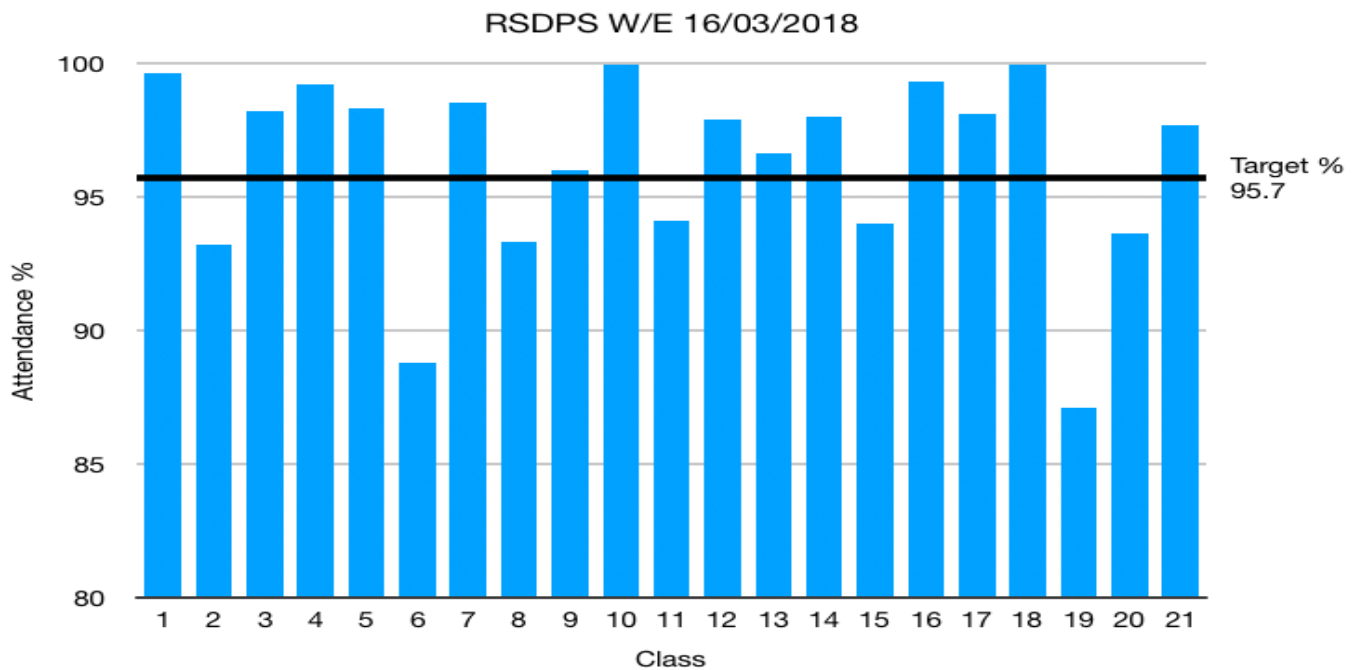




Parent Information Sheet – Thursday 22nd March

Attendance

Our whole school target for the year is 95.7% attendance. Congratulations to Classes 10 and 18 who had 100% attendance for this week.



Mathletics

The pupils recently wrote to the governing body of the school requesting the reintroduction of Mathletics. I am pleased to say that the governing body supported this request and that Mathletics will now be introduced to all pupils from Reception to Year 6. Pupils will receive their usernames and passwords prior to the Easter Break so that they can access the programme over the Easter holidays. In some year groups they are currently exploring the programme with pupils before they allow the pupils to bring their passwords home. Attached to this newsletter is a Mathletics Getting Started Guide for parents.

Easter Bonnet Parade

We are encouraging pupils in the foundation phase to make an Easter Bonnet which they can wear for a parade in school on Wednesday 28th March. Pupils in Year 1 will parade around the village in their Easter bonnets. They are performing songs in Central Square opposite the shops and at Oakdale Manor. Please be as creative as you like!

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Autism Awareness

World Autism Awareness Week runs from 26th March – 2nd April 2018. On **Thursday 29th March** we are holding a non-uniform day and encouraging pupils to wear blue or purple colours. Pupils will be undertaking some activities in class which are aimed at raising an understanding of Autism. We will be collecting donations on the day which will be donated to the National Autistic Society.

The Lost Words

As I'm sure many of you will be aware we recently held an assembly in school where we were presented with a copy of '**The Lost Words**' book by Mrs Hicks. We were also extremely fortunate to receive a second copy of the book from Mrs Collins.

The book has been written by Robert Macfarlane, an award winning author, who is concerned that words are beginning to vanish from the language of children. The words are those that children used to name the natural world around them: acorn, adder, bluebell, bramble, conker, fern, heather, kingfisher, otter, raven, willow, wren. We are now launching a campaign aimed at donating a copy of The Lost Words to all of the school's in our cluster. The long term aim is to get a copy of the book into every school in Wales. We are asking pupils to bring in any loose change they may have – 1p, 2p, 5p which will be collected in a bucket. Please send any loose change into school with your child. Our aim is to collect £120 which will allow us to donate a copy of the book to all of the cluster schools. With your support we will achieve our goal!

Thom's Story – To Infinity and Beyond

I have spoken to Thomas' dad and he has been overwhelmed by the generosity and support shown by the whole school community. You raised a fantastic £1052.50 in total and James has asked me to pass on his sincere thanks to you all. Unfortunately, Thomas is extremely unwell at the present time and on behalf of everyone associated with Rhiw Syr Dafydd Primary School I would like to say that our thoughts and prayers are with the family at this time.

Inclement Weather - Thank You!

I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks to all of the parents who turned up at school on a freezing cold Sunday afternoon to help clear the site of snow and ice. There was an incredible turnout and everyone worked so hard. I can only apologise that despite our best efforts we were beaten by the elements.

National Tests

The National Tests for pupils in Year 2 – Year 6 will take place between 2nd and 9th May. Please avoid booking holidays during this time as it is imperative that all pupils complete the tests. Thank you for your support.

Easter Break

A reminder that school closes for the Easter Holiday on Thursday 29th March and will reopen on Monday 16th April.

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