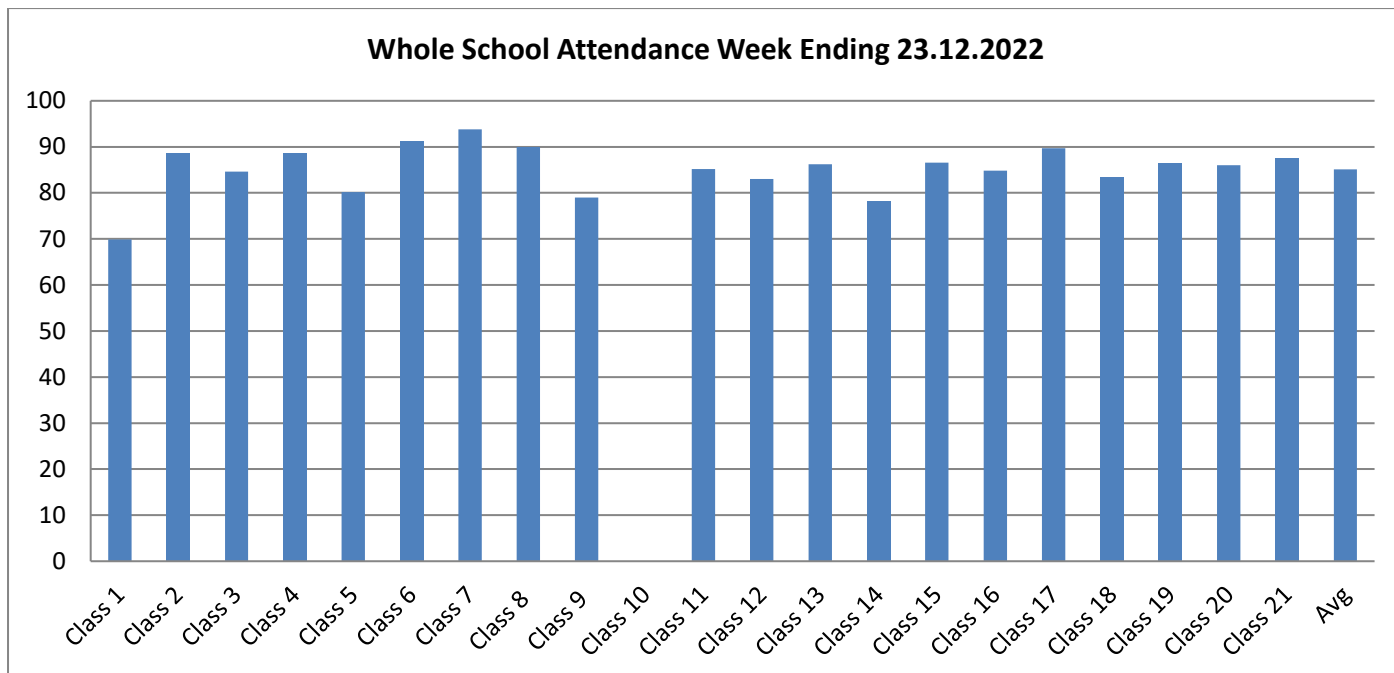




Parent Information Sheet – Thursday 12th January 2023

Attendance



Our target for the academic year is **95.7%**. Look at the graph above to see how your child's class is performing. Our average attendance the week before Christmas was **85.14%** which is a decrease on the previous week and below our whole school target of **95.7%**.

Unauthorised were quite high prior to the Christmas break. If your child is ill, you must contact the school office to report the absence. Please **do not use Seesaw** to report an absence from school.

Welcome Back

It has been a real pleasure to welcome everyone back to school for the spring term. In our assembly on Monday we focused on the 'New Year' and how this can bring new beginnings. It has been so pleasing to see the children reflecting on the assembly throughout the week.

The children and staff have settled well after the Christmas break and already hard at work driving up standards. The quality of work being produced in the classes is excellent. I very much hope that 2023 will be a very successful year for everyone associated with our school.

Attendance

Our attendance for the autumn term was 92.20% which is below our target (95.8%) for the current academic year. Unfortunately we were hit with a number of illnesses prior to the Christmas break which really affected our attendance. I am grateful to parents for ensuring that pupils are at school to learn. Naturally events such as illness means that there are times when children need to be absent from school.

I will be asking Mr Hampshire to arrange meetings with the parents of those pupils with the lowest attendance levels to see if there is anymore that we can do to ensure that the children are at school. We are always happy to help in any way we can.

Pupils only have 190 school days each academic year. Each is precious and contributes to the education of the child. We can't raise literacy and numeracy standards if the children are not here.

School Meals

Please click on the link below to see the Caerphilly school dinner menu.

<https://www.caerphilly.gov.uk/services/schools-and-learning/school-dinners-and-breakfast-clubs/schedule-and-prices/weekly-menu>

Next week, we will be on week 2 of the menu. Please check the menu with your child to ensure they like what is on offer.

Please remember that school dinners are £2.20 per day and should be paid for in advance using the Upay system. If you are in arrears with school meals, could you please pay as soon as possible as any meals not paid for are taken from the school budget. This then means we have less money to spend on the children.

Parking

I am becoming aware of an increasing number of parents who are parking in the staff car park at the end of the school day. This is in breach of our school traffic risk assessment and poses a risk to our pupils. Under no circumstances should parents access the staff car park. I will be asking the caretaker to monitor the situation for me.

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Information regarding after school clubs can be found on the following page.

After School Clubs

	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri
Playworks	3.00 – 6.00	3.00 – 6.00	3.00 – 6.00	3.00 – 6.00	3.00 – 6.00
Taekwondo		3.15 – 4.15 Junior Hall			
Dancing		5.00 – 6.00 Junior Hall			
Rugby (Y5/6)	3.15 – 4.30 Playing Field				
Spanish (Y2)	3.00 – 3.45 Nursery				
RSD Minecraft Team	3.15 – 4.15 Class 12				
Girls Football (Y1)		3.00 – 4.00 Infant Hall			
Criw Cymreig (Class Reps)		3.15 – 4.00 Class 18			
Spanish (Y5/6)		3.15 – 4.15 Class 11			
Football (Y5/6)				3.15 – 4.15 Playing Field	
Eco Club (Y3-6)				3.15 – 4.15 Class 1	
Singing Club (1/2)				3.00 – 4.00 Infant Hall	
Drama Club (Y5/6)				3.15 – 4.30 Junior Hall	
Reading (Y5/6)					3.15 – 4.00 Class 19

Please be aware that Playworks, Taekwondo and Dancing are run by outside providers. If you require information regarding this, please contact the school office. Drama club will recommence at the beginning of February.

Mr C George
Headteacher

Mr G Jones
Chair of School Governors