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Dear Parents and Carers,

Friday 18th February 2022

Well what a strange end to the half term. I hope everyone is staying safe and managing to do some of the remote learning that teachers were working on after school last night. It has been another busy week with final preparations for St David's Day which is fast approaching. PC Alex visited Reception to talk about people who help us and Year 1 learned about making safe and unsafe choices and the importance of learning their address – maybe something to work on over half term. PC Alex also took the opportunity to pop into Year 6 to remind them of being kind online. She will be back to look at this in more detail with the class after half term. Despite the weather during the week, some outdoor learning activities have still taken place and I would like to thank the PTA again for enabling the purchase of the waterproofs which make this possible. I would like to reassure you that we always risk assess outdoor activities during inclement weather, particularly with the number of large trees on site.



St David's Day/ Shrove Tuesday special menu (Tuesday 1st March)

The meal option for this day will be as follows:-

- Welsh Beef Burger in a bap served with chips and baked beans
 - Vegetarian/Vegan option - Quorn burger in a bap served with chips and baked beans
 - Halal option - Halal burger in a bap with chips and baked beans
- Dessert will be pancakes with syrup or Welsh cakes

For the allergen free menu

- Chicken fillet with BBQ sauce served with chips and peas.
- AF jelly or AF shortbread.

Message from our School Nurse

Are you aware that we still have a school nursing service? Parents and carers can contact us on 01446 704114 for any health matters concerns or queries about your child.

School Ping

A reminder that following half term we will only use School Ping to communicate with parents so please make sure you sign up. Any problems, please do ask the office for support. You can still communicate with school in the usual ways – telephone and email. We will also continue to use Twitter to share events and activities.

Covid update

Following instruction from Welsh Government and guidance from the Local Authority, we will revert to use of the 'Local COVID-19 infection control decision framework for schools' after half term. Key to keeping everyone safe is the ongoing focus on hand washing and maximising ventilation. We now have CO2 monitors in every room of the school and this helps us monitor the levels and where possible increase ventilation when needed. We also ask that you continue to be vigilant for symptoms and stay away from school where necessary. I am currently updating the Covid Risk Assessment which will be on the website after half term. Some of the changes after half term will include:

- All staff taking LFTs twice a week (previously 3 times a week)
- Staff are no longer required to wear masks in classrooms. All adults including visitors and parents will be required to wear masks in all communal areas of the school, including at drop off and pick up.
- All children will return to the hall for lunch. We recently deemed it safe to bring Year 4 back in and Year 5 and 6 will be able to join them after half term.
- There will be some Worship sessions in the hall but only 2 or 3 classes at a time and restricted to short periods.
- Since September, there have been no requirements to keep classes in 'bubbles' but we still feel this is beneficial where we can. However, we feel it important for this not to impact on the pupils' learning. There will be some mixing of Reception and Year 1 pupils in order to effectively deliver Read Write Inc. sessions but this will be for a short period only. This would obviously be reviewed if we become aware of cases in either class.
- Sand and playdough has been reintroduced into Nursery and Reception as this is also a very valuable resource in Early Years development. However, staff are replacing with new sand and dough every day.
- Dressing up clothes are now permitted in Nursery and Reception – again, a very valuable resource for our youngest pupils.

Upcoming dates (all on the PING Calendar from now on)

21st to 25th February – HALF TERM

1st March – St David's Day – Welsh costumes/rugby shirts can be worn. The home task competition will be shared on seesaw. Entries must be returned on Mon 28th February.

21-23 March – Year 5 Residential to Llangrannog

28 March – 8th April – Year 5 Swimming lessons

11th to 22nd April – Easter Holiday

25th April – INSET day

I would like to wish all our families and staff a restful and enjoyable break. I look forward to seeing you all on Monday February 28th as we all begin to look towards the coming of spring and the hope that this always brings. Let's hope the weather improves for next week. Stay safe everyone!

Yours faithfully,



Gen Hallett
Headteacher

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)