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Dear Parents/Carers,

Friday 27th November 2020

What a chilly couple of days! It is lovely to see you all on the gate and I would like to thank you so much for wearing face coverings as requested by Welsh Government. This is now an expectation, however I do understand that some people are exempt from wearing them and as such could wear an exemption lanyard or badge. Please ensure this is visible when coming to the school. Also please remember only one adult to enter the site. Please also pass this on to whoever picks up your child/ren.

PTA

The PTA are an invaluable resource to the school and I am extremely grateful for their commitment and hard work. The group provide essential funding for the school as well as putting on events for the whole school community (under normal circumstances). The PTA held a virtual AGM on Wednesday and although there were a few new members, they are very short on numbers. They really do need class reps in order to ensure communication between the PTA and parents e.g. through WhatsApp class groups. This is especially needed in Nursery and Reception. The PTA didn't elect officials on Wednesday but intend to do so at the next meeting. If you think you could help the PTA in anyway please contact them on their Facebook page (direct messaging) or email sams_pta@yahoo.co.uk

School Admissions for September 2021 (Repeated)

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 today. 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 – change to dates

Please note, we have decided to bring forward the date for bringing in cards as there will be so much going on in the last week. Otherwise the arrangements have not changed as listed below.

- 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 period of **Monday 30th November to Monday 7th December**. After the 7th, we will not be able to accept any cards and they will be sent home with your child. Therefore, please ensure they are in on time to avoid your child becoming upset.
- Cards will be stored in a box in the class and will then be given out by staff on Friday 11th Dec 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 still collect these during the week 7th to 11th December.

Reminders/Dates

- Rec to Y3 have hot dinners next week 30th Nov (Please remember all children must have a water bottle every day – whether they have school dinners or not).
- From Monday 30th until Monday 7th, Christmas cards can come in (see above)

There is another attachment with the newsletter explaining how we are selling some bespoke glass stars. Please do take a look.

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)