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Friday 15 October 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

Another packed week is nearing completion; School Council have held their first meeting, Year 2 have enjoyed an exciting fairy-tale dressing up day, the juniors have run cross country trials and we have all celebrated our Welsh language as part of Shwmae Day today. Just for starters!

TESTING

A reminder that for peace of mind anyone who is a close contact of (e.g. lives with) someone who has symptoms or has tested positive for Covid-19 should book and complete a PCR test on day 2 and day 8. You can book a PCR test online through the NHS website at www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test or by calling 119.

Please note that if your child is under the age of 5 years old they should not take COVID-19 tests unless directed to do so by a doctor or if you believe a test is absolutely necessary and in the best interests of your child. They should however remain off school whilst they have symptoms.

PARENT CONSULTATIONS

Our staff have been additionally busy this week contacting parents & carers by phone to provide you with an update on how your child has settled into their new class this half term. Thank you to everyone who signed up for these phone appointments. I am sure that you will have found this opportunity to talk about your child useful and reassuring. These conversations help us to meet your child's needs successfully, so your engagement is of real benefit to our teachers and to your child in school.

Another round of parent consultations will take place in the spring term. You are always welcome to contact us to share any concerns or information you feel it is important for your child's class teacher to be aware of. This can sometimes easily be done during the drop-off or collection window. If you need an opportunity to speak with a teacher in private about a specific issue, then please let them know at the gate or speak with our office team who will make sure that your message is passed on. Staff are obviously very busy during the school day teaching and leading hands-on activities so are not able to speak with parents at these times. However, your child's class teacher will get back to you to discuss over the phone or to arrange a face-to-face conversation as soon as they are able to do so.

INSET REMINDER

A reminder that Friday 5th November is a non-pupil day for staff training. This half term will end next Friday 22nd October. The second half of the autumn term will then resume on Monday 1st November.

Kind regards,

Mr A Brasington