



Newsletter/ Cylchlythyr

6th December 2018



Together We Soar to Success

Dear Parents & Guardians,

Attendance

This week, our whole school attendance is 93.5% (our target is 96%).

Congratulations to WAGTAIL Class with 98.1% and HERON Class with 98% for coming top of your departments!

Savers Club ...

Bridgend Lifesavers Credit Union would like to thank the staff, parents and children of Ogmore Vale Primary for their continued support, and very much looking forward to this excellent savings scheme developing further in 2019. As we approach the holidays, we would like to offer the children an opportunity to make a withdrawal from their savings. Forms will be available to download from the office or from the weekly collection. Forms should be returned to the school collection or to the office by 14th December. Please note that we prefer to limit cash withdrawals to £100, although we will still make arrangements to ensure that the money is collected by their guardian, where possible. Any withdrawals above that amount can be made through Bank Transfer to a nominated bank account. Any withdrawals requested after this date can be arranged directly with the credit union. Please note that children do not have to withdraw any money.

The last school savings collection will be held on Wednesday 12th December 2018. We look forward to seeing all the children again in the New Year when the savings re-start on Wednesday 16th January 2019.

PTA Christmas Disco

The PTA will be holding a Christmas Disco on **Thursday 20th December**, the times will be—

Nursery, Reception, Year 1 & 2 - 3.30pm– 4.30pm

(parents must remain with their children, thanks)

Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 - 4.45pm– 5.45pm.

£2 entry.

IMPORTANT REMINDER - In order to safeguard our children are a few changes to the procedures for school events held outside of the school day (e.g. PTA discos, leavers' parties etc.) **ALL children must be brought and collected from events by a responsible adult. Children will not be permitted to leave the premises without an adult to adult handover. Foundation Phase children must be accompanied throughout the event and junior children can be dropped off and collected from the main reception area.**

If there is an incident during the event (behavioural, accident etc.) then a member of staff will contact you. If your child is left at the end of an event a staff member will try to contact you, if unsuccessful, the child will remain in the school building with staff members for 30 minutes or as long as it takes for them to clear away. If a parent cannot be contacted then the protocol for a child left at school is initiated. Children's services will be contacted and we shall take your child to the nearest manned police station, this would be in Bridgend Police Station.

We want to ensure all children have fun and are safe at school and at after school events, thank you for your cooperation with this matter ☺

School Transport

From September 2016 the qualifying distance for free primary school transport changed from 1.5 miles to 2 miles and the qualifying distance for free secondary transport changed from 2 miles to 3 miles What this means is that for most learners, the policy change will not mean a loss of provision at the current distances. However, learners who are either starting their reception year, or year 7, and do not have siblings in the same school, will be impacted by the policy change from September 2016, and likewise year on year.

BCBC are conducting an engagement exercise to gather the views and information from learners regarding their walked routes to school. Parents and learners are encouraged to share their thoughts on their routes to school at

<https://www.snapsurveys.com/wh/s.asp?k=153417087251> .

Health & Safety

Please can parents be mindful of pupils coming out of school at the end of the day, and stand to the side of the path so there is a clear walkway in order to avoid pupils walking on the grass in wet weather as it is very slippery. Thank you.

Bikes & Scooter

Please can we remind pupils to dismount their bikes and scooters at the entrance of the school, and not ride around the school premises. Thank you.

Emergency contact Number...

Just a reminder that we have an out of hours 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.

Dates for the diary

- 10th December 2018 – Nursery/ Reception trip to FUSE.
- 11th December 2018 – Early Years Christmas Concert – 10am.
- 11th December 2018 – Year 3/4 Christmas Concert – 5.30pm.
- 12th December 2018 – Year 1/2 Christmas Concert – 10am.
- 12th December 2018 – Year 5/6 Christmas Concert – 5.30pm.
- 18th December 2018 – Year 1/2 Trip to Rumble in the Jungle.
- 19th December 2018 – Year 1/2 Trip to Rumble in the Jungle.
- 20th December 2018 – PTA Christmas Disco.
- 24th December 2018 – 4th January 2019 – SCHOOL HOLIDAY.
- 1st February 2019 – GO ORANGE – Muscular Dystrophy.
- 22nd February 2019 – St David's Day Celebrations.
- 25th February 2019 – 1st March 2019 – SCHOOL HOLIDAY.
- 15th March 2019 – Comic Relief - Red Nose Day.
- Week beginning 25th March 2019 – Parental Consultations
- 15th April 2019 – 26th April 2019 – SCHOOL HOLIDAY.
- 6th May 2019 – BANK HOLIDAY.
- 7th May 2019 – 14th May 2019 – Welsh Government National Tests.
- 27th May 2019 -31st May 2019 – SCHOOL HOLIDAY.
- 3rd June 2019 – 14th June 2019 – Year 4 Swimming Lessons – Ynysawdre Pool.
- 17th June 2019 - 19th June 2019 – Year 6 Manor Adventure Trip.
- 24th June 2019 – 28th June 2019 – Year 5/6 Swimming Lessons – Ynysawdre Pool.
- 1st July 2019 – INSET DAY.
- 22nd July 2019 – INSET DAY.
- 23rd July 2019 – 1st September 2019 – SCHOOL HOLIDAY.

Ogbmore Vale Primary
Christmas Disco
Thursday 20th December

Infants only
3.30-4.30

Juniors only
4.45-5.45

£2 Entry

**Infants must be accompanied by an adult
Juniors must be collected from the main hall**

Unfortunately no juniors are permitted in the infant disco and vice versa