

Newsletter/ Cylchlythyr

7th September 2018



Together We Soar to Success

Dear Parents & Guardians,

Welcome Back!

We hope you had a lovely break, it's been great to see the children excited about the new school year. Also, a big welcome to all new pupils who have started this week! ☺

We shall start the school year with a challenge! We would like to revamp our Friday assemblies and for this we will be focussing on celebrating our inspiring children. We ask that you help your child to design a new whole school certificate that we use each Friday in our assembly. This must include:

- The word INSPIRE.
- A space/box/line for child's name.
- A space/box/2 lines for teachers comment.

The closing date for the competition is Wednesday 19th September. Enjoy ☺

Attendance

This week, our whole school attendance is 94.9% (our target is 96%), we were so close last year and we would really like to smash the target this year.

Congratulations to ROBIN, WOODPECKER, WREN, HERON & GOSHAWK with 100% for coming top of your departments!

New Bus Pupil Procedure

Thank you to all parents for your co-operation this week and going forward with the new bus arrangements.

Please see the letter regarding these changes attached.

Free School Meal Changes to your Circumstances

Please can you inform our office as well as the council should your circumstances change in relation to your child's entitlement to free school meals. This will allow us to update our records sooner and prevent any arrears occurring on your child's account. If your circumstances change then you have the option to pay for your child's meal using the cashless system or provide a packed lunch. In order to avoid any embarrassment or distress, may I politely remind you that should you not inform the council and the school of the changes then you are responsible for the payment of all arrears regardless of the amount and whether you choose to provide packed lunches or not, a school meal will not be provided if there are arrears on the account.

Please contact the office to make an appointment to discuss repayment options or if you have any queries relating to your child's entitlement.

Savers Club ...

Savers Club will be starting back up on Wednesday 19th September, 8.30am to 9am in the Junior IT Suite. Thank you.

Water Bottles ...

Please can all parents provide a labelled bottle/flask of water each day for your child. We encourage the children to keep hydrated in order to promote healthy bodies.

Please make sure that the bottles are filled with **water only**. *Squash, flavoured water, juice or pop is not permitted.*

Changes to after school arrangements

Please note that we do not accept phone calls regarding changes to any after school arrangements for your child, i.e. going home with friends, and after school club arrangements, unless it is an **absolute** emergency.

Any changes need to be written in a letter and sent into your child's class teacher, or sent to the school office via email.

Lost Property ...

We have a large collection of lost property. Please contact the office if you are missing any items.

Dates for the diary

Monday 10th September – Year 3 trip to St Fagans.

Tuesday 11th September – Year 1/2 trip to Aberaven Lifeboat Station.

Wednesday 12th September – Year 4 & Goshawk trip to St Fagans.



End of Day Arrangements

Dear Parents/ Guardians,

We are introducing safer practices for end of the school day and the arrangements for school transport children.

From Monday 10th September 2018 the follow procedures will be in place for all children except NURSERY and TAXI children:

- All bus children will leave the class through the class external door (right side of building) and be escorted to the bus/ driveway by staff members.
- All children who do not use school transport will leave through the usual external class doors (left side of building).
- After school club children will be collected internally by relevant staff.

If your child is entitled to school transport but you **do not** wish for them to use this service you **must** sign the slip below and return to the office as soon as possible. If you choose this option then your child will leave the premises with the children who do not use school transport (left side of building).

IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO INFORM THE TEACHER IF THIS CHANGES.

It is also your responsibility to inform the class teacher if your child only accesses the bus on certain days of the week.

Please be mindful that at this time the staff are responsible for the safety of the children therefore please refrain for approaching staff with queries. If you wish to speak to a member of staff please either make an appointment or wait until the staff member returns to the school.

I thank you for your patience.

Warm Regards
Viv Thomas

SCHOOL TRANSPORT PUPILS ONLY

I **DO NOT** wish for my child/ren _____ to use the school transport.

I only want my child/ren to use the school transport on these days:

I understand that it is my responsibility to inform the class teacher if this arrangement changes.

Name of Parent/ Guardian: _____ Relationship to child: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

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