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### Dear Parents and Guardians

Again, thank you for your continued support with the one way system. The road closure didn't cause too many issues and thank you for your cooperation with that.

It has been a busy week in school—the weather has certainly been interesting! Please ensure that your children have coats to wear. We like to get the children outside as much as possible, even if it is a bit cold and windy!

We listen to our learners all the time and recently the children have let us know that they would like to bring back the way we used to do our celebration service. So, that's exactly what we have done. We award our learners with a certificate for their work on the four purposes, their use of Welsh and one for being a good role model. They will bring this home and they can share with you why they have won the award. The certificates can take pride of place on the fridge / wall / wherever you put them up!

On a personal note—wonderful to see so many people volunteering to come in to help with reading. It is another one of our key focus areas for this year. Look forward to welcoming you all into our school.

Have a wonderful weekend—Mr Redgrave

### Attendance and Punctuality

Year to date	Late	Authorised Absences	Unauthorised Absences	%
3	0.7	3.0	0.9	96.1
4	1.3	1.0	3.7	92.8
5	3.3	3.2	5.5	91.3
6	1.3	1.5	5.7	92.8
Totals	1.6	2.2	4.0	93.3

W/B 11/09	Late	Authorised Absences	Unauthorised Absences	%
3	1	6.0	0.7	93.3
4	0.7	1.5	3.7	94.8
5	4.5	4.1	4.8	91.0
6	1.3	0.3	4.1	95.5
Totals	1.9	3	3.3	93.7

On the left is the running total for this year. On the right is the attendance for this week. There has been a slight down turn in attendance this week. Whole school total has dipped below target.

There has been a significant change in the amount of unauthorised absence in the upper school. Increased authorised in the lower school. Illness is a factor in this aspect, but term time holidays are the main reason for unauthorised absences.

Lateness, however, has increased this week from last week, significantly in our older learners. Please ensure that if you allow your Year 5 or 6 child to walk to school that they do so in plenty of time. We have sent messages to those who are showing patterns of lateness to see if there is anything we can do. Please remember we want to help our families as much as possible—but we can only help where there is engagement. This helps avoid any need to involve outside agencies.

## Denbighshire Music Co-operative

We all enjoyed a magnificent performance from DMC this afternoon. Special mention to Mr Redgrave who was brave enough (stitched up more like—Mr R) to sing a song along with the band. We say sing!!!!

Your children will come home with a leaflet about learning an instrument. Now, with the cost of living making things a bit tight, we don't want to stop children having lessons and we are able to apply for a bursary. If you think you may be eligible please let us know at the school as soon as you are able.

Have a chat with them, see if they are keen and we will send a Form out next week for you to put your name down for lessons! Bring on the noise!

## After School and Holiday Club

We wrote a couple of weeks ago about how we were struggling with staffing our after school club. 4 members of staff have moved on since September!

However, we are delighted to announce, following a meeting between Mr Redgrave and Sam Maitland-Price that her company Little Lambs, will be taking over the running of the club.

We are all very excited about the launch of the new Afterschool and Holiday Club which will officially take place on January 1st.

We will endeavour to run the afterschool club as best as we can until then—but finding staff is incredibly hard at the moment. Please bare with us—but we are sure you will join us in welcoming Sam and her team as an additional part of the Esgob Family, as we are very excited to be joining the Little Lambs family!

### Sept

25th—Cycle to School week

### Oct

3rd to 5th—Yr 6 London Trip

6th—International Walk to School Day

13th—Sponsored Walk (details to follow)

## Its Back!

### The Esgob Morgan Monster's Ball

After the period of you know what, we are bringing the Monster's Ball back!

For those who are new, the Monster's Ball is an after school fancy dress event. They can dress in their scariest outfit—one year a pupil came dressed as Mr Redgrave! So, it is wonderful to have this back in the Calendar!

The PTFA are holding a planning meeting after school next week and details can be found on the PTFA Facebook page

We are supporting #CycleToSchoolWeek with @BikeabilityUK & @Sustrans!

Cycling to school has a real positive impact on the health and wellbeing of children. Choose #ActiveTravel this 25-29 September - with free resources & prizes to be won at [bikeability.org.uk/cycletoschoolweek](http://bikeability.org.uk/cycletoschoolweek)

They can also come on scooters and the Bike doctor will be in school next week to help with any repairs!

## Dates

### Nov

6th—Training Day

7th—School Opens for Pupils

24th—Non Uniform (Bottles)

30th - Non Uniform (Biscuits) / Christmas Quiz and Hot Pot

### Dec

14th—Christmas Concert

21st—School Closes for Pupils

22nd—Training Day

### Oct cont....

16th and 17th—Parents Evening

19th—Harvest Service

25th—Monster's Ball

27th—School Closes for Half term

17th—Non Uniform (Tombola / smellies)

Jan 8th Training Day. Open on 9th.