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Dear Parents/Carers,

Friday 16th October 2020

A huge thank you to all who donated items to our harvest collection. The Vale Food Bank collected the items today and they were extremely grateful. We held another virtual worship this morning and despite a few technical issues we were able to celebrate together. Congratulations to Tom and Millie in Year 6 who have been elected as the school's Super Ambassadors. They met (virtually) with Sally Holland on Wednesday to find out about their challenges for the year. The House Captains have also been elected. Well done to Josh A and Lauren for Badgers; Oscar and Imogen for Otters; Daisy and Max for Squirrels and Nick and Gabriel for Hedgehogs.

Lunches

Next week, **w/c Monday 19th Oct** it will be the turn of **Years 4-6** to have hot meals again. On our return after half term **w/c Monday 2nd November** it will be the turn of **Rec to Year 3**. From there on, we will alternate every week. Please note, we will not be offering the cooked dinner on Thursdays as the vast majority want the sausage baguette (available to all). Please remember all children can still opt for the sandwich/baguette option every day. Reception and Year 1 pupils will receive their meals on the usual school plates/trays as they are sitting in the hall. The rest of the pupils will receive their food in the take away containers which are brought to their class rooms.

Parent, Teacher Consultations

For those who have already had their phone calls, I hope you found it useful. Y6 and Y4 will take place next week and then Nursery and Reception after half term (information to come out next week). Please contact the office if you are having any difficulties. Please do not email the teachers as they cannot access the booking system. Many thanks. I understand there was some confusion over the bookings for Year 1, given the job share. Mrs Day and Mr Walters both teach the class and therefore, I hope you agree that it should not have mattered which teacher you spoke to.

Wasteland Parking Warning

It has come to my attention that some young men were looking inside cars which were parked on the wasteland yesterday after school. They were certainly acting suspiciously so please be mindful of this in terms of leaving valuables on view in your vehicles.

Welsh Government links

I have listed some links to information from Welsh Government which you may find useful.

Test, Trace and Protect

<https://gov.wales/sites/default/files/publications/2020-10/test-trace-protect-information-for-parents-and-carers.pdf>

What to do if your child needs to self-isolate

<https://gov.wales/sites/default/files/publications/2020-10/what-to-do-if-your-child-needs-to-self-isolate.pdf>

Symptoms

<https://gov.wales/sites/default/files/publications/2020-10/dont-send-your-child-to-school-if-they-have-any-covid-19-symptoms.pdf>

General Restrictions – FAQs

<https://gov.wales/coronavirus-regulations-guidance>

Breakfast and After School Club (repeated message)

You may have heard on the news how many schools are struggling to open provision before and after school. When schools have worked so hard to put into place strict regimes, protected contact groups and copious staff training, we do not want all the hard work to go to waste and more importantly don't want to put anyone at greater risk. However, we are also mindful of the issues faced by working parents – indeed some of whom work in schools. Governors and I have discussed our issues and concerns at length and I am pleased to let you know that a slimmed down provision will be offered after half term. The numbers will be restricted to 16 in any session and the children will be kept in bubbles within the hall. Those parents will be contacted directly by the club with further details. Please be aware that in the case of a positive case of coronavirus in any pupil in these sessions, it is highly likely that Public Health Wales would ask the whole group to isolate in addition to the child's class contact group or 'bubble' as would be the case with the school bus. To reassure all parents, the staff running the groups will be expected to follow all of the school's established routines and procedures including the wearing of face coverings (adults only), hand hygiene, cleaning and the use of PPE. I will monitor both sessions regularly and feedback to governors. If at any point we have concerns about anything we feel may put people at risk, rest assured we would stop the provision.

INSET Days (Repeated message)

These are currently planned as follows:

- Monday 4th January
- Friday 26th March
- Wednesday 23rd June
- Monday 19th July
- Tuesday 20th July

You will no doubt have heard in the news and following Mark Drakeford's update earlier, discussions around a possible 'circuit breaker' in the coming weeks in response to the increasing numbers of community transmitted cases of Coronavirus. At present, head teachers are in discussions with the Local Authority in order to plan for various scenarios. However, the LA members and Headteachers have very little access to information other than that in the media etc. Rest assured, I will keep you updated as I always have done throughout the pandemic. At the moment, it is business as usual and we will see you all on Monday!

Wishing you a lovely weekend.

Yours faithfully,



Headteacher



**Our Super Ambassadors with the donations
for the Food Bank. Diolch yn fawr!**

Our value this half term is Thankfulness:

***Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.
(Psalms 100:4)***