



11th January 2019

Our Christian Value for this term is **Courage**

Rise up! Take courage and do it!

Ezra 10:4

Happy New Year! It has been lovely to welcome everyone back after the Christmas break, to hear lots of news and see happy faces ready to learn. We have welcomed 15 new families across the school, the majority in Nursery, who have all settled well this week. We have also welcomed Mr Sullivan into Y1, Mr Bean into Y5 and Mrs Erickson into her new role in Y5. Your children have all made them feel very welcome! Our Value this half term is courage and Vicar Jon spoke to us this week about the journey of the three wise men as they searched for the new-born baby Jesus. As the wise men had the star to follow, we have a guidebook in the trust that we have in each other and in God. Children were challenged this week to support and encourage each other when they try something new!

Callio Letters - Over the next few weeks Callio attendance letters will be sent out and some parents asked to meet with Miss Starke or Mr Bean to discuss attendance/lateness. Please ensure your child is on time. A disrupted start can have a big impact on young children, as well as disturbing their class. School starts at 8.50am prompt. If you wish your child to be added to the waiting list for breakfast club please see Mrs Hazelton. The playground is staffed from 8.40am but please could parents ensure their children are accompanied around to the back playground. Staff cannot be held responsible for children who are left at the gate.

Internet Safety Day Monday 28th January - Typically Internet Safety week is celebrated in February but we have secured PC Emma Mudie to come to school on Monday 28th January to run some parent workshops. Parents who have attended previously have always said how excellent they are and so needed in this fast paced world of technology. We have arranged 2 sessions:

- Foundation Phase Parents are invited to school for 9am to attend a presentation and then work with their children following the presentation. The session will be from 9am -11.15
- Key Stage 2 Parents are invited to school for 1.15pm to attend a presentation and then work with their children. The session will be from 1.15-3.15

Due to the nature of the presentation/activities parents would need to attend the whole session. PC Emma has also asked us to remind you that no younger siblings will be allowed to attend due to the nature of the content discussed.

School dinners menu change - please note that next week, due to delivery issues, the published menu for Monday and Wednesday will be swapped around. On Monday the cook will be serving cheese wheels and on Wednesday the cook will be serving meatballs.

Wenvoe Park - This week we heard exciting news. The council will be updating the play equipment at the park across the road from school. We know many families use this space so are thrilled! There is the opportunity for you, and your children to have your say about the new park. Please go along to the meetings if you can. We have been asked to share the following message:

"Exciting news! The Vale of Glamorgan Council will shortly be significantly upgrading the play area at The Grange Park, opposite Gwenfo Primary School, with new play equipment, fencing and surfacing. They want to hear your views and ideas! If you are interested, and would like to discuss any ideas you or your children may have for the play area, there will be a drop in session on Thursday 24th January 2019, 3pm to 6.30pm at the Community Centre. You can attend at any time during this period. The Vale's Landscape Team and Parks Department will be there to answer any questions during this time. Alternatively, if you cannot make this date/time, please contact Charlotte Pugh via email: clpugh@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk "

PE Kits - Please return PE kits to school. They can be left on pegs for the half term. If you are unsure of your child's PE day please chat with a class teacher. Having kit in all week helps if there are any changes and ensures your child always has a change of clothes/footwear in school.

Peace Garden - We have a mosaic artist coming to work with children to create some art to place in the peace garden. We would like children to design a symbol of peace that we can use to create a mosaic. Please could all designs be given to class teachers on Monday. Designs should be simple, colourful and can be hand drawn or painted. What does peace mean to you?

Year 3 and Year 4 Red and White Day - Year 3 and 4 have been asked to wear red or white to school on Monday for a topic day about blood, bones and gory bits this half term's topic!

Breakfast Club - Breakfast Club are looking for toys and games for the children to play with after their breakfast. If you are having a post-Christmas clear out and have anything that you would like to donate (please make sure it is clean and in good condition), they would be very grateful if you could pop it into the school office. Thank you!

Parking - please be reminded that the school car park, including the area in front of the gate is out of bounds for parents. Please park sensibly along Old Port Road, the surrounding streets or in the library car park.



**Our chicken rota is looking a bit empty!
If you can help please see Mrs Ford or Mrs Hazelton.**

Date	Name
12 th -13 th Jan	
19 th -20 th Jan	James Finlayson Clements and family
26 th -27 th Jan	

2 nd -3 rd Feb	
9 th -10 th Feb	

Attendance:

Class	% Attendance	w/e 21/12/18
Reception	87.7	
Year 1	86.7	
Year 2	91.1	
Year 3	95.7	
Year 4	98.5	
Year 5	91.0	
Year 6	94.6	
Total	92.0	

School Clubs

After school Clubs are listed below. Please book in advance and be aware that places are limited and dependent upon excellent behaviour.

Junior Choir - every Wednesday lunchtime.

Infant Choir - every Tuesday lunchtime.

Netball Club - every Tuesday at 3.30-4.30pm at St Richard Gwyn.

School Trips

17th January - Year 4 trip to St Illtud's Church - please consent and make payment via ParentPay

17th January - Year 5 and Year 6 trip to the Story Museum - please consent and make payment via ParentPay

31st January - Year 3 and Year 4 trip to Techniquest - please consent and make payment via ParentPay

5th February - Year 1 and Year 2 trip to OrchestrAdventure - please consent and make payment via ParentPay

25th March - Year 3 and Year 4 trip to Big Pit - please consent and make payment via ParentPay

11th March - Year 3 trip to Techniquest - details to follow

School Dates to note:

18th January - Year 2 class assembly

28th January - Internet Safety Day

1st February - Wear Red for Wales and Velindre day

6th February - Parents Evening

13th February - Parents Evening

22nd February - last day of school

HALF TERM 25th February- 1st March
4th March - back to school
6th March - St David's Day celebrations
15th March - Red Nose Day
22nd March - Year 1 class assembly
12th April - last day of school
EASTER HOLIDAYS - 15th-26th April
29th April - back to school

Events in the local area