



3rd May 2019

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

A friend will be a friend in times of all kinds
Proverbs 17:17

Welcome back to the Summer term. We hope that you all enjoyed family time over the Easter break. It has been wonderful catching up on your children's news and also welcoming the final members of our Nursery into the school this week.

You may have seen in local press that *Gwenfo* is the most oversubscribed primary school in the Vale of Glamorgan. This fact has saddened us greatly as a high number of families have been refused admission by the Vale of Glamorgan. As a Voluntary Controlled Church in Wales Primary school the Vale manages our admissions in line with Local Authority criteria. We are thrilled so many families are choosing a faith education for their children but this is tinged with sadness at those families we will be unable to support.

Huge thanks to our netballers and their families for collecting rubbish from the village and school grounds during the Easter holiday. Seeing our children use their free time to help keep our environment clean is so heart-warming. Well done!

Nursery Sports Day - We would just like to give Nursery parents advance notice that the Nursery Sports Day will take place during the morning session of Nursery for all Nursery pupils on Wednesday 12th June. **There will be no afternoon Nursery provision.**

Recycling - Before half term we asked all packed lunch children to take home their lunch rubbish as well as making every effort to minimise their use of single use plastics. Thank you for your support in this. We have now begun to recycle food waste from the school dinners as well as our usual paper and plastic recycling. Our chickens get fed lots of our scraps too! A battery recycling station is now set up in the corridor (please continue to send them in) and we have also been accepted into a crisp packet recycling programme for our Friday crisp wrappers.

Friday snack - Children are allowed to bring crisps on a Friday for their break time snack however we have noticed that some children are bringing in large family bags of crisps. Please ensure children only bring a single serve packet into school. Thank you.

Uniform - The hanging rail in the Y4 cloakroom is full! Please pop in and look for any lost items, and help yourself to anything unnamed. Just a polite reminder that the uniform list is on the school

website regarding correct uniform and footwear to be worn. Please check this if you are unsure, or before buying clothing/footwear for school.

National Tests - National Tests for Y2-6 will be completed in Reading and Numerical Reasoning next week. The online procedural tests will be completed during the summer term. Please remember these tests are just a snapshot of your child's progress on the day they are taken. The class teachers and LSAs are continually monitoring your child's progress and really are the best judge of their year round progress. Report writing is due to commence shortly with reports due out towards the end of the summer term. These will contain national test results as well as for Y2 and Y6 pupils their statutory teacher assessment results.

Christian Aid - we will be raising money for Christian Aid by holding a non-uniform day for a £1 donation on Friday 17th May. As part of the fundraising day Christian Aid advertise sitting together for a big breakfast and so we will be altering our menu for this week so that the children are able to take part in having a big breakfast.

Please note if you wish your child to have the all-day breakfast for their lunch please make sure your ParentPay account is in credit.

Menu Change - 14th May - Oven baked salmon bites
17th May - All-day breakfast



*** Urgent - we have an empty rota - please contact Mrs Ford or Mrs Hazelton if you are able to help! ***

Date	Name
4 th -5 th May	HELP NEEDED
11 th -12 th May	HELP NEEDED
18 th -19 th May	HELP NEEDED
24 th -26 th May	HELP NEEDED
27 th -31 st May	HELP NEEDED
1 st -3 rd June	HELP NEEDED

Attendance:

Class	% Attendance	w/e 12/04/2019
Reception	93.3	Well done Year 4 - highest attendance 4 weeks in a row!
Year 1	91.0	
Year 2	88.9	
Year 3	94.0	
Year 4	98.8	
Year 5	85.5	
Year 6	96.2	
Total	92.4	

Netball Fundraisers:

May 10th Cake sale after school

May 25th Bag Pack Asda Barry 10-5pm

May 26th Carwash in the school car park

Please do support the children as much as you can as they really do try to raise every penny to support this trip to Kent. This is a super experience for them added to by the fact that they fundraise to allow it to go ahead. Thank you.

Children's Bank - don't forget that our Children's Bank is open every Thursday morning for children to make payments into savings accounts. If you would like to open an account for your son/daughter please see Mrs Hazelton for a form.

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.

Rugby Club - every Tuesday at 3.30-4.30pm for Year 4, 5 and Year 6 - see Mrs Hazelton for an application form

Welsh Club - every Thursday after school for this half term - see Mrs Hazelton for an application form

Football Club - for Year 6 pupils. Watch this space for further details...

School Trips

23rd May - Year 6 trip to Hay on Wye Book Festival - details to follow...

6th June - Year 5 and Year 6 trip to Cosmeston - details to follow...

23rd-25th October - Year 6 (current Y5) residential trip to The Summit Centre - deposit must be paid by 9th March via ParentPay.

School Dates to note:

6th May - BANK HOLIDAY - school is closed

7th- 10th May - National Test Week

14th May - Class/Team photographs

17th May - Reception Class Assembly

17th May - Non- Uniform and Big Breakfast - Christian Aid

24th May - INSET DAY

HALF TERM - 27th-31st May

3rd June - INSET DAY

12th June - Sports Day

14th June - Gwenfo World Book Day

16th -18th June - Netball trip to Kent

17th-21st June - Y6 Cycling

17th -28th June - Swimming lessons Year 4
28th June - Nursery Assemblies
2nd July - Nursery Induction visits
8th July - Irene Butcher Netball Tournament
10th July - Race For Life
12th July - Year 6 Leavers Service/BBQ
15th July - Choir at Hybu Concert - Motorpoint Arena
17th July - Parents Evening

Events in the local area

3rd May - Gems Girls Club - 6.30pm at Wenvoe Village Hall