



15th February 2019

Dates:

Mon **25th Feb**: Return to school

Friday **1st March**: Eisteddfod

Mon **6th March**: Transition co-ordinator from Fairfield visiting year 6 children

Thurs **7th March**: World book day

Thurs **7th March**: PTFA meeting

Thurs **7th March**: Year 1 hearing tests

Mon **11th March**: Science week

Wed **27th March**: Digital leader's conference

Tues **2nd April**: Y3&4 Parents PGL info evening

Weds **3rd April**: Parents Evening

Thurs **4th April**: Parents Evening

Weds **10th – Friday 12th April**: Yr5/6 Residential trip (Oakerwood)

Fri 12th April: Finish for Easter

Monday **29th April**: Back to school

Monday **6th May**: Bank Holiday

Mon **13th – Thurs 16th May**: Year 6 SATs

Weds **15th – Thurs 16th May**: Yrs 3 & 4 to PGL Tregoyd

Monday 27th – Friday 31st May:

Half Term Holiday

Thursday 18th July: Finish for summer holidays

Looking Back:

Well done to the children in reception who have been so grown up and have been dropped off in the playground instead of in their classroom. A great effort! We will continue the same thing next term.

Library Van: The library van visited this morning. Please ensure your child looks after their books and returns them when the van next visits.

Bring a teddy to school day: There was a lot of excitement here on Thursday, with such a simple activity. The children enjoyed spending the day with their teddies. The younger children had a lively disco and the older children made computerised stories about the adventures of their teds!

After Half Term:

SCHOOL LUNCHES – WEEK BEGINNING 25.02.19

As Gwernyfed are on half term for our first week back, all children will need a packed lunch every day of the week from 25 February – 1 March. Please do not book for this week on ParentPay. Many thanks.

Clubs:

We can now offer the Ball Games Club on a Tuesday after school to Year 2's so please do sign up on ParentPay if you would like your child to attend.

We are lucky to have local yoga teacher, Pete Norton, from Wye Valley Yoga providing a club on a Monday after school. Please see information on this below.



Yoga is a great way for children to do some fun, non-competitive physical activity. It will be a fast moving, energetic class whilst also being a mindful form of movement, helping children to inhabit their bodies. They will learn a variety of yoga poses which take their names from nature and story characters (e.g. Tree pose, Lion pose), and which help with balance, strength, flexibility and general posture. Towards the end of each session they will learn some simple breathing and relaxation techniques.

Local Iyengar Yoga teacher Pete Norton will be leading this club. Pete and his wife Cori run classes in and around Hay and Hereford under the name Wye Valley Yoga. As well as regular adult classes they have taught children of all ages from primary and secondary through to college students. See www.wyevalleyyoga.com



Eisteddfod

On March 1st we will be celebrating St David's Day in our usual fashion, with our very own Eisteddfod

Competitions that your child can enter:

- Cook Welsh cakes
- Write out a poem in their neatest handwriting
- Design the front cover of a Welsh cook book
- Recite a poem
- Play an instrument
- Perform a song or dance

The children must prepare everything at home and bring their entries into school on the morning of Friday 1st March. Please ensure all work is labelled.

You can enter as many events as you like.

Other information:



We have lost quite a number of cold packs from the school first aid kit. If your child has brought one home accidentally, we would be most grateful if you could return it to the school office. Many thanks.



Clifford School Garden. As we approach the warmer weather we would be most grateful if, whilst on your visits to local garden centres, you could pick up an extra sachet of seeds/bag of compost for our garden. We are planning on running a gardening club as soon as the warmer weather arrives plus we would like to improve the playground tubs. In addition will be painting some new planters in the summer and would be most grateful for any contributions of suitable paint. Thank you.



Please follow the link below to read about the new building project at Busy Bees. This wonderful nursery is crowdfunding so please share far and wide. Thank you.

<http://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/busy-bees-nursery-and-pre-school-new-building>

SICKNESS

Please can we remind all parents of the 48 hour rule regarding sickness and diarrhoea.

All schools, nationwide, have a policy that states any child with sickness or diarrhoea should not attend school for 48 hours from the last bout of vomiting. If a child returns to school whilst still contagious (which they are within 48 hours) other children/ staff are likely to become infected which would be more serious if a new born child or parent with medical complications were at that home. Public Health England also confirm this advice, as do our Health and Safety advisors. Below is a link which explains this in more detail. There has been a sickness bug going around the school and therefore we have to treat any vomiting as potentially contagious.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/diarrhoea-and-vomiting/>

Clifford Community Hall has replaced the gas cooker with an electric one. The gas cooker is therefore for sale. If anyone is interested please contact Christine Bates, contact details are below.

LINCAT SLR9P SIX RING PROPANE GAS COOKER (PRE OWNED) (pictures attached)
SIZE 900 WIDE X 600 DEEP BY 935 HIGH - SIX GAS RING HOB ONE LARGE OVEN
PROFESSIONALLY CLEANED, ONE KNOWN FAULT OVEN PILOT LIGHT IGNITION
NOT WORKING CAN LIGHT MANUALLY £400 contact mobile 07586319111 or email
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PARENT GOVERNOR NOMINATIONS

Attached alongside this newsletter is a letter and a form with information regarding nominations for Parent Governors. Please ensure all nominations are in by 15th March 2019.

Many thanks.

Have a lovely half term and see you all on Monday 25th February.

Yours sincerely,

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