

# Newsletter/ Cylchlythyr

30<sup>th</sup> November 2018



*Together We Soar to Success*

## **Dear Parents & Guardians.**

It has been brought to our attention that there are still a few parents who are expressing their opinions about our school on Social Media before bringing their concerns to the school for them to be addressed.

May we remind you that there is a structured way of communicating your queries and concerns with us: Firstly, speak to your child's class Teacher, either through Dojo or through face to face appointment, most concerns are addressed at this point. If matters are not resolved, make an appointment with the Phase Leader, Mrs Hobbs for Foundation Phase and Mrs Roderick for Key Stage 2. Usually matters are resolved by this stage, however, if not, then make an appointment with the Acting Deputy Head Teacher, Mr Winter. If you are not satisfied then make an appointment with the Head Teacher, Mrs Thomas. On the rare occasion that issues are not addressed by this point then you can write to the Governing body expressing your concerns.

It is important that you give us an opportunity to help your child through the right channels, social media does not help anyone and can cause unnecessary distress to all those involved.

Please speak before you post!

Many Thanks  
The Staff and Governors at OVPS

## **Attendance ....**

This week, our whole school attendance is 91% (our target is 96%).

Congratulations to WAGTAIL Class with 96.6% and KESTREL Class with 96.4% for coming top of your departments!

## **Christmas Concerts Tickets .....**

**Please note that there is a change with regard to the distribution of Christmas Concert tickets this year.**

**Each ticket will have a number that has been allocated to your child (PLEASE DO NOT LOSE YOUR TICKETS!)**

The number of tickets given to each child has been calculated to the number of seats in the hall, taking into account all health & safety guidelines. We cannot overfill the hall in the interest of everyone's safety.

**TWO tickets will be sent home with each child on TUESDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER.**

**(Please check your child's bag on this day).**

**You will need to give your concert ticket to a member of staff at the main hall door on the day of the Christmas Concerts where you will need to pay £2 for each ticket (Please bring the correct change).**

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE WILL BE NO RESERVE LISTS FOR EXTRA TICKETS.**

**If you do not need your ticket, please send them back to the office.**

## **Safeguarding....**

Please find a few reminders below:

**Absence** – If your child is ill, and will not be in school, please contact the office as soon as possible, and at least by 9:15am of the first day of absence.

**Contact details** – It is vital that we have the correct phone numbers for you in case of emergencies. Please ensure that you, or another family member/ friend will be available. We ask that you collect your child within 15 minutes of the call, as it can be very upsetting for your child if they are hurt or ill.

**Adult to Adult handovers** – If you are bringing your Foundation Phase child to school (or breakfast club) then there must be an adult to adult exchange. Please do not stand at the bottom of the drive or send your child with a sibling. This is also the procedure for collection, it is YOUR responsibility to ensure your child leaves in an orderly manner and is safe whilst leaving the premises and on the journey home.

All children using school transport require an adult to adult hand over.

## **Emergency contact Number...**

Just a reminder that we have an out of hour's mobile number for parents to contact us in an emergency **ONLY**.

From the hours of 8.30am to 3.30pm please contact the main school phone number on 01656 815640, if you need to contact us in an emergency the out of hours phone number is 07596232043.

## GRAPES!!! ....



If your child eats grapes for snack (this includes grapes that are pre packed). Please cut the grapes lengthwise so they can pass more easily through smaller throats, and never width wise, because they'll still be big enough to choke on.

## Dates for the diary ....

5<sup>th</sup> December 2018 – Pupil Christmas Dinner.

7<sup>th</sup> December 2018 – INSET DAY.

11<sup>th</sup> December 2018 – Early Years Christmas Concert – 10am.

11<sup>th</sup> December 2018 – Year 3/4 Christmas Concert – 5.30pm.

12<sup>th</sup> December 2018 – Year 1/2 Christmas Concert – 10am.

12<sup>th</sup> December 2018 – Year 5/6 Christmas Concert – 5.30pm.

18<sup>th</sup> December 2018 – Year 1/2 Trip to Rumble in the Jungle.

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24<sup>th</sup> December 2018 – 4<sup>th</sup> January 2019 – SCHOOL HOLIDAY.

1<sup>st</sup> February 2019 – GO ORANGE – Muscular Dystrophy.

22<sup>nd</sup> February 2019 – St David's Day Celebrations.

25<sup>th</sup> February 2019 – 1<sup>st</sup> March 2019 – SCHOOL HOLIDAY.

15<sup>th</sup> March 2019 – Comic Relief - Red Nose Day.

Week beginning 25<sup>th</sup> March 2019 – Parental Consultations

15<sup>th</sup> April 2019 – 26<sup>th</sup> April 2019 – SCHOOL HOLIDAY.

6<sup>th</sup> May 2019 – BANK HOLIDAY.

7<sup>th</sup> May 2019 – 14<sup>th</sup> May 2019 – Welsh Government National Tests.

27<sup>th</sup> May 2019 -31<sup>st</sup> May 2019 – SCHOOL HOLIDAY.

3<sup>rd</sup> June 2019 – 14<sup>th</sup> June 2019 – Year 4 Swimming Lessons – Ynysawdre Pool.

17<sup>th</sup> June 2019 - 19<sup>th</sup> June 2019 – Year 6 Manor Adventure Trip.

24<sup>th</sup> June 2019 – 28<sup>th</sup> June 2019 – Year 5/6 Swimming Lessons – Ynysawdre Pool.

1<sup>st</sup> July 2019 – INSET DAY.

22<sup>nd</sup> July 2019 – INSET DAY.

23<sup>rd</sup> July 2019 – 1<sup>st</sup> September 2019 – SCHOOL HOLIDAY.

**OGMORE VALLEY SPECTRUM**

Are you looking for a friendly chat or support with a child going through diagnosis or already diagnosed with an Autism Spectrum Disorder?

Wednesday  
12-1pm  
Ogmore Life Centre

**PARENT SUPPORT GROUP**