



"Working Together, Learning Forever"

10th March 2025

Dear parent/carer,

Staffing updates

Mr. Wotherspoon Y6 remains on long term sick and his class continues to be covered by Mr. Hussain. I am hopeful that he will return at some point after Easter. This is also the case for Mrs. Bishop.

The Governing Body have agreed to a request from the council to extend Mr. Thomas's secondment to the Welsh Advisory Service. He will now return at the start of the next academic year. His class will continue to be covered by Mrs. Thompson until the end of the academic year.

Red Nose Day

The children have asked to support the Red Nose charity again this year. This will take place on Friday 21st March. The children can wear something red/non-school uniform on this day with a voluntary contribution of £1 for the charity. As with all events, please do not feel pressured into buying anything new.

Burlais Book Day

With so much going on in such a short period, and so you do not feel too pressured, we have decided to celebrate World Book Day on Friday 28th March and not on the scheduled national day of 6th March. The children can dress as characters from books or just wear their pyjamas/night clothes as if settling down for a bedtime story. Again, please do not feel the need to buy anything new for this.

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Parent/carer meetings

There will be individual meetings with class teachers during the week commencing 24th March. This will be an opportunity for you to discuss your child's progress and look at their books. Individual appointments have been sent to you.

As Mr. Wotherspoon is currently not in work and Mr. Hussain has only a short time with the children, things will be slightly different for this class. Pupils in this class will receive a short written report from Mr. Wotherspoon/Mr. Hussain and we will have an evening for parents/carers in this class to come in and look at the books. This will take place on Monday 24th March from 3.30 onwards. Mr. Hussain will be on hand to answer any questions you may have.

Easter Bonnet parade arrangements Thursday 10th April

As in previous years, the children have the chance to make Easter Bonnets at home and bring them into school for a parade for parents/carers on Thursday 10th April at 9.15 am. Parents/Carers will enter via the gate to the Infant yard at the side of the main office. The main gates to the Junior yard and Fern Street will be closed once the children are in school. Parents/carers will also exit via this gate. In the event of rain the event will be cancelled and the children will parade in school without parents/carers present. You will be notified via text by 8:30 am if we have to cancel on the day.

For safety purposes, parents/carers will only be allowed on the infant yard and in the demarcated area. Please do not take any photographs/videos whilst on school premises.

Parents/carers will be welcomed to the event by Mr. Thompson. The children will be led around the outside of the school on the Infant yard by staff for you to watch. The children will walk around to the Junior yard and re-enter the building via the Breakfast Club door and return to class. Junior classes who have pupils to parade will join with Infants classes.

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Last day of term and the Easter holidays

The last day of term will be on Thursday 10th April. This will be a non-uniform day. Your child may have told you that we have a therapy dog called Teddy who visits the school every Monday with his owner Carol. The children spend time with him which is very beneficial for all concerned. This service is provided free of charge through a charity called Cariad. The children have decided they would like to raise some money for this charity due to all the help they give us as a school. Therefore, the non-uniform day on the 10th of April will be a fundraising day for them. The children can give a voluntary contribution of £1 to the charity on this day.

Important dates

Friday 21st March – Red Nose Day. Wear something red (voluntary contribution of £1 for Comic Relief)

W/c 24th March – individual meetings with teachers for parents.

Friday 28th March – Burlais Book Day

Thursday 10th April – Easter Bonnet parade at 9.15am for parents

Thursday 10th April – last day in school before the Easter holidays (non-uniform day for pupils, voluntary contribution of £1 for Cariad Pet Therapy)

Friday 11th April – INSET day (school closed for pupils but open for staff)

Monday 28th April – school starts back after the Easter holidays

Regards,

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