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Article 3:

Everyone that works with children should do the best for them

Wednesday 8th September 2021

Dear parent /carer,

It was so lovely to welcome our children back to school on Monday, with smiles on their faces ready to start the new school year. I must say how wonderful they all looked in their school uniform from our youngest children in Nursery to our oldest in Year 6. It was so lovely to visit each class and to see the children engaged and enjoying being back at school. We are all hoping as staff for a return to 'normality' this year.

School Staff

I want to extend a warm Cwmnedd welcome to our new members of teaching staff.

Mrs Nikki Bowman is teaching our Year 4 class; Mr Tom Friend is covering PPA in each of our classes during the week and Miss Kelsey Tucker will be working in Year 6 alongside Mr Horrell for this term.

I also want to send belated Cwmnedd CONGRATULATIONS to Mrs Sophie Holloway (previously Miss Bibb) and Mrs Mayree Chambers (previously Miss Worton) on their marriages that took place in the summer holidays.

Our Topic

For the next three weeks, all classes will be focused on an 'All about me' Topic. This topic gives staff an opportunity to establish their new classes and set up routines and create charters in order to help our children settle in. We will be setting up our Pupil Voice groups and will also be engaging in workshops with the Spectrum Project.

School Dinners

The cost of School Dinners is £2.35 per week and is payable in advance via Parent Pay. The menu for the half term was sent out on Sunday, but can be found on our school website, or on the NPT website.

For any queries please contact the school office.

Snack

A healthy snack of fruit or toast, will be available for all children every day at a cost of 10p a day. All money for snack needs to be paid for in advance via Parent Pay (50p per week or £4.00 for this half term).

Any issues with Parent Pay, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Ashlee Morgan in our school office.

Consent and Contact Details

General Consent forms and Pupil Data forms were sent home from school this week. Please can they be returned to school as soon as possible so that we know we have the correct contact details for our children - Thank you!



P.E sessions

Next week we will be starting our P.E sessions. On your child's PE day, they will need to come to school wearing their PE kit. **I ask that children wear their school uniform jumper or hoodie on PE day, as part of their kit.** Children will need to wear black joggers or leggings, trainers, white or red T shirt and school jumper or hoodie.



Year Group		Day	
Nursery	Monday	Year 3	Thursday
Reception	Monday	Year 4	Thursday
Year 1	Wednesday	Year 5	Friday
Year 2	Tuesday	Year 6	Friday

Lateness and Absences

School gates on both sites are open from **8.40 am** and the school day starts at **8.50 am**. It is so important that the children arrive on time to school so that they are not missing out on key learning that takes place. Please can I remind families to keep school informed of any absences by calling school and leaving a message on our absence line or by speaking to the school office – Thank you!

Covid-19 - Keeping us all safe

As we know, Covid-19 is still within the community, and we must all play our part to keep Covid 19 out of school. Staff continue to engage in twice a week Lateral Flow Testing, and as a school, we will continue to stay in our class bubbles until the end of this month and continue to encourage effective hand hygiene routines throughout the day.

Thank you to our families that have been proactive this week in keeping us informed of illness, testing and confirmed cases – we must all support each other to ensure we have a less disruptive year.

If your child presents with one of the three main symptoms:

A new or continuous cough

A high temperature

A loss of or change to sense of smell or taste

They **must not** be sent to school and should be tested using a PCR test at a testing centre.

Isolation rules have changed, and we hope as schools that this will mean that whole classes will not have to isolate if there is a positive case in a class. I will update you when we have more clarity.

For the time being, staff will continue to wear face coverings at drop off and pick up, and visitors will be asked to wear face coverings to enter the school site.

Dates for the new school year 2021 - 2022

Below are some dates for your diary. We will keep you informed of any new dates when we know them.

Friday 24th September 2021	MacMillan Coffee Morning – information to follow
Monday 27th September to Friday 8th October 2021	Year 6 Swimming Fortnight @ Glynneath Leisure Centre
Friday 8th October 2021	#Hello Yellow Day – wear yellow to school for Young Minds Charity
Friday 22 nd October 2021	Half Term Holiday – Monday 25 th October to Friday 29 th October
Monday 1 st November 2021	Second Half of Autumn Term
Thursday 11th November 2021	School Nursing Team to administer Fluenz Nasal Spray – consent to follow
Friday 12th November 2021	Children in Need Day – more information to follow
Tuesday 16th November 2021	Colorfoto photography to take class group photos
Friday 17 th December 2021	Christmas Holidays – Monday 20 th December to Monday 3 rd January
Tuesday 4 th January 2022	Spring Term 2022 begins
Friday, 18 February 2022	Half term holiday - Monday 21 st February to Friday 25 th February
Monday 28 th February 2022	Second half of Spring Term
Friday 8 th April 2022	End of Spring Term – Easter Holidays - Monday, 11 April to Friday, 22 April
Monday 25 th April 2022	Summer Term 2022 begins
Friday 27 th May 2022	Half term holiday – Monday 30 th May to Friday 3 rd June
Monday 6 th June 2022	Day in lieu of Queen's Platinum Jubilee
Tuesday 7 th June 2022	Second half of Summer Term until Friday 22 nd July 2022

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions or queries, via our school telephone or via our school email: cwmnedd@npt.school

Best wishes for a happy and healthy new term,

Miss S A Harwood

Headteacher



Article of the Month for September 2021:
Article 28
The right to learn and go to school

