



Parent Information Sheet – Thursday 18th January 2018

School Crossing Patrol

Please be aware that from Monday 22nd January there is a possibility that we will have no crossing patrol for two weeks. I have requested cover from the local authority but at the present time they are having difficulty in filling the positions. Please take extra care when crossing the roads.

Attendance.

If your child is absent from school for any reason would you please telephone the school office by 10am. Where a call is not received by this time, a member of school staff will make a telephone call to the parents of the absent pupil. It is imperative that our school registers are accurate. Failure to report an absence will result in the pupil receiving an unauthorised absence from school.

Holidays

The school holiday dates for Caerphilly can be found on the school website and also on the Caerphilly Council Website.

School Term/Holidays	Starts
Spring First Term	8 Jan 2018 (Mon)
Spring Half Term Holidays	19 Feb 2018 (Mon)
Spring Second Term	26 Feb 2018 (Mon)
Easter Holidays	30 Mar 2018 (Fri)
Summer First Term	16 Apr 2018 (Mon)
Summer Half Term Holidays	28 May 2018 (Mon)
Summer Second Term	4 Jun 2018 (Mon)

When booking holidays please be aware that the National Tests will be taking place between 2nd and 9th May 2018. These tests are administered to all pupils from Year 2 – Year 6. Please try to avoid these dates when considering booking a holiday.

Governor Vacancy

Respect

Share

Determined

Passionate

Successful

We currently have a vacancy on our governing body for a parent governor. Would you like to be more involved in your child's education? If so why not consider becoming a school governor. All schools have places for Parent Governors and we currently have a vacancy for ONE of these positions at our school.

Governors make decisions about many aspects of the school including the curriculum, staffing and the school's finances. This role is essential to the education of children in the Borough of Caerphilly so please consider standing. In case you feel a little apprehensive about the responsibilities of the role, we offer training to assist you.

If you are interested in this important role, please collect a nomination form from the main school reception.

Butties and Blocks Club

Our first Butties and Blocks club of the new year will take place on Saturday 20th January starting at 10:30am. The club is open to existing and new members so if you have never been before why not come along and get creative! Mr Potter will be able to provide you with further information.

Dementia Friendly

I would like to take this opportunity to express my thanks to Mr Phillip Diamond. He has been in school recently working with our Year 5 and 6 pupils and also the teaching staff. He has raised our awareness of the issues around Dementia and the important role we can play in helping people who suffer from this disease. I am pleased to announce that we are the first school in Caerphilly to become 'Dementia Friendly' and we will receive an award for this very soon. Our links with Oakdale Manor have gone from strength to strength and we will continue to develop links both with them and other local organisations.