

VICTORIA PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

"Together we aim for the stars"

11th September 2020
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HEADTEACHER'S THOUGHTS THIS WEEK

Dear Parents,

Happy New School Year

A warm welcome back to all of our pupils and families. We hope that after the very long break, the children are well rested and ready to work hard and achieve their very best this academic year. I am so incredibly proud of our children who have demonstrated such resilience this week. Well done all!

Thank you so much for your patience and support at drop off and pick up times. Many families, understandably, feel very anxious at these particular busy times, so social distancing is paramount. Please help us to keep our school community safe.

Attendance

At this time of year we like to remind parents of their responsibility to ensure that their children regularly attend school. All absences need to be authorised, so please make sure that you contact the school if your child is not going to be in school due to illness. We appreciate that there may be some confusion over the current COVID situation, so please see the helpful flow chart in this week's newsletter. We encourage families not to take holidays during term time, however, in exceptional circumstances, request for leave forms are available if you email the school office.

Please note that permission cannot be granted for an authorised absence unless the reason falls within criteria set down by the Welsh Assembly Government. We would politely request that all non-emergency appointments are made after school or during holidays.

Family circumstances

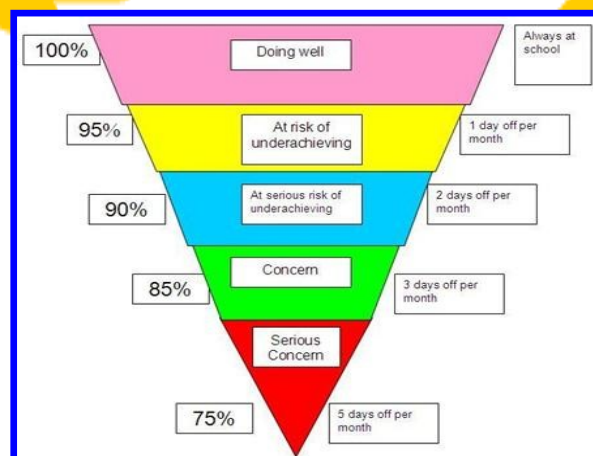
If any family circumstances change (including contact details), please can you either inform the class teacher, school office or myself. It is important that we are kept aware of any changes that will affect your child's well being or our ability to contact you.

Thank you for your continued support.

ATTENDANCE

Below is a pictorial reminder to parents on how important it is for children to attend school everyday. We would like to thank you for your continued support in this area.

School attendance for this week was 97%. A special well done to Classes 2SP and 6K who had the highest attendance with 99.6%. WELL DONE!



Meet the teacher Meetings

We will be holding our annual 'Meet the teacher' meetings via Zoom this year, which will give parents an opportunity to find out key information for the year ahead.

These meetings are invaluable in receiving information that will assist both you and your child in preparing for their time in their current year group. There will also be an opportunity to ask any questions that you may have.

Please see the calendar on the back page detailing the date and time of your child's year group meeting. For those unable to attend, a useful PowerPoint will be added to the school website.

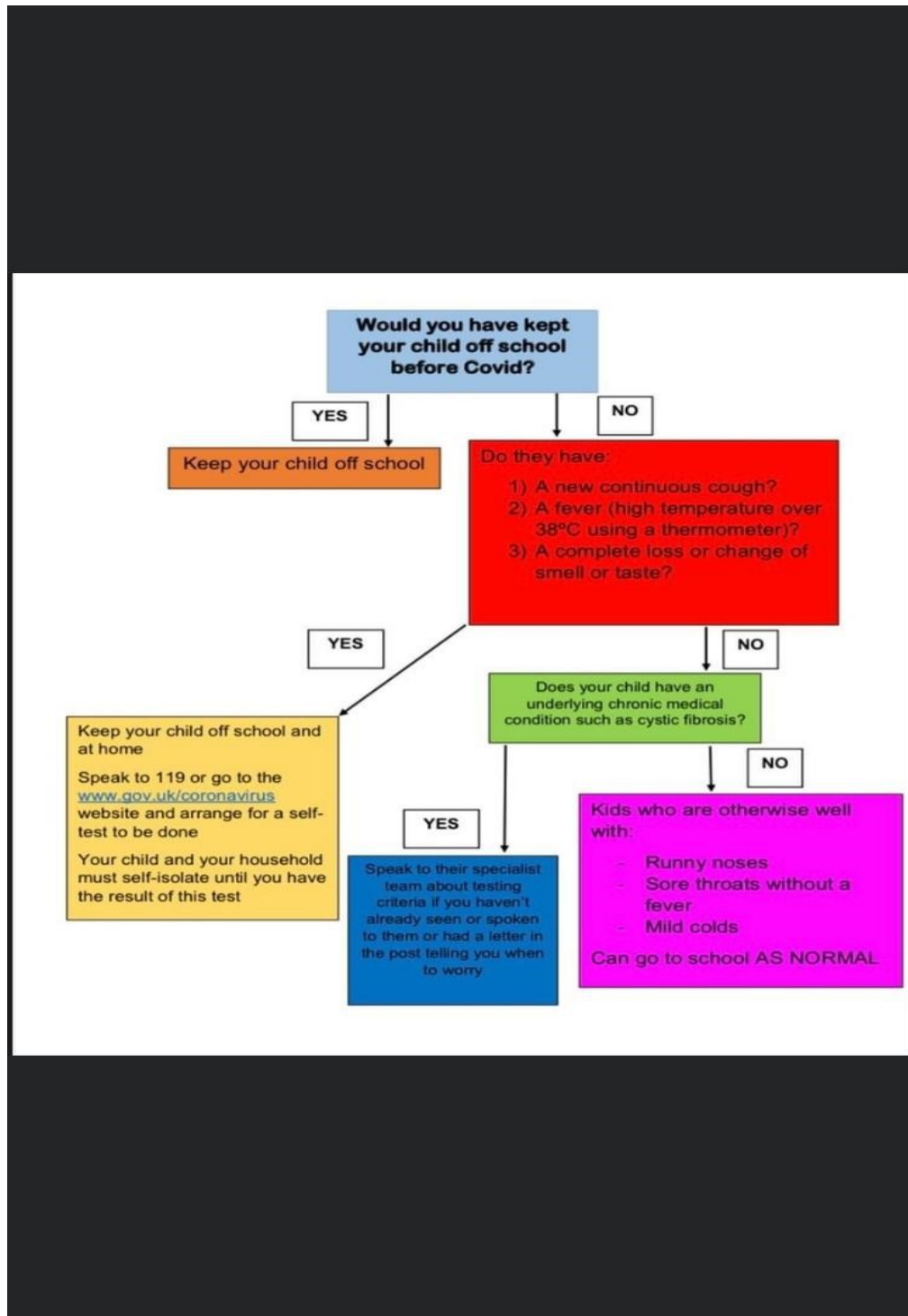


Welcome Foundation Phase



Should your child attend school?

In these concerning times, it is often difficult to make a decision as to whether or not to send your child to school when they are not feeling 100%. Please see the chart below which may help when making a decision.



Fantastic fundraisers



Holly Watson is organising a fund raising event and would love others to join. On the 26th of September we will be doing a 5k fun run and raising money for cancer research. We want as many people to get involved as possible. You can run it or walk it and even do the run on a different day.

We will of course follow Covid rules and all you need to do is complete the 5k sometime on that weekend.

Holly will be doing it at 12:00 and running in fancy dress. Please join in and spread the word to raise lots of money.

To sponsor Holly and her friends click here.

<http://www.justgiving.com/team/Penarthraceforlife>

Vacancies for Parent Governors

There are currently two vacancies for Parent Governors. The nomination letters have been sent electronically, however if anyone needs a paper copy, please contact the office.



Calendar 2020/2021

Whole school theme week

Rec Meet the teacher

Y1 Meet the teacher

Y2 Meet the teacher

Y3 Meet the teacher

Y4 Meet the teacher

Y5 Meet the teacher

Y6 Meet the teacher

Y4 Close Encounters Visit

Y5 Close Encounters Visit

Y6 Close Encounters Visit

School photos

Harvest assembly

Parent Consultations

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INSET—school closed to pupils

Half Term

Last day of Autumn Term

INSET—school closed to pupils

INSET—school closed to pupils

INSET—school closed to pupils

INSET—school closed to pupils

Mon 7th Sept—Fri 11th Sept

Wednesday 23rd Sept 9:30am

Thursday 24th Sept 1:00pm

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Monday 21st Sept 11:30am

Tuesday 22nd Sept 10:00am

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Tuesday 22nd September

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Wednesday 23rd September

Thursday 1st October

Friday 19th October

Mon 12th October 3:45—6:30

Weds 14th October 3:45—6:30

Friday 23rd October

Mon 26th Oct—Fri 30th Oct

Friday 18th December

Monday 4th January

Friday 28th May

Monday 19th July

Tuesday 20th July

