



Parent Information Sheet – Thursday 7th December

Attendance Matters

Our school target for attendance for the academic year is **95.7%**. We can only achieve this target with your support. I have attached a table which illustrates the relationship between attendance and the number of days lost at school. A copy of which will also be on our new school website!

The rewards for good attendance are clear. Pupils are more likely to enjoy school, achieve better results and increase life chances. If you have any concerns regarding attendance then please arrange an appointment to meet with our family liaison officer Mr Hampshire. He is here to support you with any issues you may have.

We will be updating you about your child's attendance on a half-termly basis.

Category	Attendance % at the end of the school year	Total number of days missed at the end of the school year
Green	100%	0
	97%	5
	96%	8
	95%	10
Amber	94%	12
	93%	14
	92%	16
	91%	18
Red	90%	19
	87%	24
	85%	28
	80%	39

Reporting Your Child's Absence

If your child is absent from school please telephone the main office to explain the reason for the absence. It is important that our registers are kept up to date, completed accurately and that all absences are accounted for.

Respect

Share

Determined

Passionate

Successful

Christmas Fayre

A reminder that our Christmas Fayre is taking place tomorrow (8th December). If you're looking for some gift ideas, decorations or simply want to have some fun, then this is the place for you. We look forward to seeing you there.

After School Clubs

Please note that all after school clubs will finish this week and that clubs will not run again until January. This includes clubs which are run by Superstars. Thank you for your support with the clubs this term.

Seesaw / Twitter

A reminder that Seesaw and Twitter are used for sharing the excellent work that goes on within our school on a daily basis. It should not be used as a communication tool between parents and teachers.

Foodbank

Christmas is a difficult time of year for everyone, especially in terms of finances. It is a time when some families need the support of the foodbank more than ever. We will be sending donations to our local foodbank on Friday of next week so if you would like to send any items into school please do so before this date. Thank you for your continued support.

Dates

A reminder that school closes to pupils on Thursday 21st December and reopens on Monday 8th January 2018.

Free School Meals

Is your child entitled to free school meals? To find out if you qualify for free school meals visit www.caerphilly.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals. There is an estimated annual saving of up to £580 a year.

Snow

Forecasts are indicating that the borough could be affected by ice and snow tomorrow. With this in mind please ensure that pupils are dressed appropriately for the weather. If we do have snow, Mr Gibbs-Bowen will clear paths to the main entrance, the large hall, to Nursery and to Reception.

The entrance to the back of the school will remain closed until the Council has gritted/cleared the public footpath. It is my policy to have fewer paths well gritted and very safe, as opposed to trying to clear all paths and reduce the quality of the clearance.

Information on school closures can be found at: www.caerphilly.gov.uk