



## Parent Information Sheet – Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2020

### **Happy New Year – Blwyddyn Newydd Dda!**

It has been a real pleasure to welcome everyone back to school for the spring term at the start of a new decade! The children and staff have settled well after the Christmas break and staff are hard at work driving up standards. The quality of work being produced in the classes is excellent. I very much hope that 2020 will be a very successful year for everyone associated with our school.

### **Attendance**

Our attendance target for the academic year is 95.7%. We can only achieve this target with parental support and 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 anything further 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.

### **After School Clubs**

After school clubs will begin next week (w/c 13<sup>th</sup> January 2020) as normal. If you would like your child to attend a club please contact the school so the necessary information can be provided.

### **Butties and Blocks Club**

Our first Butties and Blocks club of the New Year will take place on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> January starting at 10:30am. The club is open to existing and new members so if you have never been before why not come along and get creative!

### **Free School Meals**

Could your child be entitled to free school meals? If you think you may be eligible, click on the link to find information <https://www.caerphilly.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals>

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All applications can be completed electronically online. Pupils entitled to free school meals may also be eligible for some additional support in school. The school also receives funding for resources based on the number of free school meals pupils in attendance.

### **Dates for your diary**

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January – Swimming Year 3 (Three Weeks)

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February – Year 6 Sophia Gardens – Healthy Living

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February – PTCs

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February – PTCs

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February – Year 6 Crucial Crew (pm only)

### **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February – Half Term**

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February – Year 5 Big Pit

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March – School Eisteddfod

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March – St. John's Ambulance Year 4 (all day)

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March – St. John's Ambulance Year 5 (all day)

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March – St. John's Ambulance Year 6 (all day)

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April – Non uniform Day / Easter Service

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April – Easter Holidays

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April – INSET Day

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April – Pupils return to school

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> – Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April – URDD Residential Year 4

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May – VE Day Celebrations (Pupils & Staff to dress up)

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May – School Closed (Bank Holiday)

Mr C George  
Headteacher

Mrs J Hughes  
Chair of School Governors

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