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This Half Term's Values: Respect and Friendship

Newsletter #2 – Autumn Term 2023 – Friday 15th September 2023

Dear parents/carers,

We come to the end of another busy week – it has been great to see that pupils are well and truly back into the swing of things and working hard on their new topics. As always, I have plenty of information to share with you. I hope that you continue to find these weekly updates useful – if you have any suggestions for additional content you would like shared during the weekly newsletter, please feel free to contact me with your ideas.

Staffing

During our celebration assembly this afternoon, we said goodbye to Mrs Hughes. She is often the first member of staff pupils and parents see as they arrive at the school each morning and I am sure you will, along with staff and pupils, miss Mrs Hughes but, nevertheless, wish her the very best as she spends more time supporting her family.

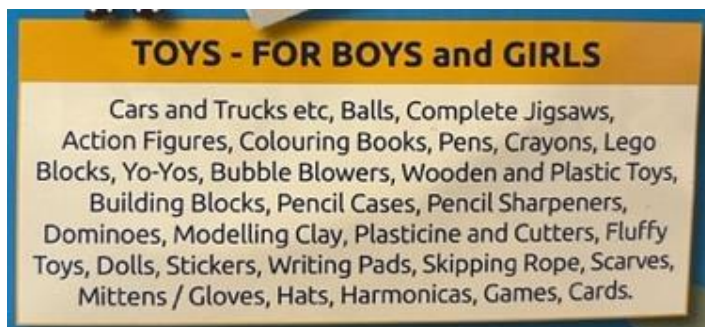
Open Evening – Wednesday 27th September from 3.30pm

As I mentioned last week, we are delighted to offer all parents an opportunity to come into the school on the above date and visit classrooms and informally discuss this term's learning with class teachers. The Open Evening will start with a brief introduction from myself in the school hall, where I will share our school priorities for this year with parents as well as some ways you can support your child/ren at home with their learning. I will also be sharing more detail about what our new curriculum, the Curriculum for Wales, entails. You will be welcome to discuss the curriculum further with class teachers when you visit classes. A quick reminder that your opportunity to formally discuss your child's progress will come later in the term when we hold Parents' Evening meetings in November.

Rotary Club Shoebox Appeal

Please note that, in last week's newsletter, I mistakenly gave the date for collection of these boxes from school as 22nd October. It is in fact Friday 20th October and, in order to ensure the boxes are ready for this collection date, we would be grateful if all donations have been brought into school by Wednesday 18th October.

A quick reminder of the items which can and cannot be included in the boxes can be found in the images below. We are hoping for a range of donations to include in class boxes rather than asking for families to fill a whole box on their own.



School Houses

Pupils have now been made aware of their new Houses. We have rearranged the Houses to ensure there is an even spread of pupils based on their gender, year group and class. We have matched siblings so that they are in the same House. We appreciate that some pupils have other family members in school (i.e. cousins) but we have not put them into the same Houses as this would have been very difficult to achieve and resulted in an imbalance within the Houses. If pupils are in the same House as their family members, other than siblings, then this is purely coincidental. From next week, pupils will start to earn points for their Houses and a running total of points, which will be tallied by the newly appointed Year 6 House Captains, will be shared as part of the celebration video each week.

Chance to Shine Cricket Sessions

We are fortunate to be able to welcome Sarah Williams, a Cricket Wales community coach, back to school for the next four weeks to work with Barn Owl, Swan and Kingfisher Classes on Tuesday mornings. This is a great opportunity for all the pupils involved and we are very grateful to Sarah and Cricket Wales for it.

FOSS Events

Earlier this week, I met with some members of the FOSS to discuss key events they will be supporting us with this term. I am grateful to the team for their dedication and commitment to providing such wonderful opportunities and financial support to our pupils. If you are able to support them in any way, please feel free to contact Lisa Puzey or Kim Leach to discuss how – they always need more support to ensure the events run as smoothly as possible.

Key Dates – September and October

Today, I have sent out a more comprehensive list of key dates, which will be replicated on the newsletter for the upcoming weeks. As it states on the letter, the list is not exhaustive – there will be dates added throughout the term and we will endeavour to give you as much notice as possible prior to these events.

September:

Tuesday 19 th September:	Welston Challenge – Darwin Centre trip for Year 4 Pupils Chance to Shine cricket sessions to start (for pupils in Barn Owl, Swan and Kingfisher Class) for a 4-week period
Wednesday 20 th September:	Kerbcraft Begins for Year 1 Pupils
Wednesday 27 th September:	Open Evening
Friday 29 th September:	MacMillan Coffee Afternoon (2 – 4pm)

October:

Monday 2 nd October:	Harvest Festival (9.30 – 10.30am)
Thursday 5 th October:	Swan Class visit to Castell Henllys
Tuesday 10 th October:	Hello Yellow Day
Monday 16 th October:	Shwmae Day (pupils can come into school in red, white and/or green)
Wednesday 18 th October:	Final day for donations to the Rotary Club's shoebox appeal
Monday 23 rd October:	Appointments for Parents' Evenings released.
Wednesday 25 th October:	Halloween Disco (4.30 – 5.10pm Robins and Barn Owls and 5.15 - 6pm Swans and Kingfishers)

Friday 27th October:

Final Day of the Half Term

Celebration Video

Congratulations to all of our Stars of the Week, those who were presented with a Headteacher's award and our Cymro a Cymraes yr Wythnos. I hope you enjoy our weekly video showing these pupils and, of course, some of the wonderful learning which has taken place across the school this week.

[Celebration Assembly – Friday 15th September](#)

Yours sincerely,



Mr A Welch
Headteacher