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This Half Term's Values: Happiness and Resilience

Newsletter – Summer Term 2023 – Friday 7th July 2023

Dear parents/carers,

The pupils have had a wonderful day with their new classes – many pupils have moved up into the next classroom whilst others have stayed to welcome a new group of children into their current class. I am sure they will have plenty to say about their day and we hope they are excited about the topic they will be learning about in the autumn term. Much of today will have focused on 'launching' this new topic in each of the classes, so please ask your child about it when they get home.

Summer Fete

Thank you to everyone who came along and supported last week's Summer Fete. The weather wasn't particularly kind to us but it was great to see such a large turnout nevertheless. As a school, we are always very grateful to the FOSS team, who organised and ran the event last week, for their continuing support. I believe that the Summer Fete raised approximately £800 for the school, which is a fantastic figure in these challenging financial times.

I hope to be able to share some more information about recent purchases made by the FOSS to support our school, including a huge range of musical instruments and some educational talks from the keepers during our visit to Manor Wildlife Park in the final week of the term. Without your generosity at every event they run, they wouldn't have the funds to support us in this way – so we, of course, remain incredibly grateful to parents and the community for your continued support.

Sports Day

It was a pleasure to see so many parents and family members supporting our annual sports Day this week. Whilst we may need to make some slight changes to the way the day runs next year, we are keen to explore the option of holding it at the Carew Sports Ground again in 2024. The pupils are overwhelming in support of this idea.

I was very proud of the effort pupils put in throughout the afternoon. Without fail, each and every pupil tried their hardest during the races and were brilliantly supported by their House Captains and Vice Captains. Pupils from Kingfisher Class also did a fantastic job of supporting Mrs Bowers and the rest of the staff with organising the equipment, making sure children were where they were meant to be and collecting competitors at the end of their races to take them to the scoring table and then back to their house area.

Sports Day is a great community event, which takes lots of hard work to organise. I want to thank Mrs Bowers, the rest of the school staff and some of our school Governors for making sure everything ran so smoothly. Of course, we were assisted by pupils from Greenhill who were excellent ambassadors for their school and I have emailed their headteacher to express our gratitude for their super work throughout the afternoon. Finally, I must, once again, thank the team from FOSS for their incredible support throughout the day and Derek Lloyd and Mike Brace for organising everything at the sports ground, including marking the lines for our running track.

Key Dates – July

Friday 14th July: End of Year Reports sent home

Wednesday 19th July: Whole School Visit to Manor Wildlife Park

Friday 21st July: Final day of the term.

Monday 24th July: INSET Day – school closed to pupils. Please note that staff will not be present in school on this day as they will have worked this day through attending twilights throughout the year.

INSET Days 2023/24

Please note that there has been a change to one of the dates originally published – the original date of Monday 6th November for our cluster INSET has now been moved to Friday 10th November. Therefore, I am sharing these dates again in light of the amendment.

At the start of next year, there will be two INSET Days to ensure staff are fully prepared for the start of the new academic year. During these days, we will undertake key training which will focus on safeguarding policies and procedures, Additional Learning Needs strategies and implementation of the Curriculum for Wales.

The first day will be **Friday 1st September**, which is a county-wide directed day and the second will be on **Monday 4th September**. This means that the first day of the 2023/24 academic year for pupils will be Tuesday 5th September 2023.

There will be four more INSET Days throughout the rest of the academic year. They will be on the following dates:

Friday 10th November 2023 (Greenhill Cluster INSET)

Monday 8th January 2024

Monday 8th April 2024 (county-wide directed day)

Friday 26th April 2024 (Outdoor Learning INSET with staff from Stepside Primary School)

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 7th July](#)

Yours sincerely,



Mr A Welch
Headteacher