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Dear Parents and Carers,

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Year 5 have now completed their swimming course. The instructors at Cogan Leisure Centre made a point of telling school staff how impressed they were, not only with their competent swimming but also their good listening skills and excellent behaviour. I am so pleased when I hear such fantastic reports – da iawn Blwyddyn 5!

Year 3 had a lovely trip to Technquest on Wednesday and I know they learned lots whilst having fun. Mr Trigg and the staff were very proud of the children's behaviour as well as their excellent questioning and enquiry skills!

It was so wonderful to be back in church with Father Andrew this morning. It is hard to believe that we have not been to St Peter's as a school for almost 3 years! The children sang beautifully and a number of them also read sections of the fantastic prayers that they wrote for homework. Well done also to the Year 6 readers. All the children walked to and from church very sensibly and were very respectful and well behaved when they were in church. Thank you to our governors who helped to walk the children down and joined us for the service.



Thank you to those who have sent in the envelopes with donations for Christian Aid. Please can any remaining envelopes be sent in after half term.

Sports Day arrangements

I will send out further details after half term but in case you are planning to take time off from work to attend these, the timings will be as follows:

29th June - Nursery pupils will come in to class at their usual time as there will be 2 separate sports day sessions. The staff will aim to start around 15-20 minutes after the children come in so you should not have long to wait.

30th June – Reception to Year 2 Sports Day will start at approximately 9:15am Y3 to Y6 Sports Day will start at approximately 1pm.

Lunches

Please note, when we return after half term, we will be following week 1 of the menu. There are a number of parentpay accounts that are in arrears. I would be very grateful if these accounts are cleared as soon as possible. Please do speak to us if you have any issues.

National Tests in Year 2 to Year 6 (Repeated)

These will be taking place after half term (Year 6 have already started them due to their Manor trip). There are 3 tests in total – Reading, Numeracy Procedural and Numeracy Reasoning.

The tests are all carried out online and are personalised by the system. As the children progress through the test, the questions are adjusted to suit their ability i.e. if they are struggling, the questions may become easier and if they are doing well, they get more difficult. All the tests offer standardised scores to provide us with information on how well the children are doing and which areas need further development. We do not want the children to be concerned about these tests (or quizzes as we call them with younger children). We tell them that they are just done to help the teachers know what they need to teach them next. If you have any questions or queries, please contact your child's class teacher.

Upcoming dates (all on the PING)

30th May to 3rd June	Half term break
7th June	Class Photos
14th June	Stanwell transition day
16th June	Year 2 and Year 4 visit to Llandaff Cathedral
17th June	INSET day
20th to 24th June	Year 6 Manor Adventure Residential
29th June	Nursery Sports Day (Parents Welcome)
29th June	St Cyres Transition Day
30th June	Sports Day (Rec-Y2 morning / Y3-Y6 afternoon) Parents are welcome
1st July	Nursery and Reception Induction (No Nursery sessions for current Nursery)
1st July	Year 5 visit to Saint Richard Gwyn School
4th July	Reserve Nursery Sports Day
5th July	Reserve Sports Day
12th July	Year 5 trip to Llandegfedd
13th July	Year 3 and 4 trip to Porthkerry
14th July	Year 6 Diocesan Leavers' Service at Llandaff Cathedral (Pupils only)
14th July	Reception, Y1, Y2 trip to Mountain View Ranch
18th July	Year 6 Leavers' bowling trip
20th July	Leavers' Presentation in the Parish Hall (Y6 parents can attend)
21st/22nd July	INSET days

As a school we are so grateful for the work that our volunteer governors do. Mrs Margaret Hayley has been a governor at St Andrew's for a number of years but more importantly she has been a wonderful friend to us all. As Mrs Hayley's current term as a governor comes to an end, I would like to say a huge thank you to her for her service to our school. We hope that she will still come in to listen to the children read and maybe visit us as Her Majesty The Queen (as she did today).



What a wonderful end to the half term we have had. Following our service at St Peter's this morning, the children have been engaged in various activities on the topic of The Queen



and the Jubilee. We had a picnic lunch and then a visit from the ice cream van this afternoon – we have been so lucky with the beautiful sunshine! We are also giving every pupil a commemorative mug. Sadly there was an issue with the delivery of the mugs and Y5 and Y6 generously offered to wait for their mugs so that the younger pupils could have theirs today. There is a special book for each pupil, although these are due to be delivered to Welsh schools in September.

I do hope you all have a lovely half term break and I look forward to seeing you all back in school on Monday 6th June.

Yours faithfully,

Gen Hallett
Headteacher

