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Dear Parents and Guardians

Autumn has arrived this week! We go out as much as possible and it's a great help if the children have suitable coats for the colder weather.

I mentioned earlier in the year that we have great attendance rates for staff and its only fair I share the staff rates. If I round up (or down), as I do for pupils stars, our rate of absence is 0. So, you may have questions if your child comes home and says that their teacher wasn't in. This will be because, we pride ourselves at Esgob Morgan in making sure that our staff are highly skilled, well trained and experienced staff. This means they have time out of class to go on training courses. Of course, this leads to the question, why can't they do this on the training days? That is down to pure logistics—it would be difficult to cater for all staff in Denbighshire, and neighbouring authorities, to go on the same course, and it would be severely limiting to what our staff could do.

One of our main focus training areas is in using the "Trauma Informed Schools" programme. This is a ten day course spread out over the year. I certainly feel this programme is worth the investment in time. I hope this helps give context as to why our staff might be off.

Have a wonderful weekend—Mr Redgrave

Attendance and Punctuality

Year to date	Late	Authorised Absences	Unauthorised Absences	%	W/B 06/10	Late	Authorised Absences	Unauthorised Absences	%
3	0.8	4.5	2.7	92.8	3	0.6	11.3	8.7	79.7
4	0.9	2.7	3.4	92.4	4	0.3	0.7	0.0	99.3
5	2.6	6.5	5.8	87.7	5	1.3	12.1	8.3	79.7
6	1.0	2.3	7.4	90.3	6	1.0	3.0	10.7	86.2
Totals	1.3	4.0	4.8	90.8	Totals	0.8	6.9	7.1	85.9

This week has seen a large increase of illness, especially in our Year 3—however, this number is made worse due , once again, to the extremely high levels of unauthorised absence in nearly all classes. As a result we are no where near our whole school year target of 95%. Had the unauthorised absences in nearly all classes not been there we would comfortably be hitting our target. This is how much of an impact unauthorised absence can have. Please can we, once again, ask that if your children are well enough to attend school, if a little tired, then they come to school.

Year 4 have, by far, the highest attendance this week. Lateness is still coming down—we need this to be at 0. We have a team of Education Social Workers in Denbighshire which we will need to use if there is no response to the letters we send asking for meetings regarding attendance. If you receive a letter from Mr Redgrave to discuss attendance, please make every effort to attend. Thank you for your help.

Denbighshire Music Co-operative

Applications through school are now closed. You can still contact DMC direct if you would like.

We will send details to those who have applied as to how to sign up with DMC. The bursaries have also been applied for on the behalf of those who requested. We have no say in whether these are awarded.

Sponsored Walk

Another one of our annual events is taking place on the 13th of October. The children will have been given a sponsor form today. Please can you help your child with their form—we have said to the children that they are not to go knocking on doors for sponsors. Any help in raising whatever we can is much appreciated.

London Trip

Year 6 had an amazing time down in London—they went to visit the Warner Brothers Studio Tour, The Lion King, The Houses of Parliament! They all had a great time, enjoying themselves as children should and it was great hearing how well they behaved down there. Da iawn pawb!

Harvest Service

Our joint service with St. Asaph VP will take place in the Cathedral on Thursday 19th of October at 10AM. You are more than welcome to attend.

International Walk to School Day

On Monday the 9th of October we are running a walking bus for IWSD. It will depart from the library at 8:30am led by Mr Schrimshaw and other members of staff. You and your children are most welcome to join in! Hope to see you there!

Cook with Me

This Tuesday the 10th of October is the Year 5 and 6 session to come and cook with your child (ren). It is straight after school. The sessions have been so well attended and we hope the food has tastes

Christmas Hot Pot and Quiz

We know! We know!

However, it's never too early for Mr Christmas... sorry... Redgrave. Our annual, often imitated but never bettered, event with its mega raffle will be on sale soon. Previous prizes have included an iPad, a PS4, Xbox Series one and a PS5! We ask the children what they think would be a good prize—they always know better than us!

This year we will have limited tickets as we are going to allocate named seats to avoid the situation we had last year as it was so full!

It's a popular and fun event... try to get your tickets as soon as they go on sale!

After School Club

Luckily we have managed to keep the club running. We are committed to keeping it open before it is taken over—but it is increasingly hard to cover it with enough staff. Thankfully we have volunteers stepping in—but if you, or if you know anyone who would like some hours up to Christmas then please get in touch.

One Way System

Please can we ask, once again, that you use the one way system. Please take the Tan Y Bryn turning and follow the road to the next right turning to be able to safely drop your children at the start of the day, and to pick up your children at the end of the day. Please avoid driving into school to drop off your children. Many thanks.