

Monday 14th September 2020

Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome back after what seems like forever! It has been an absolute delight to welcome the children and yourselves back to school this week and it has been lovely to hear the children's voices and laughter once again. The first week back has been very successful and I have been impressed by the mature and sensible attitudes shown by the children. They have adapted really well to the changes and it has become their new 'normal' very quickly.

This is my first, and will be my last newsletter for a while as I will be going into hospital on Friday and will be absent for an extended period of time, but I know that the school will left be in very capable hands in my absence. I look forward to seeing you all soon!

Mrs S-A Watts

Pennaeth/Headteacher

School start and end times

The start and end of the school day seems to be running more smoothly as parents are becoming more familiar with the routine and procedures – thank you. It is important that you stick to the start and finish times to ensure that congestion does not build up at the start and end of the school day. It is also important to follow the one-way system in which you enter through the front car park main gates and exit through the gate onto the main road.

Remember, parking is available at Tycroes Rugby Club which is only a short walk from school and using this facility also helps to ease the congestion. Many thanks for your cooperation with this.

Communication to Parents

In order to reduce the number of items being taken to and from school, all newsletters, letters and other communication will be posted on the school website and on Claslist. No hard copies will be sent out. When important or urgent information is shared, a text will be sent to prompt you to check the website and/or Claslist, but it is worth keeping a regular check on these platforms of communication to ensure that you do not miss anything. If you are unable to access the website or Claslist, a hard copy will be posted in the school noticeboards or you can arrange for information to be emailed to you by contacting Jane in the school office. The website address is www.tycroes.amdro.org.uk

Test, Trace and Protect (TTP)

It is vital that if your child shows the following symptoms at home, that you contact Delta Wellbeing to report it immediately. The symptoms are:

- A new, continuous (often dry) cough;
- A temperature;
- A loss of taste and/or smell.

Delta Wellbeing can be contacted on 0300 333 2222 or TTP@deltawellbeing.org.uk

If you are requested to take your child for a test, the school will need to see evidence of a negative result before they will be allowed to return to school. If your child has symptoms but you do not arrange a test, your child and the family should follow the self-isolation guidelines which will mean 10 days off school for your child. If you are requested to collect your child from school due to them having symptoms, you must also take home any siblings at the same time.

It is the responsibility of the parent to report any symptoms to Delta Wellbeing out of school hours – please do not wait until the child is due in school.

Breakfast Club Bookings

In order for us to ensure adequate staffing for our breakfast club which now needs to operate in classrooms, it is helpful for you to book places using our online booking system. This opens by 9am on a Monday morning and closes at 12pm on a Friday for the following week. Please only book for the following week and not several weeks in advance. The link is https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=Ug4_TzS3ZEGUCRtgHRR5k1dI794svU1Hi7DegyWwEp5UOThMNDRHUkpHOERTU0k0MTEwSVITTUcwSC4u

Year 6 Hoodies

If you need to order hoodies for your Year 6 child, this should now be done directly with Picton Sports. They will process the order and payment with you personally, and will send you a text when the order is ready. You can then arrange collection at a convenient time for you. If you have any problems, please feel free to contact us.

Our Value of the Month is *Friendship*

Our Right of the Month is:

All children have the right to meet with friends.

