



24<sup>th</sup> May 2019

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

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

What a busy half term we have had! This week we welcomed Vicar Jon back from his Pilgrimage in Spain. We were so pleased to hear his stories but also to have him back with us! Our value of friendship this term has seen us playing together with our friends daily on the field. Every lunchtime children from Reception to Y6 play together but we have seen a group of children from across the school form a new found love of rounders! Daily matches take place with children from across the school encouraging each other on and helping each other learn new skills. It has been so lovely to see.

Y6 enjoyed a wonderful day at Hay book festival listening to inspiring authors, learning about perseverance and inspiration! They were a real credit to the school. Thank you for a lovely day! Reception, Y3 and Y4 have all enjoyed their musical tuition from upbeat. Each week they have taken part in musical activities from creative movement and dance to singing and learning to play the glockenspiels.

Y5 have completed their forces fitness sessions this half term, working as a team to complete physical challenges!  
Well done everyone!

Thank you to our trainee teachers Miss Dymott and Miss Simcox who have now completed their block placements with us and near the end of their PGCEs. They have worked tirelessly to teach children in Reception and Y3. Thank you both and best of luck for the future.

Thank you to all of the children and staff for working so hard in a short but very busy half term. Have a lovely extended break everyone. We will see you on Tuesday 4th June ready for a busy Summer term 2!

**Lost Property** - The rail in Y4 cloakroom is full! Please pop in and search for lost uniforms. Help yourself to anything unnamed!

**Building Works** - At long last the Vale of Glamorgan council have secured the funding and services of a building company to extend the old Y1 classroom. We have waited patiently for a long time and finally work is due to begin. This will mean the entrance to Nursery will be out of bounds due to the

work at the side of the school. We will email all Nursery parents the amended drop off/collection points before term restarts.

**Late Arrivals to school** - Please be aware that the start time of school is 8.50am prompt. A number of children are arriving late on a daily basis. This not only adds to congestion in the school office but leaves your child having a bad start for the school day which many find very unsettling and have a negative impact upon their behaviour. It can also lead to no dinner being ordered as well as children missing their learning which starts straight away. PLEASE make every effort to be on time.

**We have also been made aware of a number of children who are entering school alone. Children should be accompanied into the school grounds and an adult should wait with them until a member of teaching staff is on the playground. Breakfast club staff cannot be held responsible for children who are entering the ground alone. Please support us in keeping all children safe.**

**Shrek** - Two of our Gwenfo children will be performing in the production of Shrek in the New Theatre, Cardiff over half term. It would be lovely for them to see some friendly Gwenfo faces in the audience. More information can be found and tickets can be purchased via the New Theatre website: <https://www.newtheatrecardiff.co.uk>

**Christian Aid** - Many thanks for your support of Christian Aid last week. We collected a total of £162.55.

**Inset day** - Please be reminded that Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June is an INSET day so the school will be closed to pupils.

**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 12<sup>th</sup> June. **There will be no afternoon Nursery provision.**

**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 uniform** - We now have 3 options for buying school uniform. Gwenfo uniform is stocked at A Class Apart in Dinas Powys, Ruckleys in Barry and can also be purchased online from [www.myclothing.com](http://www.myclothing.com)



**\*\*\* Urgent - we still have spaces over half term on our rota - please contact Mrs Ford or Mrs Hazelton if you are able to help! \*\*\***

Date	Name
11 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> May	Max Briffet and family
18 <sup>th</sup> -19 <sup>th</sup> May	Max Briffet and family
24 <sup>th</sup> -27 <sup>th</sup> May	HELP NEEDED

28 <sup>th</sup> -31 <sup>st</sup> May	Romeo Hadley family
1 <sup>st</sup> -3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Romeo Hadley family

### Attendance:

Class	% Attendance	w/e 17/05/2019
Reception	85.2	Well done Year 2!
Year 1	90.7	
Year 2	95.7	
Year 3	95.5	
Year 4	90.0	
Year 5	90.0	
Year 6	88.3	
Total	90.7	

### Netball Fundraisers:

**May 25<sup>th</sup>** Bag Pack Asda Barry 10-5pm

**May 26<sup>th</sup>** 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.

## 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 - Letters have been sent home so please consent and return with payment.

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

**Spanish Club** - every Friday for KS2 pupils. Letters have been sent home so please consent and return with payment.

## School Trips

6<sup>th</sup> June - Year 5 and Year 6 trip to Cosmeston - please consent and make payment via ParentPay

9<sup>th</sup> July - Choir rehearsals for Hybu concert - please consent and make payment via ParentPay.

10<sup>th</sup> July - Year 6 Leavers Service in Llandaff Cathedral - details to follow...

12<sup>th</sup> July - Year 6 Leavers BBQ at Cosmeston - details to follow...

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

## School Dates to note:

**HALF TERM - 27<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> May**

**3<sup>rd</sup> June - INSET DAY**

12<sup>th</sup> June - Sports Day (Nursery in the morning, rest of school in the afternoon)

14<sup>th</sup> June - Gwenfo World Book Day

16<sup>th</sup> -18<sup>th</sup> June - Netball trip to Kent

17<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> June - Y6 Cycling

17<sup>th</sup> -28<sup>th</sup> June - Swimming lessons Year 4

27<sup>th</sup> June - Reception Induction meeting

28<sup>th</sup> June - Nursery Assemblies

2<sup>nd</sup> July - Nursery Induction visits

8<sup>th</sup> July - Irene Butcher Netball Tournament

10<sup>th</sup> July - Race For Life

10<sup>th</sup> July - Year 6 Leavers Service at Llandaff Cathedral - children only

12<sup>th</sup> July - Year 6 Leavers Service/BBQ

15<sup>th</sup> July - Choir at Hybu Concert - Motorpoint Arena

17<sup>th</sup> July - Parents Evening

18<sup>th</sup> July - Gwenfo Talent Show

**19<sup>th</sup> July - last day of school**

## Events in the local area