



Parent Information Sheet – Friday 10th November

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you on behalf of all staff for your kind words following the passing of Mrs Hinton. Your words and messages have been great support to the staff at this difficult time. The book of condolence is open in the school reception area should you wish to leave a message for the family.

Remembrance Service

This year's community Remembrance Day Parade and Service will be held on Sunday 12th November. The parade will assemble at 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.

Christmas Concerts

You should have received a separate letter with this newsletter regarding the Christmas Concerts at school. All of the important information is contained within this letter regarding times of concerts and allocations of tickets. Please contact the school office if you have any questions.

Anti-Bullying Week / Children in Need

Next week is the National Anti-Bullying week. All classes throughout the school will be having lessons relating to this theme and will produce a poster. Posters will be shared with parents on SeeSaw.

On Friday 17th November we will join with other schools in supporting Children in Need. On this day we are encouraging staff and pupils to **"Wear it Odd!"** For example, you may choose to wear odd socks, odd shoes or something wacky! We are suggesting a donation of £1 per pupil. We will also have a large Pudsey bear in the junior hall which we will cover in coins. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support with our fund raising efforts.

After School Clubs

Please inform the school office if your child will not be staying for a scheduled after school club. Pupils who come to the school office during the school day to say they do not wish to attend a club will not be allowed to phone home unless they are ill. This is a safeguarding issue as we need to know where the pupils are at all times.

Respect

Share

Determined

Passionate

Successful

Safeguarding

Attached to this newsletter is an information leaflet regarding safeguarding at our school. The leaflet will allow you to understand what safeguarding is and the school responsibilities in this area.

INSET Days

I am now in a position to give you the full list of school closure days for this academic year. Our INSET days are as follows:

Friday 22nd December 2017

Friday 16th February 2018

Monday 23rd July 2018

Tuesday 24th July 2018

In addition to the dates above, school will close to allow staff to attend the funeral of Mrs Hinton. As you know, Mrs Hinton worked at Rhiw Syr Dafydd Primary School for over 27 years and made many close friends during this time. This will be counted as an INSET day and staff will need to make up the time lost during twilight sessions. As soon as I have received a date from the family I will inform parents.