



*"Working Together, Learning Forever"*

24<sup>th</sup> September 2025

Dear parent/carer,

## **Thank you!**

A huge thank you for all your support for the start of term, there have been many great things going on in school and your children have been working very hard. I had the pleasure of attending our PTFA meeting on Tuesday, a group of parents and friends of the school who work tirelessly to raise funds for the 'extras' for your children. They are a small, but very dedicated group and it was nice to see some new members there too. Over the past year they have raised nearly £5,000 through their events. If you would like to join this group or find out more about what they do, please contact the school. This is a genuine, open invitation for you all to get involved to make the school a better place for all your children.

## **Harvest**

We have linked with St. Michael's Church in Manselton to collect for Harvest. They support local Foodbanks and we would like to help them. Therefore if you could spare any dried foods e.g. pasta, rice etc. or tinned goods, please could you send them in with your child by Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October. Your kindness and support with this is greatly appreciated.

## **Shwmae Day**

We are excited to inform you that we will be celebrating Shwmae *Day* at school on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October! This special day is dedicated to promoting the Welsh language and culture, and it's a fun way for our children to learn and engage with a key part of Wales' heritage. On Shwmae Day, students will have the opportunity to greet one another with the Welsh phrase "Shwmae" which means "Hello" or "How's it going?" It's a great way for children to connect with the Welsh language in a lively and interactive way. We encourage all families to join in the fun and use the phrase at home too, creating a sense of community both in school and beyond. We look forward to celebrating this vibrant part of our culture together. Pupils can wear something red, green or white on this day.

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## **PTFA disco**

Our wonderful PTFA will be organising a disco for pupils during the school day on the last day before half term (Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October). The children can wear non-uniform and may wish to wear their Halloween costumes if they want. The children can bring some money in for sweets, drinks etc., which the PTFA will be selling. There is also a voluntary contribution of £1 towards school funds.

## **A reminder on our expectations in relation to attendance**

Parents are required by law to ensure that children attend school regularly. Good attendance is critically important for a child's learning pattern to develop smoothly and for progress to be maintained. **If your child misses school for any reason, please telephone or send a written message of explanation on the first day of absence.** Unless we receive such a message within 3 days, the absence will be recorded in the register as unauthorised. In cases of long or frequent absences, or persistent lateness when arriving in school, the Education Welfare Officer will be notified. We are currently having a number of parents/carers not ringing to inform us of absence.

If you intend to go on holiday during school time, you will need to complete a request for absence form, which is available from the school office. The school, have adopted the local policy on attendance and completion of this form does not guarantee that these days will be authorised. Our attendance officer, will follow the guidelines set out in the policy and present them to the Headteacher who has the final decision if the absences will be authorised or not.

No pupil will be allowed to leave school unless collected by a responsible adult, for example, when being collected for medical appointments. You will need to ensure that your child must be signed out at the school office prior to being taken. Please let the class teacher know if your child will be arriving late at school or is to be collected for an appointment. When returning to school after an appointment, make sure that your child is signed back into school again.

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## **Important dates**

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October – Shwmae day – wear something red, white or green to school

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> October – Individual school photos (school uniform)

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October – last day in school before the half term holidays (PTFA disco, non-uniform day for pupils)

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November – INSET day (school closed to pupils but open to staff)

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November – School starts back for pupils after the half term holidays

Regards,

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