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Everyone that works with children should do the best for them

Monday 15th March 2021

Dear parent /carer,

I hope that this letter finds you all safe and well. I am so pleased to be writing a letter giving dates and events that will involve all of our wonderful Cwmnedd children as they will all be back at school. It has been a long time coming, and even though we break up for the **Easter holidays on Friday 26th March 2021**, we are all confident that we will continue to have normality following the Easter holidays. However, we must all ensure that we protect ourselves and each other and follow guidance that is still in place to keep community transmission low and cases out of school. It has been an absolute pleasure to see the children return, looking so grown up and so happy, if not a little anxious to be back.



Full Capacity at Cwmnedd

This week our Key Stage Two children are returning to school using a phased approach and by Friday 19th March, all of our children are expected to be back at



school. Please can you inform school for any reasons for absence so that we can record these on the register. We will continue to stagger the start and the end of the day for our children as we need to limit numbers at the gates at the start and end of school.

Please <u>do not arrive too early or linger</u> at the gates after drop and collection time – we must ensure social and physical distancing and the wearing of face coverings..

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Nursery: Drop off from 8.40 a.m. collect at 11.30 am	Reception: Drop off from 8.40 a.m. collect at 2.50 pm
Please can children in New Street be dropped off before children in Morfa Glas where there are siblings.	
Year 1: Drop off from 8.40 a.m. and collect at 3.00 p.m	Year 2: Drop off from 8.40 a.m. and collect at 3.00 p.m.
at Gate 4	at Gate 3
KEY STAGE TWO	
Year 3: Drop off from 8.50 a.m. and collect at 3.10 p.m.	Year 4: Drop off from 8.50 a.m. and collect at 3.10 p.m
at Gate 3	from Gate 2
Year 5 and Year 6: Drop off from 9.00 a.m. and collect at 3.10 p.m. at Gate 1	

A HUGE THANK YOU

I just want to say a HUGE THANK YOU to you as our families for everything you have done over the last half term to support your children at home. Recovery is our priority now and that starts with ensuring that our children return to school and get used to being in school again, supporting them as they acclimatise to routine and structure of the day, enjoying being with their friends and peers, but also the routines of hygiene we have in place to mitigate Covid-19. Wellbeing is certainly paramount for us. We are just so happy to have them all back this week.

Vision Screening for Reception Class

On **Thursday 18th March 2021**, the school nursing team will be carrying out Vision Screening with our Reception children in Morfa Glas from 9.15 a.m. More information to follow tomorrow.



RED NOSE DAY – COMIC RELIEF

What a super way to end the first week of us all being back at school, than to celebrate COMIC RELIEF RED NOSE DAY. This is a charity we support every two years. We have managed to obtain red noses for sale at school, which this year are $\pounds 1.50$.



If you would like to purchase one for your child, you can do so via Parent Pay or you can just make a donation. Noses will be kept in school until Friday.

Children can wear something red to school, which could be their uniform, for the day.

PE days

From this week on, all Foundation Phase children will have their PE session as part of Well-Being Wednesday and Key Stage Two children will have PE session as part of Feel-Good Friday. Children will need to wear their kit on these days, with their school jumper or hoodie. Thank you!



EASTER ACTIVITIES

To end Spring Term, we would like our children to engage in the annual event of an Easter Parade.



As you know, in the past, we have been able to hold this 'egg-stravaganza' of

an event as a coffee morning whereby we have gathered in the sports barn and celebrated the 'eggs-cellent' creative examples with a cuppa and a cake.

Unfortunately, this year, it will be a behind closed doors event, with children parading in their classrooms or the school hall in their class bubbles.

To be part of the Easter Parade, children can create Easter bonnets or hats; decorate Easter eggs; create Easter baskets; make Easter badges; produce Easter posters; design and make Easter T-shirts.

If your child would like to create something, may I ask that their creative piece is brought to school **between Monday** 22nd March and Thursday 25th March 2021.

Provision for Children of Key Workers and Vulnerable children

As of Friday 19th March, this provision will end due to all pupils returning to school.

Thank you to all families that have used this provision this term for your support and kind words.

School Meals and Snack

From **Monday 15st March 2021** our school dinner menu will be on Week 2. A copy of the school menu can be found on our school website, or if you would like a paper copy please contact the school office.

Children will also be provided with snack of either toast or fruit at a cost of 50p per week from Nursery through to Year 6. Please can you make payments via ParentPay. Should you need any support with setting up ParentPay if you haven't already, or making a payment using ParentPay, then please contact Mrs Morgan in the school office.



Covid – 19 – Stay Alert Covid-19 virus is still in the community and it is essential we all do our bit to ensure we keep community infection rates low. Children are not to come to school if they present with any symptoms

of Covid-19 which includes:



A new or continuous cough

A high temperature

A loss of or change to sense of smell or taste

Or if a member of your household presents with these symptoms,

Or your family have been told to isolate.

Please may I ask that if children are being taken for Covid-19, tests that school are informed.

Should your child receive a positive test result please contact school as soon as possible. If this happens on a weekend or in the evening, please use the school email account <u>covid.cwmneddprimary@npt.gov.uk</u> so that I am able to get in touch with you, so that processes can be put in place.

REMINDER – if your child is symptomatic, has been in contact with a positive case of Covid-19 or has been sent for a test, you must inform school as soon as possible.

PLEASE STAY SAFE!

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

Best wishes to you all, Miss S A Harwood Headteacher