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Dear Parents/Carers,

Friday 25th June 2021

There are a number of repeated messages below to ensure everyone sees them. The children have been busy preparing for their sports days which will take place next week. These will be competitive in nature and we will still be collating scores and awarding the winning house the Sports Day Cup! Look out for pictures on Twitter next week.

These are mainly taking place on well-being days but please check below:

Tuesday - Year 3 and 4

Wednesday - Reception

Thursday – Nursery, Year 1 and Year 2

Friday – Year 5 and 6

Children can obviously come to school in their PE Kit. Please make sure they also have a water bottle and sun hat.

End of term gifts and cards

A few parents have asked me about gifts from the children for their teachers/LSAs. Please remember, we do not need gifts and really don't want you to feel obliged/pressurised into doing this. However, for those who would like to do so, please can I ask you to adhere to the following:

Whilst the evidence is indicating there is very minimal risk of the virus being transmitted via surfaces/touch, we are still following the Welsh Government Operation Guidance for schools. As such, items brought in from outside school need to be quarantined for 72 hours. As you can imagine, storing and then distributing potentially 100s of gifts would be extremely challenging. Please can I request that there are class collections instead and then 1 card/voucher/gift is bought for the member of staff. These would then need to be in school by **Mon 12th July** for the office staff to quarantine. I really appreciate your support with this.

ParentPay accounts

Please ensure accounts are kept in credit and that all outstanding payments are cleared as soon as possible and definitely before the end of term. Thanks for your cooperation with this.

Uniform and a change to PE Kit for September (Repeated message)

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>



Reminders/Dates:

w/c 28th June – Year 4-6 hot lunches.

Weds 30th – Skipathon and Pride RSE work – PE kits/rainbow t-shirts worn by all.

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.

16th, 19th & 20th July – INSET days

Like other schools in the area, we have low numbers for Nursery for September. We also have spaces in the current Year 1 class. Our pupil numbers have a direct impact on our budget so please do let people know if they are looking for a place in Nursery or Year 2 in September.

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G Hallett', written in a cursive style.

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)