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Dear Parents/Carers,

Friday 20th November 2020

It has been another busy week with fantastic well-being days and work around anti-bullying week. Due to restrictions with contact groups etc., the wet weather makes things much more challenging for children and staff. I am very grateful to the exhausted but committed staff and very proud of the behaviour and flexibility of the children.

I would like to apologise again for the inconvenience of the roadworks outside the school – in particular the very unfortunate position of the work taking place near the zebra crossing and pavement heading to the school. To be honest, I was furious that no-one from the Local Authority or Wales and West had made contact with me to discuss the situation and any associated risks - I certainly let them know of my feelings on the matter. I have asked them to limit, if not cease work at the busy times – in particular the end of the day to reduce risk to families. I also asked them to observe social distancing. They inform me that the works will take at least another week (possibly longer) so please do take extra care and be very vigilant with the children.

School Admissions for September 2021

Applications for Reception in 2021 are now open on the Local Authority (LA) website. Please remember your child being in Nursery **does not** automatically mean they have a place in Reception. **You must apply again.**

Year 6 parents, please remember applications for places in Year 7 close on 27th November. Even if you hope for your child to go to a non-maintained school such as St Richard Gwyn or The Bishop of Llandaff, I urge you to have the back up of a LA application.

Information on applications for Reception and Year 7 can be found via the following link

<https://www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/en/living/schools/admissions/School-Admissions.aspx>

Nursery 2021 applications will open in January but are managed by the school not the LA. Information is on our website and we will remind you.

Christmas Cards / Foodbank Collection (Repeated message)

We know how many children like to bring in Christmas cards and don't want to spoil their fun. I have therefore risk assessed this and have decided to allow it but please read the following carefully.

- Cards can only be given to children in their own contact bubble (class). Please ensure names are clear.
- Cards must only come into school during the penultimate week of term 7th to 11th December.
- Cards will be stored in a box in the class and will then be given out by staff from Tuesday 15th December to ensure an adequate period of quarantine.
- Please **do not** under any circumstances lick the envelopes. They can be tucked in, stuck with tape or maybe even a Christmas sticker. This is so important to avoid spreading the virus. **Stick don't lick!**
- Please note, any cards that come in before or after the collection week, will be sent back home.
- Please do not give/accept cards on the playground.
- Please explain the above to your child.

As I explained in a previous newsletter, instead of staff presents this year, we will be collecting selection boxes/boxes of chocolates for the Vale Foodbank. We will collect these during the same week 7th to 11th December (Not before please).

Reminders/Dates

- Y4-Y6 have hot dinners next week 23rd Nov (Please remember all children must have a water bottle every day – whether they have school dinners or not).
- Throughout next week - Y2 – Y6 – well-being questionnaires carried out with our support staff.

Wishing everyone a lovely weekend.

Yours faithfully,



Headteacher

Our value this half term is Trust:

Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.

(Proverbs 3: 5-6)