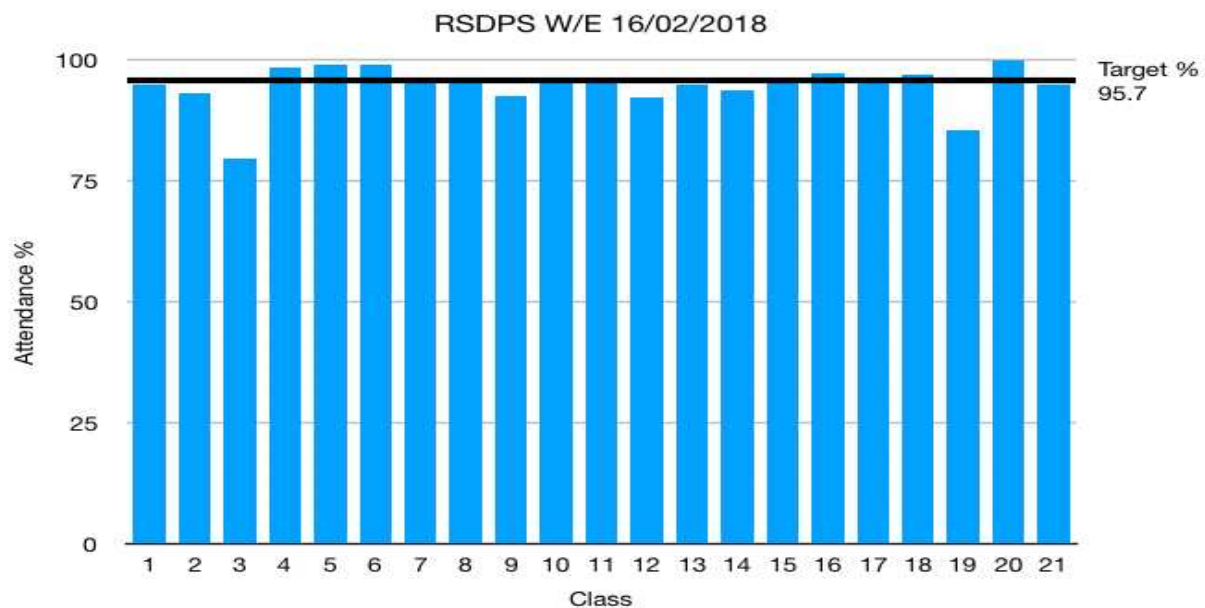




Parent Information Sheet – Wednesday 28th February 2018

Attendance

Our whole school target for the year is 95.7% attendance. Congratulations to Class 20 who had 100% attendance for this week.



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.

Menu

To celebrate St. David's Day, please be aware that there is a change to the lunch menu on Thursday 1st March. Information can be found at

<http://www2.myschoollunch.co.uk/caerphilly/en/primary-schools/about-us/primary-schools-menu/>

Inclement Weather

As many of you will be aware, an Amber weather warning has been issued for Thursday and Friday with significant accumulations of snow anticipated. With this in mind please ensure

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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. Information will also be posted on twitter and the school's website.

If heavy snow does fall during the school day please check regularly for updates regarding school closure. If heavy snow does fall it is highly likely that the phone lines will become extremely busy so please be patient if you are trying to contact the school. The best way to keep up to date with information will be via our twitter feed @rhiwsyrdafydd. If we are forced to close, please do not 'panic' in trying to collect pupils from school. Several members of staff and myself live close to the school and will be able to keep all pupils safe in the hall until you are able to arrive at school safely.

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.

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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.

After School Clubs

Please be aware that all after school clubs planned for Thursday 1st March have been cancelled. This is due to the inclement weather that is forecast.