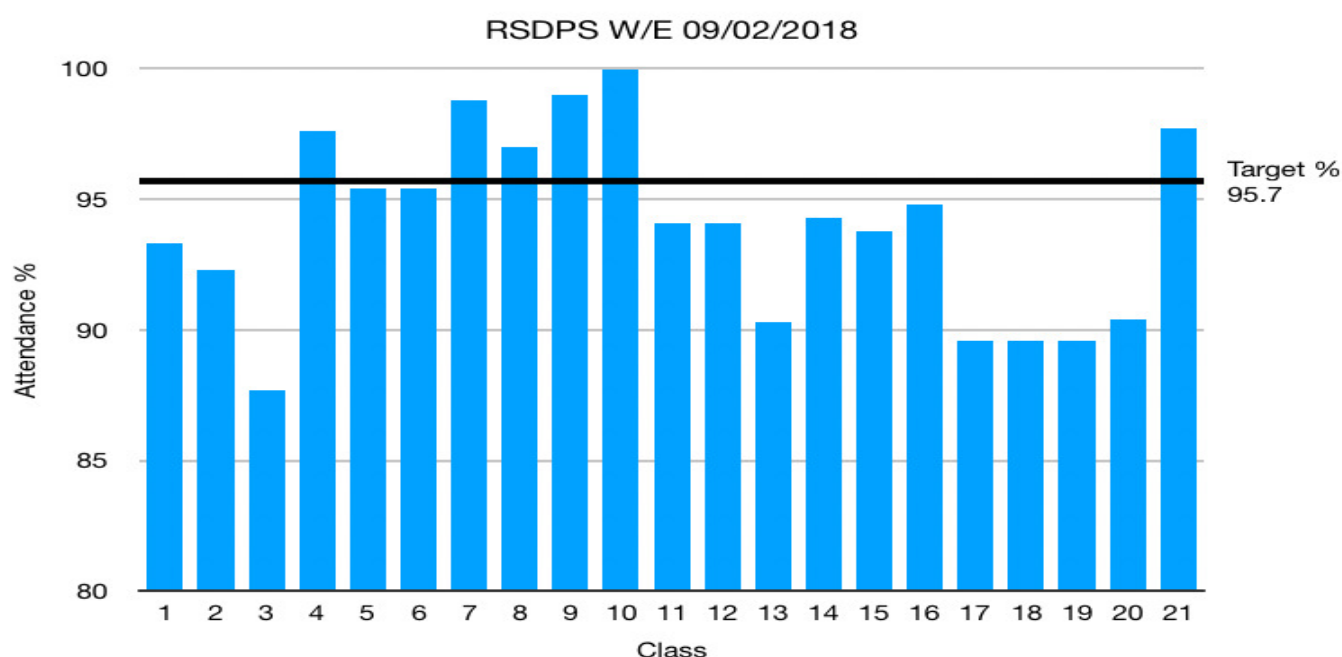




Parent Information Sheet – Thursday 15th February 2018

Attendance

Our whole school target for the year is 95.7% attendance. Congratulations to Class 10 who had 100% attendance this week.



PTCs

Thank you to everyone who has attended the parent teacher consultations over the past few days. It has been wonderful to discuss your child's progress with you.

Half Term

Please be aware that school closes to pupils on Thursday 15th February 2018 and reopens on Monday 26th February. There will be a homework task set for the half-term break which will be related to the school and Urdd Eisteddfod. Further information regarding this can be found on the bottom of this newsletter.

School Eisteddfod

Pupils may wear their traditional Welsh outfits on St. David's Day – Thursday 1st March. I look forward to seeing pupils in their traditional costumes on this day.

Respect

Share

Determined

Passionate

Successful

Parent Panel

Good communication between parents and school is essential in developing a positive learning environment for all our pupils. With this in mind I am introducing something called 'Parent Panel'. This is a group of parents who are not members of the school governing body but are interested in creating a link between the parents' views discussed in the playground / outside school and school leaders. The 'Parent Panel' will be made up of parents from Nursery – Year 6, 1 parent per year group, giving a total of 8 members on the panel. A chairperson and vice chairperson would be elected to run the meetings.

Each half-term, staff and parents meet together to discuss various aspects of school life. The meetings are informal and different staff may attend, depending on the items on the agenda.

The core aims of the 'Parent Panel' are:

- To provide a regular opportunity for parents to meet with senior leaders and share any concerns, comments, strengths or queries.
- To create a link between the parents' views discussed in the playground / outside school and school leaders.
- To be updated about school changes and projects.
- To provide a consultation group for the school to present new ideas and changes to.

If you are interested in representing your child's year group on the 'Parent Panel' please contact the school office and leave your name, child's class and contact details. I look forward to hearing from you.

If we receive more applications than there are places then a ballot will need to be held.

Dementia Friendly

I am delighted to announce that we have today become the first school in Caerphilly to receive the 'Dementia Friendly' award. A special assembly was held in school this afternoon and was attended by many members of the local authority.

School Dinners

Just a reminder that dinner monies need to be paid as and when a dinner is ordered for your child. Caerphilly County Borough Council will no longer allow the school to provide credit for school meals. Should you have any concerns with regards to this please do not hesitate to contact the school administration team.

Menu

To celebrate St. David's Day, please be aware that there is a change to the lunch menu on Thursday 1st March. A copy of the menu for the day can be found on the reverse of the newsletter.

School Trips

At the current time we are losing a considerable amount of money on school trips. In a time of budget cuts, this is having a significant impact on the school budget. Whilst I appreciate school trips are a voluntary contribution, if enough contributions are not received then future trips may need to be cancelled.

Chicken Pox

I wanted to make you aware that we currently have a number of confirmed cases of chicken pox throughout the school. The Public Health Agency recommends that children should not attend school for five days from the onset of the rash.

Parking

There are still a number of vehicles parking illegally in the school car park at the end of the school day. Whilst I appreciate parking around the school site is difficult, the health and safety of all our pupils must come first. Over coming weeks the police community support officers will be checking on parking both in the school car park and on Maes-Y-Garn Road. Please be considerate when parking your vehicle and think of the children's safety at all times.