



Newsletter



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Welcome Back and Happy New Year

Well what a lovely Christmas break. It was a late finish for us and then we were straight into Christmas day! However, it was worth it.

It's also good to be back! Lovely to see all the children back at school happy and healthy. They all look great in their uniform and they are back to focusing on their learning very quickly, so thank you parents for helping. It is always good that we can settle them back to school quickly so we can engage them in their learning. So proud of them all!

The calendar is filling up so be prepared for another busy term. Keep a close eye on the calendar so you know what's going on in the school. Lots happening and a very important year!!

Swimming

Apologies parents of Year 4! Their swimming week wasn't in our calendar and it was sprung upon us when we started back after the holidays. Thank you for your understanding. I hope it hasn't caused too much disruption for you and your child.

Staff news

Miss James has become a wife! Congratulations to Mr & Mrs Thomas! She is still beaming.

Disco notice

We have been made aware that some parents would like more notice regarding the school discos and PTA events. We shall endeavour to keep you up to date with forthcoming events as much as possible but obviously the school day learning events take priority. If you would like to know more about what we are planning for the year we would encourage you or a family member / friend to attend the PTA meetings. You will gain information 'hot off the press' so to speak! You will also be able to contribute to ideas and plans. At the moment our next big event will be the summer fete. However, we also have plans for a valentine disco, mother's day gifts, father's day gifts, Easter activities including an Easter bonnet parade around the community!! Yes it will be back!! 😊 See you at the next meeting!

Reading questions

Is your child reading at their chronological age?
Does your child avoid reading at home?
Do you find it difficult to engage your children in reading at home?
Do you want to know what your child should be reading at home?
Would you like more ideas about how to help your child with their reading?
Would you like more ideas about what to do at home to help your child with their reading?
Do you feel you can't help your child learn to read?
Would you like advice on what books you should have at home?
Do you want to know what books we use to teach reading at school?
What's the difference between reading in school and reading at home?

Reading evening

This coming Tuesday we are holding an evening for parents. It's been in the calendar since before Christmas and it's already here! If you want to come along to learn more about reading at home it would be great to see you, or even if you just want to come along just to ask questions that's fine too. It will be great to see you.

PTA meeting

There is a meeting next week at 3.30pm in the school hall. We are having meetings at different times to give everyone an opportunity to attend at some point. We don't want to leave anyone out. In the future there will be some arranged for the evening after business hours also. If you are attending this coming week an area will be allocated in the hall for your children to play whilst you talk. However, parents will be responsible for their own child. Apologies, but staff are not available to supervise on this occasion.

INSET - staff training day

Staff were trained on important elements of safeguarding children this week, including violence against women, domestic abuse, sexual violence and child sexual exploitation. During the day we discussed the potential harm that your child may be exposed to. We intend to share this information during a parent meeting session. As parents ourselves we were alarmed at current potential dangers facing our children in today's society. We would like to share the knowledge we have gained with you, but can we urge you in the meantime to be vigilant regarding your child's use of phones, tablets and internet use. Make sure you know where they are going and who they are meeting. Ensure that they can have open and honest discussions with you. Talk to them lots about their friends, feelings and emotions. Focus on what they are doing. Make sure you check what your child is searching on the internet.. If they access you tube they are at risk of being exposed to inappropriate material for their age. If they play games designed for age 18+ they are exposed to material that could potentially harm them emotionally.

There is lots of information for parents and you MUST be aware in order to protect your children. Please come along to our information sharing event.. keep checking the calendar.

Diary Dates

Jan 15th	Swimming Year 4 every day for two weeks.
Jan 16th	Parent evening - how we teach children to read at home and in school. 4.30pm Class newsletters out to parents
Jan 18th	PTA meeting in school 3.30pm.
Jan 22nd	Year 6 residential visit to Margam Park - one week
Jan 23rd	National handwriting day. Whole School competition.
Feb 7th	NSPCC fundraising day
Feb 13th	Shrove Tuesday (pancake day) School disco
Feb 19th	Half term week
March 1st	St David's day
March 11th	Mother's Day

