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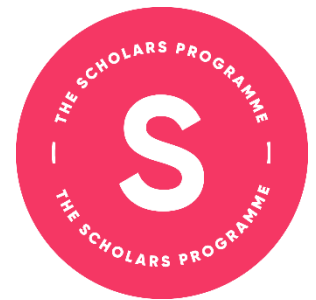
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Dear parent/carers

A few updates to share:

YOUNG SCHOLARS

I am pleased to report that a group of our Year 6 pupils have completed their first tutorial as part of the Scholars Programme. The group are undertaking a literacy project with a post-graduate student as part of a programme that introduces them to the challenges and benefits of higher education. They are meeting virtually through Microsoft Teams and will be submitting assignments electronically as part of their course. I have been impressed by the feedback from their initial session and look forward to their progress and eventual 'graduation'. Well done!



PARENT CONSULTATIONS

A reminder that telephone parent consultations are taking place next week. A final invitation to book will be texted to parents/carers tomorrow. These calls provide a quick and easy way for all parents to receive an update from your child's class teacher about their progress this term. Anyone who has difficulty with booking a slot is kindly requested to contact the school office on the number above and we will provide assistance.



FOREST SCHOOL

We have been running Forest School sessions throughout this term as usual. These sessions are very popular with pupils and provide a regular opportunity for them to develop their learning and use their skills in a practical outdoor setting.

This year we are creating an additional Forest School area on the playing field and taking older year groups for half-day sessions to Tranch Woods, to extend their experience as we introduce our new 'Wild Passport'.

Given the weather at this time of year, these activities sometimes result in children becoming a little 'muddy'. While we have a stock of protective wet weather clothing and footwear in school, we now need additional time when rotating this. We are increasing the quantity of protective clothing and wellies available but also ask for your support in doing the following:

- Please send your child to school in **warm, non-uniform clothing** suitable for learning outdoors **on the day when they have Forest School** (see timetable).
- If possible, please also provide them with **wellies/and or a waterproof coat/over-trousers** to change into.

Thank you for your help.

All classes have one forest school session each fortnight on the following days:

WEEK 1 (Mondays: 16 th Nov, 30 th Nov, 14 th Dec, 4 th Jan onwards)				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Year 1 Poppy (Mr Keir)	Reception Sunflower (Mrs Davies)	Year 5 Penfro (Mrs Lloyd)	Year 6 Harlech (Miss Bowden)	Year 2 Daisy (Mrs Woods)
Year 4 Rhaglan (Mrs Lloyd)	Year 3 Coch (Mr Taylor)	Year 5 Caerdydd (Mr Eastman)	Year 3 Gwyn (Miss Main)	Year 4 Y Fenni (Miss Bodger)

WEEK 2 (Mondays: 23 rd Nov, 7 th Dec, 11 th Jan onwards)				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	Reception Bluebell (Mrs Davies)	Nursery Snowdrop a.m. (Mrs Nicholls/Miss Phillis)	Year 1 Tulip (Mrs Smith)	Year 2 Daffodil (Miss Thomas)
Year 6 Caerffili (Mr Bowen)		Nursery Snowdrop p.m. (Mrs Nicholls/Miss Phillis)		

On occasion it is necessary to alter this timetable. We will give notice if this need arises.

COASTAL SCHOOL

From next week we will be restarting our coastal school visits, beginning by taking Year 5 pupils to Rest Bay. Transport will be handled directly by school enabling us to ensure that our year group bubbles are maintained.

A separate letter with further details is being provided to relevant year groups ahead of each visit.

ILLNESS / CORONAVIRUS SYMPTOMS

We are at a time of the year when various bugs are in circulation. As we have advised before, if your child has a slight cold and is well enough to be in school then they should attend. However, if your child or anyone else in your household, has symptoms that could indicate that they have coronavirus they will need to be tested. Your entire household will need to self-isolate at least until the test result is received.

The symptoms that mean a test is needed are:

- **a high temperature** – this means that you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- **a new continuous cough** - this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough it may be worse than normal)
- **a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** – this means you've notice you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

If your child, or someone they live with is being tested then they and everyone they live with should stay at home. This includes any siblings.

As usual, we request that all parents/carers contact school on the first day of absence if your child is unwell. If your child, or a family member, is being tested please tell us this at the same time.

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES should a child who has symptoms, or lives with someone who has symptoms, attend school.

Kind regards,

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