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## Dear Parents and Guardians

I hope you are all well in spite of the awful weather. At least we have seen a bit of sunshine today.

One of the many things I am proud of when it comes to our school is how we deal with issues when they, inevitably, come up. The staff are all on hand at 3:15 PM every day for you to speak to should you need to. We encourage the children to tell us if something has happened of which we are unaware. On the occasions that they do not please do take that time to speak to the class teacher in the first instance. What we like to discourage is when approaching children who are not your own to discuss alleged incidents in school. Any issues you may have with things that may have happened in school should be dealt with through the school and not directly with a child. We have a highly experienced staff that are trained well to deal with issues relating to behaviour. I would go as far to say this extends to the journeys in to and from school. Your help with this is, as ever, greatly appreciated.

Just a quick note on Children in Need. From previous experience this time of year is when we start asking for donations for our own school activities and it was suggested to me that it was all a bit much as well as asking for donations for Children in Need. So, whereas we don't do anything of CiN we do do things for Red Nose Day in March! So keep an eye out for that. Thank you for your understanding.

Many thanks and have a wonderful weekend.—Mr Redgrave

## Attendance and Punctuality

Year to date	Late	Author-ised Abs-sences	Unauthor-ised Absenc-es	%	W/B 20/10	Late	Author-ised Abs-sences	Unauthor-ised Absenc-es	%
3	1.6	4.7	1.8	93.5	3	2.6	5.3	0.7	94.0
4	1.3	2.8	2.0	94.5	4	1.8	2.2	0.7	97.0
5	4.0	6.5	4.9	88.2	5	7.3	13.3	4.0	82.7
6	1.5	3.8	4.6	91.6	6	1.6	8.0	3.3	88.7
Totals	2.1	4.5	3.3	91.9	Totals	3.4	7.4	2.2	90.4

There has been significant attendance and punctuality issues in Year 5 and Year 6 this week. Where as we understand if your children are unwell enough to attend school, there really is no excuse for the amount of lateness. Its just not fair on the children. This doesn't even take into account the difficulties some had getting into school on Thursday.

The attendance this week in our Year 5 and 6 has had an effect on our yearly total too. Year 4 are so very nearly at target for the Year—da iawn pawb.

Good attendance is directly linked to positive achievement and behaviour. Please can we make every effort to get your children into school, on time as often as they are possible and well enough.

## After School Club

Please to say that with Kim's help the club is going from strength to strength. She has agreed, as we are incredibly grateful, to keep going until the end of term! She has put in so much work to keep the club open and it's great to see numbers attending so high. Thank you Kim.

The only 2 dates the club will not be open is 13<sup>th</sup> of December as there will be a film night and 14<sup>th</sup> of December which is our Christmas Play.

**Please do not phone the school as bookings can not be made through the school.**

Details for the ASC can also be found on our school website. Please do book in early as the club is getting full on most days now.

## Christmas Bazaar, Quiz, Hot Pot and Raffle

These will go on sale next week. As we have mentioned earlier there will be fewer tickets this year due to the size of the school hall and the need to operate this event safely. There will be a strict limit of 80 tickets. This will get you access to the quiz as well as food. Not to worry, though, as there will also be things happening around the school for you to enjoy should you miss out on tickets. We will text next week when the tickets go live.

Keep selling those raffle tickets. The more we sell the less chance Mr R has of winning it! We couldn't bare his face if he won!



Our goal this year is to make much needed enhancements to the Forest School space including a new shelter.

We've recently had our EGM and are delighted to confirm our board members! Rachel Cleveland is Chair, Samantha Williams is Treasurer and Rebekah Hurst is Secretary, please give them a shout if you see them at pick up.

We have recently organised our very first event which was the Monsters Ball and want to say a big thanks to all the volunteers and teaching staff that helped us to make the event the success it was. We hope all the children enjoyed their time at the Monsters Ball!

We're busy planning for the Christmas Bazaar, Hot Pot and Quiz night which will all happen on the 30<sup>th</sup> November. More information will follow soon but this event is to be a sell out and this year includes our very own Santa's grotto! We're looking for a volunteer who doesn't mind dressing up as an Elf for the night, please let Rachel, Sam or Rebekah know if you're interested!

If you can spare some time to help with organising or volunteering at any of our events please come along to our next meeting which will be held straight after school on the 16<sup>th</sup> November - if you're stuck for childcare bring them along with you!

Give us a follow on our Facebook group <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1398993676901140> or drop us an email [es-gobmorganptfa@gmail.com](mailto:es-gobmorganptfa@gmail.com) if you have any questions!

### Christmas Hot Pot, Quiz Night And Christmas Bazaar

November 30<sup>th</sup>  
5-8pm

Start the night with Pay to Play games and a photo with Santa before the Quiz!

### Movie night

December 13<sup>th</sup>  
3:30-5:00

Stay after school for a Christmas movie, popcorn, and sweet treats!

### Clothing Donation Drive

January

Have a clear out over the winter break and bring your outgrown items for donation!

**School Calendar** -Please do have a look at the calendar on our website. You can synch this to your phones.