December | Year 5 / 6 Christmas Party |
| Friday 20 th December | Last Day of Term |
| Monday 6 th January | INSET Day |
| Tuesday 7 th January | First day for pupils |

Mr C George
Headteacher

Mrs J Hughes
Chair of School Governors

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