



Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2018

Dear Parents, Annwyl Rhieni,

The children have settled quickly back into the routines of school life and we are already well into a busy and exciting summer term and hopefully looking forward to some warmer weather! The National Tests are over and we have returned to our creative curriculum; enabling the children to learn through relevant, first hand experiences. Our project approach to learning promotes the development of self-esteem, independent learning, key skills, understanding of social values and awareness of global issues whilst enabling the children to acquire new skills concepts and knowledge. This term's class themes continue to inspire the children to succeed in a range of interesting and motivating activities - this is reflected in the superb learning outcomes produced by all the children - **WELL DONE!**

### Curriculum Updates

Your child's teacher has already published this term's curriculum update on our website. If you would like a hard copy from school please ask, otherwise no hard copies will be given out.

These updates are designed to inform you of the areas of the curriculum to be covered each term and to enable you to support your child in their learning. We continue to encourage pupil participation in shaping our curriculum; pupils are involved in generating ideas for learning opportunities and regularly reflect on how they are developing as: ambitious capable learners, healthy confident individuals, ethical informed citizens and enterprising creative contributors.

We place enormous value on the partnership between home and school and hope that you will work with us to enable your child to achieve their full potential. Any parents, who are willing to help in school in any way, or who have expertise in particular areas and are willing to share this with us, please contact your child's class teacher.

### Warmer Weather!

During the warmer weather we encourage the children to wear hats on the yard and to have sun cream on when they come to school. A number of products which only need applying once a day are now available. We discourage the children from bringing sun cream to school to apply themselves, for obvious reasons! If anyone has any specific concerns about this, please don't hesitate to speak to me. Also please make sure the children **bring a drink of water to school in a refillable plastic water bottle with a sports cap.**

### Reception New Intake Meeting

A meeting for reception parents for the September 2018 intake has been arranged for **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> June at 6pm** in the school hall. At the meeting the school handbooks will be distributed and dates and times for the new reception pupils to spend an hour in the reception class during the summer term will be given out. Information will also be given about what to expect when the children start school in September.

### PTA.

Fantastic news! The recent PTA events - Foundation Phase and Key Stage 2 film nights, and the Smarties Challenge - have raised an amazing **£1191.80!** Thank you to all those people who were able to support these events and to the PTA for organising the events - the children thoroughly enjoyed them!

The next PTA events are the FP and KS2 Discos on **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May** and the Summer BBQ which is being held on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> June. This is always a really super family evening so please come along and support us.

### Parentpay - for school trips

You are now able to give consent for your child to attend a trip when paying on Parentpay as well as any medical information you may wish us to know that is relative to the visit. Reducing the need to return a signed permission slip. Nursery snack payments can also be made via Parentpay.

### Mrs McArdell

**HUGE** congratulations to Mr & Mrs McArdell and Harri on the safe arrival of Liliwen Judith on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April weighing 8lb 5oz. We are all thrilled for you.

## Parental Questionnaire

The **parental questionnaire** has been emailed out to all parents today. Please take a few moments to visit the link in your email and complete the questionnaire **by Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May**. We ask that you complete the survey one per family. Your feedback is very important to us as we are always looking at ways we can improve our school.

## Curriculum Reform Sharing Event -Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> June, 6.00pm to 8.00pm

We are holding a Curriculum Reform event to show how we have been developing our curriculum. Developments are in response to recommendations set out in Donaldson's Successful Futures and in relation to Welsh Government's action plan 2017 - 2021 as set out in Education in Wales: our national mission.

During the evening you will have an opportunity to speak to staff and pupils and to have a look in classrooms at displays, planning and project work. We will also be entertained by the Year 5 class who will be playing glockenspiels, dance club who will be performing two dances and our fabulous orchestra.

Also as part of our sharing event, members of the Governing Body will share a brief analysis of the parental questionnaire results and will be available to chat informally about any concerns / suggestions for future developments.

## Communication

We are trying to reduce costs to the school by emailing information to parents/guardians as much as possible, also so many letters get lost/forgotten and never find their way home. If you have not been receiving information this way, we may not have the correct details for you - please email the school with your email address so we can update our system. [glasllwch.primary@newport.gov.uk](mailto:glasllwch.primary@newport.gov.uk) Each parent can have up to two email addresses. Also, if you change your mobile number at any time do remember to let us know. Thank you

## Superstars

SuperStars will be in school during the May half-term break (Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> May - Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June), running their Multi-Sports Holiday Course. The course is suitable for all children aged 4-11 and runs from 8.45-15.30 Daily (Mini Stars - 4 year olds finish at 13:00, SuperStars - aged 5+ finish at 15:30). For more information and to book please get in touch with SuperStars directly via their website <https://bookings.super-stars.org.uk/> or call 02920 090 503.

## National Test Results

Well done to all the children in Years 2-6 who took the National Tests last week. All of the children worked really hard and did their best! We are very proud of them all! More information regarding the test results will be made available to parents towards the end of the summer term.

## New Roof

We are pleased to say that the scheduled building work that has been taking place to replace the school roof has now been completed and all scaffolding, building materials and fencing have been removed from the school site. Thank you for your support during this period.

## Attendance

We are becoming increasingly concerned that a number of children are coming to school late and therefore missing vital learning opportunities at the beginning of the day. **It is vital that children are in school and ready to learn by 9am.** Attendance figures for the spring term and for 2017 - 2018 so far are as follows:

Year Group	Spring Term 2018	2017 - 2018 - so far!
Reception	95.94%	96.02%
Year 1	97.05%	96.51%
Year 2	96.96%	97.09%
Year 3	96.37%	97.12%
Year 4	96.49%	97.01%
Year 5	95.13%	95.83%
Year 6	95.71%	96.60%
<b>Whole School Average</b>	<b>96.23%</b>	<b>96.59%</b>

A HUGE well done to Years 2, 3 and 4 for achieving over 97% attendance so far this year. Our attendance target, as set by the Local Authority, is 96.5%. Last term attendance dipped below our target, but on the whole we are just above our target so far this year. Good attendance at school is vital if your child is to achieve his / her full potential.

## Parking

Please, please can I remind parents of the importance of **not double parking, parking on double yellow lines or parking dangerously** to drop children off or pick them up. I continue to have a significant number of complaints from parents who are **HUGELY concerned about the health and safety of the children whilst crossing the roads. This really is a very serious issue.** Vehicles parked dangerously will be reported to the police.

We value the partnership we have between home and school. It is vital if children are to flourish and to reach their full potential.

Yours sincerely,

**C. M. Jackson**

Head Teacher

## Dates for the Diary

2.5.18	National Reading Test - Years 2 - 6
3.5.18	National Numeracy Test - Procedural - Years 2 - 6
4.5.18	National Numeracy Test - Reasoning - Years 2 - 6
7.5.18	School closed May Bank Holiday
8.5.18	PTA meeting
10.5.18	Year 5 and 6 tennis tournament
11.5.18	Colorfoto - class and group photographs. Please ensure sports kits and musical instruments are in school
14.5.18	Fire Service in Year 2 and Year 5
15.5.18	Year 5 trip to Cardiff Bay
17.5.18	Mini Orange Tennis Tournament
18.5.18	PTA FP disco 4.30 - 5.30 KS2 disco 6.00 - 7.00
21.5.18 - 24.5.18	Year 6 to Hilston Park
23.05.18	YR 3 & 4 parents invited in to play games - 2.15pm
24.05.18	Mini Red Tennis Tournament
25.5.18	School closed INSET
28.5.18 - 1 6.18	School closed - Half Term Superstars holiday club
6.6.18	YR 4 trip to Cosmeston Lakes
7.6.18	YR 2 & 3 trip to Aerospace Bristol
8.6.18	PTA family disco and BBQ
12.6.18	Curriculum Reform Sharing Event - parents and governors 6.00pm - 8.00pm
13.6.18	Kinetic Theatre in school - science based show
15.6.18	YR 5 & 6 trip to Weston Super Mare
19.6.18	Sports Day - weather permitting 9.30am KS2, 1.30pm FP
20.6.18	Year 5 Transition Concert - John Frost School
21.6.18	Pupil Voice sharing event
21.6.18	New reception parents meeting - 6.00pm
22.6.18	Football Tournament
25.6.18 - 13.7.18	Year 3 swimming - mornings
27.6.18	YR 5 Cycle training in school
3.7.18	YR 1 trip to Magor Marshes
3.7.18	PTA meeting
4.7.18 - 6.7.18	Caerleon transition - 3 days
5.7.18	John Frost - parent information evening for YR 7 - 6pm
6.7.18	Bassaleg transition day
6.7.18	PTA Summer Fete - school closes at 3pm, reopens at 3.10pm
9.7.17	Finance and Governors meeting in school
11.7.18	Year 4 Olympics day at John Frost High
18.7.18	Year 6 leavers concert 10am - YR 6 parents invited, held at Trinity Church Hall
19.7.18	YR 3 & 4 trip to Noahs Ark Farm Park
20.7.18	School closes today for summer break

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