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I sincerely hope that you all had a wonderful summer break. It was certainly a busy time for our school. Throughout the summer, we have been very busy continuing to improve our school for the benefit of our pupils, staff and whole community. City & County of Swansea have installed new electrics, lights and suspended ceilings in our Admin and KS2 block. It has really modernised the spaces. Alongside this, County are installing new boilers and heating systems. This work continues for the coming weeks. I took this opportunity to realise my vision for a modern, welcoming Reception space in our foyer which looks amazing! With just finishing touches to go, I am so pleased with how it looks. Most of your queries can now be handled in our refreshed Reception area. I must thank my teaching and support team for getting ready for the new school year in just two days and our cleaning team who were so accommodating. We take huge pride in ensuring that your children attend a modern, vibrant and engaging learning environment. Your children looked wonderful in their uniform this week – thank you.

Some Important Dates This Half-Term

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| 2 nd Sept | INSET DAY 1 of 6 – school closed to pupils |
| 3 rd Sept | School reopens for AUTUMN TERM (1) |
| 9 th Sept | After School Clubs begin & School Council Elections Week |
| 12 th Sept | HSA AGM and Meeting, 3:00pm |
| 13 th Sept | Save the Children visiting our assembly |
| 16 th Sept | Design to Smile / Oral Health Week |
| 25 th Sept | First Aid Training (Y6) and Sign Language Training (Y5 and Cl.7) |
| 26 th Sept | Choir at Hengoed Court with the BBC |
| 27 th Sept | Macmillan 'World's Biggest Coffee Morning' Details to follow |
| 30 th Sept | PM Nursery starts |
| 3 rd Oct | Y6 themed learning session at Cefn Hengoed. Open Eve 6:00pm |
| 7 th Oct | Technocamps working with Class 8 |
| 9 th Oct | Book Fair arrives – with us for the week |
| 15 th Oct | Parents' Eve 1 – appointments until 6:30pm |
| 16 th Oct | Parents' Eve 2 – appointments until 5:00pm |
| 16 th Oct | Colorfoto in for portrait photographs |
| 23 rd Oct | 'Pirates of the Chillibeau' Panto & workshops, Y1-Y6 |
| 24 th Oct | Harvest Festival Assembly, presented by Class 9: 10:00am |
| 25 th Oct | INSET DAY 2 of 6 – school closed to pupils |
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| Autumn ½ term break | |
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| 4 th Nov | School reopens – Autumn 2 begins |

A Few Helpful Reminders

- To help us work together, here are a few things that will help:
- PE kits** are best kept in school to offer teachers flexibility
 - Fruit tuck** is £1 per week / 20p per day. Juniors have a Welsh Fruit Tuck Shop in the Hall, manned by the Healthy Schools Pupils
 - Wear uniform every day** – make use of the £1 Rail or buy uniform from the office. You can now also buy direct with Bergoni
 - Children need to wear a coat to school in inclement weather, so that we can still go out at play times for fresh air and enjoy outdoor learning
 - Good attendance (90%+)** is essential for good progress at school
 - Good punctuality** helps children settle into their school day
 - If your child has packed lunch, please support their healthy-eating by providing a healthy packed lunch box. Fizzy drinks and chocolate bars provide too much sugar (and calories) at lunchtime
 - Breakfast Club is a FREE provision** for all pupils. The door opens at 8:15 when we are ready to serve breakfast. PLEASE refrain from driving your car up the drive to drop off at this time. Pupils attending Breakfast Club will be served Breakfast. The door closes at 8:35 when supervision is offered on the Junior yard. We advise F.Phase parents to remain with their child / children until the 8:45 buzzer
 - If you ever experience difficulty with school trip payments, especially if you have a number of children at our school, please speak with the Headteacher

latest news

We are so excited to have opened our new **engage** room at Cwm Glâs. The timetable is already filling fast. The room will play host to many community-based colleagues who have so much to offer our families. See the reverse of this newsletter for the timetable. This term, we truly embrace the principles of the new curriculum with teachers creating units of learning around the interests of the children. Class 7 has relocated to the KS2 department meaning that they are within the same age phase as their peers, further strengthening our inclusion agenda. It is a pleasure to welcome Miss Rachel Roberts to our Admin team who joins us on a temporary basis in the first instance, having transferred from Craigcfnparc Primary, which sadly closed last month. We have been contacted regarding the possibility of acting as Polling Station in the event of a General Election mid-October. I will keep you posted as soon as there is confirmation. As we continue to develop our new curriculum, we have a particular focus on Health & Wellbeing this term. We are also introducing pupils to the Four Core Purposes, using CLIC as an acronym. We want our pupils to be the best citizens, learners, individuals and contributors that they can be. We were very saddened to hear that, following a long battle with illness, Mr John Hague died last week. Mr Hague was a loyal and dedicated School Governor and Chair of Governors for many years, who was passionate about our community. Our thoughts are with his family at this difficult time. For safety reasons, please **do not park** on our double yellow lines or drive your car up to the car park. Our aim is to minimise moving traffic as much as possible. Police may well be paroling the area in the near future. Likewise, we are a **NO SMOKING** site. Thanks for working in partnership with us.
Mr N Craven-Lashley - Headteacher



OUR NEW CYCLE SHELTER

We encourage active routes to school, be that on foot, scooter or bike. We urge parents to insist that the children wear their helmets too. We now have this lovely shelter for the safe and dry storage of bikes, so why not cycle to school and have an active start to the day! We also have a scooter pod too.



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