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Dear Parents,

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2020

As there was no newsletter last week, I would like to take the opportunity to wish you all a very happy new year. The children have settle in well to the new term and the school is buzzing with activity and learning. Year 4 and 5 attended the finals of a Diocesan inter faith schools cricket competition on Wednesday. Whilst the children didn't win, they were very worthy runners up and the reports from staff were that they played with determination and behaved brilliantly. Well done to them and thank you to the parents who assisted the staff on the day.

Kate Derbyshire, a local artist visited us this week to begin working with the children on designs for our new art work for our Worship wall in the hall. Every child from Nursery to Y6 was involved and this approach will continue with the production of the art when Kate returns in a few weeks.

Thank you to mum of Annwen in Reception who visited the class to talk about her job as a vet on Thursday. If any parents think they could come to talk about their job, please do let your class teacher know as this is a lovely way to share ideas with the children about the world of work.

### **Midday Supervisor**

Due to family commitments, Mrs Hale one of our midday supervisors has decided to finish at the end of the month. We are very grateful for her years of service and dedication to the school. This does however mean we that we are in the process of looking for a replacement. If this is something you think you may be interested in, or if you know someone who might be, please follow the link below and/or ask Mrs Green if you have any queries.

[https://www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/en/our\\_council/jobs/details.aspx?jobId=701&jobTitle=Midday%20Supervisor%20-%20St%20Andrew%27s%20Major%20C%2FW%20Primary%20School](https://www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/en/our_council/jobs/details.aspx?jobId=701&jobTitle=Midday%20Supervisor%20-%20St%20Andrew%27s%20Major%20C%2FW%20Primary%20School)

## Dates and clubs

I have emailed out a list of dates for the term ahead and children in Y2-Y6 have already received letters about clubs.

## Parents' Evening and parent forum

We have decided to split parents' evening over 2 weeks this term to see if it improves workload pressure on teaching staff. These will take place as indicated on the dates list on Tues 17<sup>th</sup> and Weds 25<sup>th</sup> March.

On Weds 26<sup>th</sup> February, I will be holding a parent forum in order to gather feedback from you on ways in which we can move the school forward in the future. I would like as many parents as possible to attend in order to get a real flavour of issues or ideas you may have. For this reason I intend to hold 2 sessions at 9.15am and 5.30pm. Please note that whilst younger pre-school siblings are welcome, I would prefer it if pupils do not attend the 5.30 session and I hope this gives enough notice to arrange any childcare if needed. This will be a collective and open forum for whole school issues rather than issues related to individual pupils. Obviously these issues can be raised directly with class teachers or me if necessary as is already the case.

## Next Week

I will be away from school next week as I will be involved in an inspection in a school in another Local Authority. In my absence, as always, Mrs Bayliss will be available if you have any queries or concerns that your child's class teacher cannot help you with.

Wishing everyone a lovely weekend.

Yours faithfully,



Headteacher

Our focus value this half term is 'Courage':

***Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the LORD your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you.***

***(Deuteronomy 31:6)***