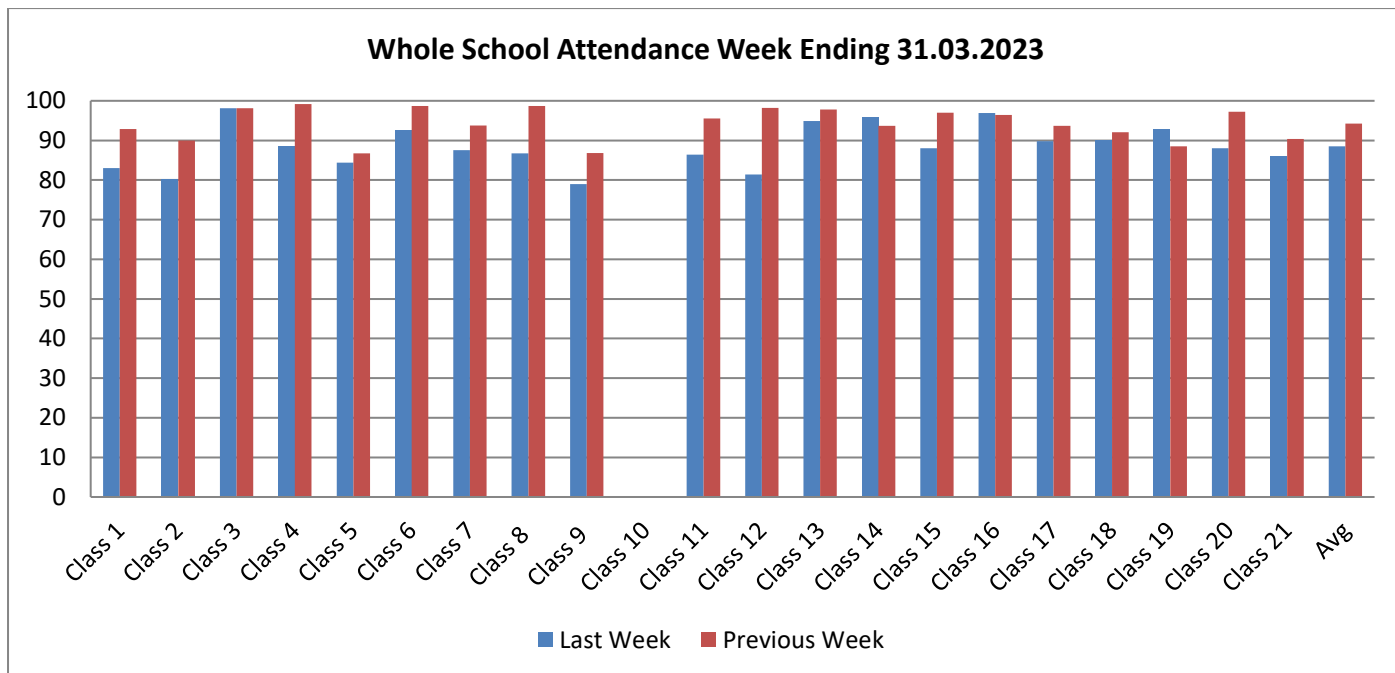




Parent Information Sheet – Friday 21st April 2023

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 last week was **88.48%** which is a significant decrease on the previous week and below our whole school target of **95.7%**. Congratulations to Class 3 who had the highest attendance before Easter.

I wrote to a number of parents recently where their child’s attendance has fallen below 90%. If you require any support with attendance at school, our family liaison officer, Mr Jeff Hampshire, is available to help and support. He can be contacted via the school office.

Parent Café

We are offering the parents and carers of children with additional needs (pre or post diagnosis) the chance to meet and get to know other parents and carers who also have children with additional needs.

We will create a friendly, relaxed, positive, supportive, caring group that meets up to share whatever they’d like; experiences, solutions, knowledge, ideas, stories and of course a cup of tea or coffee.

Please feel very welcome to join us, staff from our ALN Team will always attend and be happy to welcome you in. We’re looking forward to learning more about your children from you - the experts. As the group evolves, we’d like to know what you’d like from it; maybe activity sessions with your child; maybe information sharing sessions with outside agencies - we’d like to facilitate what you would find useful.

We’ve set the first session to run on Thursday 27th April 2023 at 2pm so that we can gauge interest and make a plan from there. If you have little children, please feel free to bring them along, we’ll have some toys out for them to play. Please enter via school Reception, hope to see you there.

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Coronation

On Friday 5th May, we will be celebrating the Coronation of King Charles III. On this day, pupils may come to school wearing clothes suitable for the Coronation such as red, white and blue. Please see an information poster below from the Friends of Rhiw Syr Dafydd.

Further information will be sent home on next week.



Islwyn District Rugby

I would like to take this opportunity to wish the Islwyn District Under 11 team, the best of luck in the D.C. Thomas cup final at the Principality Stadium on Wednesday 26th April. I am proud that our school will be supplying five players to the squad along with two coaches. Pob Lwc Pawb!

National Test Emergency Alert System

As I am sure you are already aware, there will be a national test of the UK's new Emergency Alerts system on Sunday 23rd April at 15:00. The test alert will be sent to most mobile phones across the UK. Devices will make a distinct, siren-like sound for up to 10 seconds, including phones switched to silent mode. Phones will also vibrate and display a message about the test.

I would ask that you talk to your child / children about the test and reassure them that it is nothing to be concerned about.

Dates

A reminder that Monday 1st May and Monday 8th May are Bank Holidays. School will be closed to pupils on these days.

There appears to be some confusion regarding Friday 28th April. School is not closed on this day and all pupils should attend as normal. If your child is not attending school due to rugby tour, a holiday form must be completed.

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 1** of the menu. Please check the menu with your child to ensure they like what is on offer.

The price of school dinners will be increasing after the Easter break. A school dinner will now cost £2.30 a day or £11.50 a week.

Mr C George
Headteacher

Mr G Jones
Chair of School Governors