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END OF SUMMER TERM !!!

14/7/21



End of Year 2020/21

What a year!! One we will never forget! So many decisions and so many changes. It was certainly very disruptive for all. The children managed it so well and we are very proud of them all. It has not been easy for them, not only with their learning but socially and emotionally too. Well done to them all.

We would also like to say a big thank you to parents who have been patient and understanding. Your support for the school has been very much appreciated and your kinds words have meant a lot to us and often kept us going!



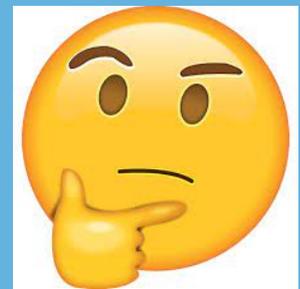
STAFF NEWS

Mr Nick Houten who has been a teaching assistant at the school for many years has made the decision to retire and spend some good quality time with his family. Many children who have passed through the school have had the pleasure of being taught by Mr Houten. He loves his job and thoroughly enjoys supporting the children in the classes so this was a difficult decision for him. He knows that he will miss the children very much and we know that we will miss him also. He leaves a big space in our school which would be very difficult to fill. (Big shoes to fill as the expression goes!) I am sure you will join us in wishing Mr Houten a long, happy, and healthy retirement.

Class bubble isolations

You may/may not know that we have recently had two class bubbles in isolation. We worked closely with track and trace and followed all their advice along with the local authority. Both classes were able to return to school four / five days sooner than expected. We cannot go into detail about each of the cases but what we can say is that there was an admin error within the track and trace system. It would be easy for people to criticise this but we are all human and sometimes these things happen. We have received an apology. The positive is, the children could come back to school this week and they are having a great time! The 1st week is always very special and full of fun and laughter, so we are glad they are back!

What are the arrangements for the return to school in September?



Welsh Government announced recently that school will need to return to their usual start and finish times. As this is now different from what we had in place prior to the pandemic we will need to remind all our families again. We will let you know start and finish times, entrances and what arrangements are in place for the start of autumn term. It will be detailed and will be sent to you via text, so please keep a look out for this.

Welsh Government also announced that we no longer have to operate in bubbles, though we will be expected to identify close contacts if we have a positive case in our school community!(a huge task in a primary setting!) We now have the task of reorganising how we will operate in September. Over the holidays, this organisation will be finalised and we will let you know a few weeks before the start of the new term.



What will you be doing over the summer holidays? Are you looking for things to do?

As you know we have been allocating vouchers for activities and this will continue over the next few days. We will also get you a list of events and ideas to keep your little ones occupied over the school holidays. Also keep a check on our Facebook page, sometimes, events are advertised through NPT. We were also promised a list of events for you. We are hoping this will come through on Thursday. Six weeks wont be long enough now!!

And finally

It is always hard to say goodbye to our year 6 pupils. As they move on to Ysgol Cwm Brombil we would like to wish them all the very best. They are well prepared and we have every confidence that they will succeed if they follow advice as they move into the next key phase of education. I look forward to hearing all about them in years to come! Good luck boys and girls! Be safe, be kind, and keep smiling. Come back and see us when it is safe to do so! We are proud of you.

School Term Dates

Here is the link

<https://www.npt.gov.uk/18512>

Diary Dates

15/7/21	Year 6 - leavers event - outdoor cinema
16/7/21	Last day of school!
2/9/21, 3/9/21	Staff training days - no school for pupils.
6/9/21	School starts for pupils.