



Eveswell Primary School

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NEWSLETTER

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Annwyl Rhieni/ Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the Summer term - croeso nol...

Attendance

I would like to urge you to avoid holidays during term time this term. During the Spring term, our holiday absence was nearly double that of last year for the same term - from 397 sessions missed in Spring 2017 to 635 in Spring 2018, despite it being a shorter term. This has affected our overall school attendance and pupils have missed out on their learning. With tests and teacher assessment periods upon us, it is essential that all pupils have full access to their education. The school is looking at holidays and other unauthorised absences in detail as these absences alert us to the need to involve the education welfare officer and to consider issuing fixed penalty notices.

Sports days (weather permitting of course..)

Key stage 2 sports days will be held on 4th July for Y3 and Y4 and 29th June for Y5 and Y6 at Newport International Sports Village. A letter will be sent home with further details but parents are welcome to join us.

Foundation Phase sports days will be held at Beechwood Park, again parents may wish to join us there:

Monday, June 18th, 10am: Y1

Tuesday, June 19th, 10am: Reception classes

Wednesday, June 20th, 10am: Y2

National Tests

Pupils in Years 2,3,4,5, and 6 will sit their national tests in May, in the week from Monday, 2nd May to Wednesday, 9th May 2018. We expect to administer the bulk of the tests during the first few days if possible. Please ensure that pupils are in school on time, ready to concentrate after an early night and breakfast. Absence must be avoided if possible (as at all times). Thank you. In general, the timetable will be:

Weds 2nd May: Maths procedural tests

Thurs 3rd May: Maths reasoning tests

Fri 4th May: Reading and comprehension tests

However, we will use the rest of the test period to catch up where needed.

Dogs

Please do not bring dogs onto school premises for health and safety reasons.

Staffing news

Congratulations to Miss Evans on the birth of her daughter, Milly. We have had three baby girls born to staff this year so far!

School security

So that we know who is on our premises, we ask that any parent who needs to collect a child early or at a different exit gives us a reason and waits for us to bring the child to you at the agreed time. I am sure that you can all appreciate the importance of security, safety and confidentiality issues. We would also ask that parents use the agreed entrances, sign in if staying for an individual meeting and do not wander around the building unaccompanied by staff. This helps us in the case of fire alarms, managing entrances and exits and has been identified in one of our risk assessments. Thank you.

Head Lice

Just a reminder to check your child's hair regularly. Using a fine-toothed comb and conditioner frequently helps to keep head lice at bay. Head lice are constantly in the environment and it can be tricky to completely get rid of them once caught. School nurse can give advice - please contact the school office to get the school nurse details.

Well done to Y6 pupils who got through to the finals of the Eden Centre car design competition. You may have seen a photo of some of the pupils in the Argus recently.

Dates

Saturday, 21st April: Choir perform at Summerhill Baptist Church at 6pm

Wednesday, 2nd May: Wednesday, 9th May: National testing Y2 - Y6

PLEASE NOTE MAY DAY BANK HOLIDAY - SCHOOL CLOSED ON MONDAY, 7TH MAY

Monday, 14th May: Class and group photographs taken

HALF TERM - MONDAY, 28th MAY - FRIDAY, 1st JUNE (pupils return to school on Monday, 4th June).

INSET days: Our inset (training) days will take place on July 23rd and July 24th inclusive (2 days).

Children return to school for the new term on Tuesday, 4th September.

Cofion gorau /Kind regards



Mrs. C. Barnett, Headteacher