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Dear Parents/Carers,

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Relationships and Sexuality Education (RSE)

Please see an important letter from Miss Frangoulis which was emailed out yesterday. To mark Pride month, the children can come dressed in a rainbow t-shirt on the day of the Skipathon. They will be in PE kit anyway so can wear their usual PE t-shirt if they wish or they could wear a t-shirt with a rainbow or a t-shirt in any colour of the rainbow. 'Pride' will be discussed with children in an age appropriate way and we will focus on respect and love for all people which is already a huge part of our teaching and learning of Values as a Faith School. As Miss Frangoulis said in her letter, any questions, please do get in touch.

Uniform and a change to PE Kit for September

Due to the Covid restrictions, we decided to allow children to come to school in their PE kits on the relevant days. We really feel this approach is beneficial in terms of time wasted getting changed as well as issues around forgotten or lost kit. Therefore, we have decided to continue this approach next year. However, on these days, we still want the children to be proud of their 'uniform' and indeed the smart appearance of our pupils is something the school has always been proud of. We have decided to introduce a training style top with the updated school logo (at the top of this letter) which will be specifically for PE/Well-being days and can be worn over the usual house t-shirt. I would suggest that these are bought to replace one of the usual cardigans/jumpers. If you do not wish your child to have one, they can continue to wear the usual school jumper as they are now. At present we are unable to get the tops in smaller sizes so we intend to offer these to **Y2 to Y6 initially**. These tops will be included on the uniform list which the office will email out.



We would be very grateful if all uniform/PE kit orders for September could come in as soon as possible in order for the office to process the orders so that where possible you have the items prior to the term starting.



Skipping Challenge (Repeated message)

We will be holding a Skipathon on 30th June to raise funds for the PTA, so the children have just over two weeks to improve on their scores. This is the link to the PTA's Local Giving Fundraising page which can be shared with family and friends who may wish to sponsor your child.

<https://Localgiving.org/fundraising/sams-skipathon>



School Vision (Repeated message)

I have only received 6 responses so far so please do take part 😊

With the curriculum reforms taking place in Wales, we are revisiting and updating our school vision to make sure it is still relevant to our shared aims. Please help us to make sure that you and your child (ren) are represented in our school vision by completing a short survey. We will be doing similar activities with the children but feel free to discuss the questions at home too. We will also be asking staff and governors including Father Andrew to take part and staff will then be working on developing the new vision on our INSET day on 23rd June. Please note, you only need to complete one survey for the whole family. The survey will close on Monday 21st June at 12 noon.

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=Ug4_TzS3ZEGUCRtgHRR5k5sTZ8rn83NIhuiGLncxhvBUOUNFRVpXVjE3TUtMUDVMSFhBWVVMOEEdYWS4u

Covid Update

I have been in a Local Authority meeting today where headteachers were given details about the increase in cases across The Vale. With the Delta variant, it is apparently even more important to be on the look out for the wider symptoms (as well as the main ones). If younger children have a runny nose and/or sore throat, it is advisable that you seek a PCR test for them. With the wider symptoms, the child can remain in school whilst you wait for the results. Please remember a lateral flow test is not advised for anyone who is displaying symptoms.

Staffing for September

We are currently in the process of finalising our staffing arrangements for September and I will share this with you before the end of term. However, one announcement I feel it important to announce is that Mrs Bayliss the school's Deputy Head will be taking up a secondment post of acting Headteacher in another local school. This will begin in September and will be for one year with Mrs Bayliss returning in September 2022. We have already appointed an excellent teacher, Miss Sian Jewell, to teach in the Nursery next year. Parents and children will meet Miss Jewell in the Zoom meeting on the 30th June as well in the meetings on the 12th and 13th July. The governors and I are in full support of this secondment and I would like to congratulate Mrs Bayliss. With regards to how we cover the Deputy Head and Additional Learning Needs role that Mrs Bayliss leaves, this will also be confirmed in due course. Rest assured, we consider staffing to be the most important and valuable 'resource' in our school and as always will work hard to ensure the children get the best possible adults to teach and care for them.

Reminders/Dates:

w/c 21st June – Reception to Year 3 hot lunches.

21st June – Class Photos

23rd June – INSET day

28th June at 5pm – Zoom for parents of Reception intake September 2021.

30th June at 5pm – Zoom for parents of Nursery intake September 2021.

Mon 12th and Tues 13th July – Meetings for New Nursery parents and children.

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours faithfully,



Gen Hallett
Headteacher



Our focus value for this half term is Truthfulness.

*Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.
(John 8:32)*