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Dear Parents,

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Weekly News

We celebrated St David's Day in style today, despite the rain! The children have all taken part in the various activities with excitement and enthusiasm. Classes shared their folk dances and songs this morning and then this afternoon we held our Eisteddfod in the hall. Some of our governors judged the on stage competitions and staff judged the off stage ones. Congratulations to all the children but special 'Llongyfarchiadau' to the winning house Hedgehogs and to Lennon in Year 6 who was crowned as this year's Bard. The staff and I would like to thank you for supporting the children in their amazing creations for this year's Home Task. They really were outstanding and extremely difficult to judge!

Thank you all for your cooperation and patience this morning whilst the filming crew began to arrive. They were very helpful and supported us in ensuring we could get the children into school safely. The weather did mean they had to adjust their plans so the sheltered area along the infant classes was used instead of the playground. The filming has not impacted on the school day and we look forward to seeing the scenes in the future.

Parent Forums

A huge thank you to the parents who attended the meetings on Wednesday. Mrs Bayliss, Mrs Jenkins Welch and I feel that it was a very worthwhile activity and gave us an opportunity to hear and discuss ideas and opinions of parents whilst sharing some of our current priorities and developments. We will be sharing some of the findings and ideas with the rest of the staff and will keep you posted on any changes or future plans. Given the positive feedback we received about the forums, it is definitely something which we will repeat and I hope even more parents will join us next time.

Email and Texts

These are the obviously the main means of communication between school and home and some parents at the forum raised questions over whether a spouse or partner could also receive texts/emails. This is possible and if this is something that would be useful to you then please do let the office know. Please be aware that the updates or changes may take a few weeks to be activated.

End of the school day

Another thing which was discussed during the forum was the issue around the congestion at the school gate, particularly at pick up time. It is something that we will look to address more practically in the future but in the meantime, can I ask all parents and grandparents not to congregate around the path area and gate in order to ensure the safety of everyone. Also please remember the layby is strictly for drop off only and under no circumstances should parents be getting out of their car or leaving the car in the lay-by.

School Lunches

We have reviewed some of the options with the school cook. From now on, week 1 Monday's lunch will change from Mac and Cheese to Pasta Bake. Chilli Poutine is simply Chilli with wedges.

Fairtrade Coffee Afternoon

The Dinas Powys Fairtrade group will be holding a coffee afternoon at the school on Tuesday at 2.15pm. The eco committee will be doing a presentation about Fairtrade and the school choir will entertain parents. We hope to see some of you there.

World Book Day

World Book Day is on Thurs 5th March. We would love the children to dress up as a character from their favourite book. Parents of Year 4 pupils please note that the children will be going swimming that morning so you may want to consider this when deciding on a costume.

DATES FOR NEXT WEEK

LAST WEEK OF CLUBS

Year 4 Swimming begins

Tues 3rd March - Magistrates in the Community workshop for Year 6

Tues 3rd March – Fairtrade Coffee afternoon

Thurs 5th March – World Book Day

Fri 6th March – Joint School Council Meeting at St Cyres

Sunday 8th March – **Year 1 Contribution to Service at St Peter's at 10.30**

Wishing everyone a great weekend. Happy St David's Day for Sunday.

Yours faithfully,



Headteacher

Our value this half term is Forgiveness:

Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. (Colossians 3:13)