

Dear parents,
Welcome back to a new term and a new school year.

School opening times.

The morning bell will ring at 8.55a.m. Please do not send children to school before 8.45 am as they are not supervised until that time. Only pupils attending breakfast club are permitted on site from 8.10a.m. and they should go straight to the canteen.

Infant children may enter the building from 8.45a.m.

Junior pupils wait on the yard until the bell or will be allowed in if it is raining.

School finishes at 3.25p.m. for reception and 3.30p.m. for all other year groups, the red security gates are opened at 3.20p.m.

Uniform.

The children looked very smart in their new uniform on Tuesday.

Please ensure that the children have a change of clothing for PE lessons as well as suitable outdoor footwear and waterproof coats for outdoor play with them at all times.

May I remind you that no jewellery other than watches is allowed to be worn to school.

This is for health and safety reasons.

Thank you for supporting the school's uniform policy.

Parent Governor Elections

Please read the parent governor election form and return nominations to the school by Thursday 11th of September. The current vacancy arises as Mrs. Cath Moger's term of office comes to a close. I would like to thank her for her wonderful support of the school both as a parent and parent governor representative.

Dinner money

School dinners have increased to £1.60 per day so please send in £8.00 for the week ahead each Monday. Please make cheques payable to the Vale of Glamorgan County Council V.O.G.C.

Breakfast Club

Our very successful WAG funded free breakfast club continues. Children who have already been registered need not apply again. Breakfast club forms are available from the office, the canteen during breakfast club sessions or can be downloaded from our school website.

Simply complete the form and return to the school office or breakfast club staff.

Please note that pupils should be dropped off at the canteen between 8.10a.m. and 8.35a.m. Staff cannot allow pupils in before 8.10a.m. as they are preparing the canteen.

Children will be supervised in the canteen and taken to the infant classrooms or junior yard at 8.45a.m. when school staff takes responsibility.

Please turn over for more important information.

Volunteers

For many years we have enjoyed the support of volunteers who have helped with a variety of activities in school. We are always glad to welcome anyone who would be able to give some of their time to our children whether it is on a regular or occasional basis.

There are a number of areas where adult help would be appreciated e.g. reading, maths games, play partners for the younger children, art and crafts, cookery, gardening and sports. If you would like to hear more about ways in which you can help or to 'sign up', Mrs. Jones would be pleased to see you on Wednesday 10th September 2.30p.m. – 3.30p.m. or Thursday 11th September from 8.45a.m. – 10.15a.m. – just call into her room now located in the lower junior corridor in the main building. If you want to help and these times are inconvenient, please contact school and we can make alternative arrangements.

Extra-curricular clubs will commence in the week beginning 15/09/08 with the exception of Karate club which starts on Monday 8th of September. Club details and consent slips will be sent out next week.

Diary Dates

Full term diary to follow but please note that Friday October 3rd is a school Inset day.

Site improvements.

During the holidays, three classrooms in the junior block were extended. Eight classrooms, the infant hall and all staff and infant toilets have been redecorated. Also more improvements made to the outdoor play area.

The back wall is still not finished due to the inclement weather and the fact that it needed more structural repairs as well as re-rendering.

Caretaker garden

We have now had confirmation that the school can make use of the garden behind the caretaker's house. Mr. Taylor will be clearing this when weather permits and it is hoped that all classes will be able to access this facility from the Spring term. If anyone has a particular interest and would like to help with the development of this garden and more soft landscaping around the school site, please see Mrs. Taylor

Communication

This newsletter is going out to all families as first of the year, please note that future newsletters will be published on the school website and hard copies only sent out to those who have requested them. New reception and nursery parents should see the staff to request hard copies of our newsletters.

T. Taylor