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Dear Parents/Carers,

Friday 18th September 2020

Another busy but successful week. Well done to Reception who are now all in full time and have been amazing! Welcome also to Nursery who were so grown up when they came in for their induction visits.

There are a number of repeated messages below but I want to ensure everyone is kept fully informed. Please ensure you take note of the arrangements for outdoor activities and wearing different clothes on particular days – please see allocated days which are also explained below. Please take note of the very useful information from Public Health Wales which is attached with the newsletter.

Staggered start/drop off

A huge thank you to for following our one way systems at drop off and collection times. The system is working well and will continue next week as Nursery join for full sessions.

3pm	Bus children escorted to the Bus
3pm	Parents of Nursery and Reception pupils will line up on the red spots . These parents will enter first and follow the same one way system. If there are older siblings, you will be asked to rejoin the red spots outside the gate.
3.10-3.20	Any parents on the red spots will be allowed in to collect siblings from Y1 to Y6 first. Then those parents on yellow spots will be allowed in as usual.
3.20	Y6 pupils walk home (where we have been received permission)

Please remember:

- Only 1 adult per family to enter the queue/site.
- At drop off, if the children are happy to go in without you then please feel free to drop them at the gate.
- No dogs on site and please
- Observe social distancing at all times.

Uniform

Thank you for your support with uniform – the children are looking so smart! Please remember that we do expect school shoes - **no trainers please**. (With the exception of well-being days – see below) Please label **all** clothing. We are already finding lost property with no names on, which is especially problematic with younger children.

Homework/Spelling

We are currently putting into place our plans for home learning using an easy to use platform. More info will be sent out next week and the first homework will be set next Friday. This will also be the system we use in the case of any classes being sent home to self-isolate. The children in KS2 have been practicing their spellings in class so please do not worry about this at the moment. Bug Club will continue as normal in Y1 to Y6.

PE/Outdoors (Repeated Message)

As a school, we recognise the importance of pupils' well-being and the fact that this is key to success in all other areas of their school life. We have therefore decided to have a focused well-being day for each class every week. This day will include PE, outdoor learning, Values and other activities to enhance good mental and physical health. Organising it this way will also help with managing the strict contact groups and issues over PE kit etc. On their allocated day, the pupils **must come dressed in PE kit and trainers**. No PE kits to be brought to school please. This is as follows:

- PE t-shirt in the colour of their house. We have these available from the office. Alternatively your child can wear a plain t-shirt in the correct colour. No brand logos please.
- Black shorts, joggers or leggings. No brands or stripes please.
- Any trainers
- Usual school jumper i.e. red (doesn't have to have the school badge)
- The children should bring a sensible coat with a hood every day – but especially on their well-being day.
- They will need wellies. For pupils in Nursery to Year 4, please provide a pair of labelled wellies that will remain in school. Year 5 and 6 will need to bring labelled wellies on their allocated day but at present we cannot store them in school.

This will start **next week from Mon 21st** September as follows:

Mondays	Reception / Year 2
Tuesdays	Year 3 / Year 4
Wednesdays	-
Thursdays	Year 1 / Nursery
Fridays	Year 5 / Year 6

Please rest assured, although there are 2 classes listed for each day, the classes **will not be mixed** and will be doing activities at different times. Any equipment used will be cleaned between classes.

Contact details (repeated message)

We are hoping (and praying) that we will be able to remain open to all pupils for as long as possible. However, given the current situation with some schools in Wales, we could face a partial or full closure at any time. Please ensure we have up to date contact details – email and phone numbers as we need to ensure all communication methods are open to us. Whether this is for a situation when your child becomes unwell whilst in school; for track and trace requirements; or for home learning etc.

If ever you lose sight of any information/newsletters amongst your busy inbox, please remember that I tend to put the most important communications on the website in the 'News' section.

Yours faithfully,



Headteacher

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)