



Blaenavon Heritage Voluntary Controlled Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers
Annwyl Rhieni

May half term is fast approaching and the sun has already begun to shine, putting us all in the mood for the long summer days to come (fingers crossed)!

Many thanks for your continued support through the school year. We have had our usual flurry of activities since returning after Christmas; trips to Pizza Express, Welsh Week (including St David's Day celebrations), Easter Bonnet Parade (sadly cancelled for parents, due to the weather) and parents' consultations. Pupils in Years 2-6 have also recently sat their national tests.



If you haven't already heard, there's a **ROYAL WEDDING** on Saturday, 19th May. Pupils will be celebrating tomorrow (Friday, 18th May) by wearing red, white, blue, and eating lunch outside, weather permitting. Royal wedding activities will also be held in classes!

Following the fundraising Spring Disco held on 15th February, we will be holding another

Fundraising Disco on Thursday next, 24th May, again organised by our Class Reps. (If you have time to help please contact Karen (07708 530653) or Val (07975 651116). Nursery and Foundation Phase (4.30 – 5.30 pm); Key Stage 2 (5.45 – 6.45 pm). Admittance is £2.00 payable on the door, including entry, pop and crisps.



An updated **SCHOOL CALENDAR** is also attached for your information. Please make a note of those dates and events which are of interest to you.



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VALUE: Our Value following half term is **THANKFULNESS**. Attached to this newsletter is information we hope you will be able to share with your family as you explore this value together.

MUSIC FEES are now due for the term, payable direct to Gwent Music, online.



ELECTION OF PARENT GOVERNOR

Following the election of Parent Governor, the successful candidate was Sarah Weaver. Sarah has a child in Reception and will sit on the School Improvement & Performance Committee, as well as attending Full Governors' meetings.

BREAKFAST CLUB, organised by catering staff, offers a free, healthy breakfast to pupils prior to attending lessons and runs between 8.15 am and 8.45 am. Providing an opportunity for busy parents to drop off their children early, if necessary, pupils eat with their friends in a safe, secure environment. If you would like your child to attend, forms can be obtained from the school office. Please note, however, that pupils who are not registered may not be dropped off at Breakfast Club as a place to wait, having already eaten breakfast at home, prior to attending lessons.

SCHOOL CLOTHING AND OTHER ITEMS are often lost. Whilst they are not always found, our caretakers regularly gather up lost items and leave them at the doors onto the yard as a place for parents or pupils to look for their lost items. At these times, texts are sent to parents advising them that lost items have been located in the yard. Please note, however, that if items are not collected during the timescales advised, they will be disposed of.

SCHOOL TRIPS: When we organise trips at school we always provide a date when reply slips should be returned. Historically, we have extended deadlines for return of reply slips. However, we will no longer be able to accept late slips, under any circumstances – the deadline indicated will remain the deadline.

Where previously we have requested a 'voluntary' contribution towards the cost of trips, we will no longer be able to subsidise school trips and, if the cost is not fully covered, trips will be cancelled. If it is necessary to cancel a school trip, refunds will be arranged via the Council's Finance Department and will automatically be refunded to bank accounts if made online. Payments made at cash office will require parents to come into the school office to fill out a form, which will then be sent to Finance requesting reimbursement. Please note: payments for a cancelled trip cannot be used as payment/part



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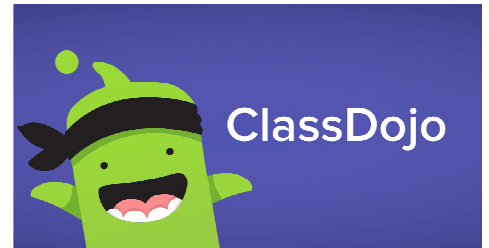
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payment for another item in school. Reimbursement must be done and any other payments made separately.

Please also remember, where applicable, that 'currently in date' asthma pumps and other medication must be provided to school. We have had several occasions where medication has not been available and pupils have had to remain in school, rather than attend a school trip, as a result.

Some of our parents regularly contact school staff on the Class DoJo app, sometimes late into the evening. Please note contact should be made, where possible, during school hours only. If messages are received by staff after this time, parents will need to wait for a response. Please also note that Class DoJo is not an information service for complaints. If you have a complaint, please follow the Complaints' Policy, available on the school website.



PARKING: We continue to receive complaints recently that parents are parking on the roundabout, at the entrance to Busy Bees and in the disabled bays outside of school, as well as on double yellow lines adjacent to Nursery. Please do not park in a disabled bay unless you are disabled and need to use the space. Also, parking on the roundabout causes problems with congestion and prevents buses turning. Congestion caused by busy parking periods is dangerous and the car park should be used when collecting your child.

TELEPHONE CALLS TO THE OFFICE

If you call the school office and there is no immediate response, please leave a message on the school answerphone. The telephone is checked regularly throughout the day and messages passed on to relevant members of staff.

Please note that, where pupils are to be collected early, telephone calls should be made to the office advising of this before 2.30 pm. Messages left after this time are not guaranteed to be passed on: the end of the day is a busy time and pupils are often in assembly, making it difficult to locate pupils and staff.

And finally ... As the weather has started to improve and the sun has shown its face, please remember to **apply sunscreen** to your child before school and **provide a hat**.



Yours sincerely

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ACTING HEAD TEACHER

Attached:
School Calendar
Value - Thankfulness

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