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Dear Parents and Carers,

Friday 8th October 2021

Thanks to those families who contributed to our silly sock day collection. Two very worthwhile charities will be benefitting – British Heart Foundation and Wallich, a Welsh homelessness charity. In total £260 was raised which will be split between the 2 charities.

Last Saturday, some Y5 pupils attended a celebration event to mark the successes of Hannah Mills, Olympic champion sailor. The event was a great success and Mrs Day and Mrs Bounds reported that the children were fantastic representatives of the school. Thanks to the parents for bringing the children and to the staff for looking after them.



Year 6

My apologies that the links were not working on the letter sent home last week. The permissions have now been adjusted so that they work. Gold star to the parents who worked out you could use your child's hwb login to get around the issue!

Morning drop off

I have concerns over some of the actions of parents dropping off in the mornings. These include the following actions which I feel are potentially risking injury:

- Pulling up alongside the cones in the layby – therefore the vehicle sticking out into the road.
- Stopping at the zebra crossing and allowing children to leave the car and then cross across the crossing – often not looking the other way.
- Pulling in to the entrance to Arbor Vale/School Car park and then turning around/reversing – this is highly dangerous for any pedestrians/children crossing the drive way.

Please can I ask that everyone parks considerately to ensure the safety of all.

Shwmae Day – Friday 15th October



Shwmae Day!

Dydd Gwener 15eg Hydref
Friday 15th October

We will be celebrating the Welsh Language Day with a day of ...

- Welsh activities
- Welsh songs
- Welsh games

Start a conversation with Shwmae

Wear colours of the Welsh flag red, green or white.

criw Cymraeg

We are celebrating Shwmae Day on Friday 15th October.

Come into school wearing colours of the Welsh flag.

Cofiwch – Remember

Greet everyone with a Shwmae! – Hello!

How many times can you say Shwmae in a day?

Diolch yn fawr,

Year 5 and 6 should still come in PE kit but could maybe wear something in the Welsh colours.

Harvest Collection

As in previous years, we intend to collect for the Vale Foodbank this year. From Monday and for the whole week, we are asking for donations from the list below. Boxes will be on the playground before and after school. We really hope you agree this a very worthwhile cause and through your donation, you will be helping people who are in crisis and in need of extra support.

Shopping List

Tinned Potatoes

Dried Packets of Rice

Pasta Sauce

Jam

Long Life Milk

Fruit Juice (long life)

Tinned Meat

Squash

Coffee

Chocolate Treats

New Toiletries:
Shampoo, Shower gel

Upcoming dates

w/c 11th October - Harvest Collection for the foodbank

Weds 13th October – Y3 trip to Cardiff Bay – the children should wear school uniform (with trainers if preferred) and bring a waterproof coat, packed lunch and a drink.

Fri 15th October - Shwmae Day – see poster above

Fri 15th October - Deadline for Photo orders.

Coronavirus update

As announced earlier in the week, there have been updates to the guidance for schools including that children under 5 are no longer to be tested. The following link may be useful to answer any questions about the new guidance. <https://gov.wales/schools-coronavirus-guidance>

Where necessary, our school risk assessment will be updated and placed on the website in due course.

I have been awarding regular Head teacher awards for those pupils who demonstrate our current value of generosity. This week the awards go to three girls in Year 4 - Emily, Ianah and Jasmine who have all demonstrated generosity through their kindness towards others. Da iawn merched!

Wishing you all a great weekend.

Yours faithfully,



Gen Hallett
Headteacher



Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.

(2 Corinthians 9:6-8)