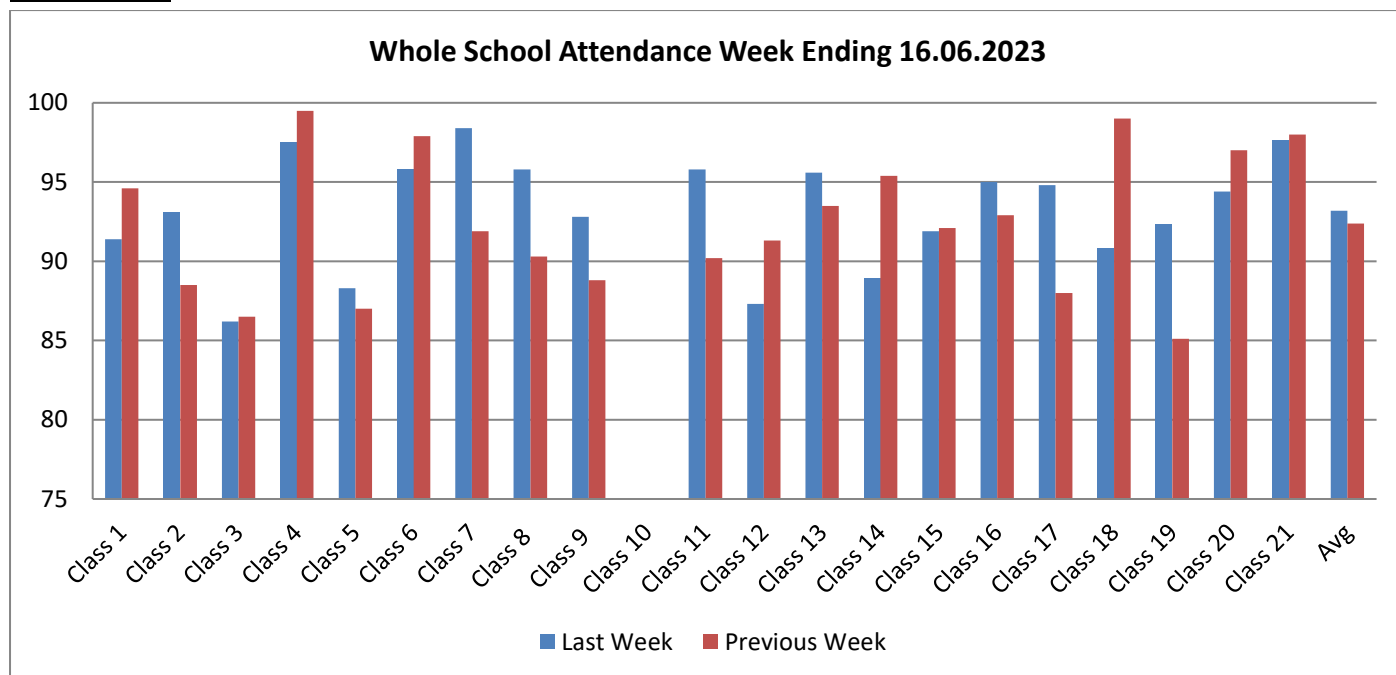




Parent Information Sheet – Friday 23rd June 2023

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 **93.20%** which is a slight increase on the previous week but still below our whole school target of **95.7%**. Congratulations to Dosbarth 7 who had the highest attendance last week.

School Essentials Grant (Former PDG Grant)

Key changes for families to be aware of for September 2023

- New name – School Essentials Grant replaces the PDG Access Grant
- There is no longer a requirement for families to submit a specific application for the grant. Families of eligible pupils will receive a Post Office letter, allowing collection of a cash payment.
- The grant provides £125 (except for year 7 which is £200) for eligible pupils [Reception through to Year 11] to buy school uniform, equipment, sports kit, and kit for activities outside of school. Please note that the one year only uplift of £100 on the value of the grant has now ended.

Eligibility of pupils remains unchanged, full details are available on the Councils Website.

<https://www.caerphilly.gov.uk/services/schools-and-learning/travel,-grants-and-funding/school-essentials-grant?lang=en-GB>

PGL 2024

We have just returned from an extremely successful visit to PGL with our Year 6 pupils. It was an incredible three days and the children were so well behaved. A reminder that letters have now gone home with Year 5 pupils for the 2024 visit and the deposit is required by Friday 30th June. Please contact the school office if you require further information.

Sports Days

Day	AM	PM
Tuesday 4th July	Reception: 9:15am Year 1: 10:45am	Year 3/4: 13:30
Wednesday 5th July	Classes 7, 8 & 9: 9:30am	Year 5/6: 13:30
Thursday 6th July	Nursey (am) 9:30am	Nursery (pm) 13:30
Friday 7th July	Year 3/4 reserve: 9:30am	Year 5/6 reserve: 13:30
Friday 7th July	Rising 3s (am) 10:00am Infant Hall	Rising 3s (pm) 2:00pm Infant Hall

The Ice-Cream van will once again attend our Sports Days to provide refreshments for the children. Please ensure that the £1.50 for an ice-cream is sent into school by Friday 30th June. All money should be in an envelope clearly marked with your child's name and class.

Governor Vacancies

The school governing body play a vital role in supporting the school with important decisions. The Role of Governors has become increasingly important. They must ensure that the requirements of the national curriculum are met, establish standards of behaviour, select staff, deal with budget matters and prepare and present the Annual Report to Parents.

We currently have vacancies for two parent governors on the school governing body. Separate information will be sent home on Seesaw. The closing date for applications is 4pm on Monday 3rd July.

Transition Day

Our Year 6 transition day will take place on Wednesday 28th June. Unfortunately, due to circumstances beyond my control, I need to postpone our whole school transition day which was due to take place on the same day. A new date will be arranged and this will be communicated to parents next week once I receive the information I need. I apologise for any inconvenience this may cause

Year 6 Leavers Evening

Our Year 6 leavers evening will take place on Tuesday 18th July at 6pm. This will be an evening of celebration. We will provide you with further detail nearer the time.

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.

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Please ensure that your child's account has sufficient funds to cover the cost of the meals they are taking. The local authority recover the cost of any meals not paid for from the school budget. This has a significant impact on our ability to spend funds in other areas. If you are having difficulty paying for school meals, please contact the school for advice.

A school dinner now costs £2.30 a day or £11.50 a week. All dinners must be paid for in advance.

Mr C George
Headteacher

Mr G Jones
Chair of School Governors