



Newsletter

Week Ending - Friday 2nd October 2020

Congratulations to.....

Our new School Ambassadors for this year are Tommy, Tomos, Jake, Hazel, Amelia, and Gaia! Well done to you all. They will form part of our leadership council who meet with Mrs Christofi and support her with the leadership of the school.

Homework and Reading Books

All Homework will be set via the Hwb Platform each Friday, from Friday 2nd October. Pupils in KS2 will have Homework set via Google Classroom and Foundation Phase Pupils via Just2Easy. Information and Login details for all pupils should now have been received.

Each class will set work linked to the Literacy, Numeracy and one other area of the curriculum that they have been learning about during the week. If you have any difficulties accessing the Hwb Platform and respective areas (Just2Easy or Google Classroom), please do contact your child's class teacher. It will help us to ensure you have access to distance learning in the case of any future closures.

With regard to home reading books Year Four, Five and Six are trialling an online reading scheme that we can share suitable books for you to support your child at home. In addition to this some supplementary books will be sent home for all year groups. Your child's teacher will let you know their class' allocated day for distribution and return. This will allow us to keep the books for 72 hours before we are able to give them to another child. If they do not have their book on that day we are unable to change until the following week.

Term Time Holidays

Following discussion within school and also with our Governor Body, it was agreed that in the current circumstances and with our ultimate aim of reducing all risk to ensure the safety of our school community, we will not be authorising any holiday absences for this academic year. If you are returning from holiday and are being asked to quarantine, the self-isolation period will also be classed as unauthorised absences.

We are very mindful of the stress and anxiety that many families have been under during this pandemic, and for some of you, a holiday is not only well deserved, but also affords an opportunity to reconnect with your family and to spend some much needed quality time. However, the time missed by our pupils on school site during 'Lockdown' has had an impact on their learning and it is our job now to try and minimise disadvantages caused by such a lengthy absence. We are also very aware that circumstances can/may change rapidly within our own county as well as abroad, and we must be able to provide a safe environment for staff and pupils at all times.

Absences through illness is a common feature in the Autumn Term as a matter of course, so we wish to spend the maximum number of face to face days as possible with all of our pupils. That being said, if you do still choose to take a leave of absence for a holiday, then please notify the school. It is vital for the Test, Trace, Protect strategy that we know where pupils and families have been in case of an outbreak of COVID 19, within school, and so that we can follow any isolation guidance.

Governor AGM

Our Governor AGM was held this week and we wish to say a very special thankyou to Mr Steve Thorpe who stepped down from the role of Chair Person and our Governing Body. Steve has been a part of our school for many years as a parent, volunteer and more recently a Governor. His knowledge, guidance and support has been invaluable over the years. We wish you all the very best for the future.

We welcome Mrs Liz Thomas as our new Chair Person and Mrs Julie Warren as Vice Chair.

Colorfoto Individual Photos.

Our photographer is coming to school on Wednesday 7th October. Due to the current circumstances we are unable to invite any siblings who do not attend our school to have photos taken. All school children will have an individual photo. If you wish siblings within school to have a family photograph please email the school by Monday 5th October (trellechprimary@monmouthshire.gov.uk)

Arrival at School

We appreciate there are times when, circumstances beyond your control will mean that you might miss your drop off time in the morning. If that is the case and staff members are no longer on duty outside, please bring your child to the main Reception area, ensuring that you are wearing a face mask, and we will then collect and take them to their classroom. **Please may we ask that a parent/ guardian remains with their child until they are met by their teacher.**

River Festival

Year Six have taken part 'virtually' in the Wye Valley River Festival Workshops. The sessions proved very popular and the children showed great enthusiasm.



Sunflower Competition

During the Summer Term, Mr Webb and a team of willing parents set up a Sunflower Growing Competition. We are very pleased to announce that the winners were; Charlotte (Y2) was the FP winner and Rosie (Y5) was the winner in KS2.

Congratulations to you both, they each receive a voucher for 'The Works'.



Academic Year 2020/ 2021

Parents Evening

As we draw nearer to half term, we traditionally hold a parents evening to discuss your child and how they have settled into their new classes. Due to the current circumstances we are unfortunately unable to invite you into school whilst keeping everyone safe. With this in mind we will send a interim report, if following the report you wish to discuss anything with your child's teacher we will allocate a time for them to contact you via telephone.

Attendance

Please be reminded to contact us if your child is going to be absent from school, using the voicemail facility on the school line (01600 860395) or school email (trellechprimary@monmouthshire.gov.uk) including the reason for absence. Where the reason is illness, please ensure to inform of us the symptoms, so that we are able to monitor these.

Illness

We continue to have a number of children away from school with various ailments and wanted to reiterate for all parents, the Welsh Government guidance on who should be attending school. Under **no** circumstances should your child attend school if: Display any one of the four identified COVID19 symptoms (a new continuous cough, a high temperature, loss of taste or smell). **Please self isolate and arrange for a test. Only once a negative result has been received may your child return to school.**

Live in a household with someone who has symptoms of COVID -19 or has tested positive for COVID-19 in the past 14 days. **Where someone in the household does have COVID -19 symptoms, we need your child to self-isolate and arrange to be tested before a return to school. Results are usually back within 24 hours.**

If they feel unwell - many children will be experiencing slight colds, but as long as they feel well, it will be perfectly acceptable to attend school, unless they have a temperature or generally. **For sickness and diarrhoea, children must be absent for 48 hours following the last incidence to avoid passing on any prevailing virus.** Thankyou for your co-operation in advance in keeping us all safe.

Sailing Success George S (Y5) sailed in the Welsh National Junior Championships in Pembrokeshire at the weekend. His sailing was of such a standard that he has been selected for the South Wales Regional Squad.

George joins in sailing success with his brothers, Jack and Harry, who are both past pupils; gaining silver in their classes and hope to have their national places confirmed this week. Congratulations to you all.

3 Further INSET Days to be confirmed

Weds 7th Oct– Colorfoto Individual Photos

Fri 23rd Oct– INSET DAY: School Closed to Pupils

Fri 23rd Oct– End of Autumn Term 1

Mon 26th Oct– Half Term

Mon 2nd Nov– Autumn Term 2 Commences

Fri 18th Dec– End of Autumn Term

Mon 21st Dec– Christmas Break

Mon 4th Jan– Spring Term Commences

Fri 12th Feb– INSET DAY: School Closed to Pupils

Fri 12th Feb– End of Spring Term 1

Mon 15th Feb– Half Term

Mon 22nd Feb– Spring Term 2 Commences

Fri 26th March– End of Spring Term

Mon 12th April– Summer Term Commences

Fri 28th May– INSET DAY: School Closed to Pupils

Fri 28th May– End of Summer Term 1

Mon 31st May– Half Term

Mon 7th June– Summer Term 2 Commences

Weds 21st July– End of Summer Term



WASH HANDS REGULARLY
Especially if you've been shopping, picked up a package or are about to handle food

KEEP SOCIAL DISTANCING
Stay two metres away from people who aren't in your extended household

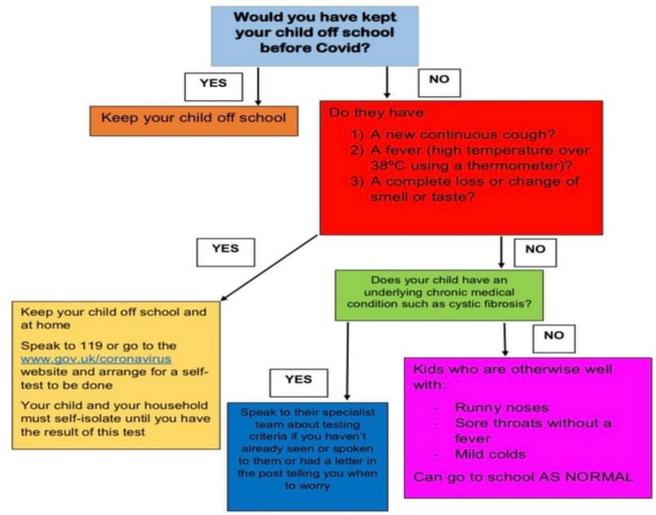
WEAR A FACE COVERING
Where required or in enclosed spaces where social distancing is difficult

SELF ISOLATE
Stay home if you or someone in your household have symptoms, or if you're asked to by a contact tracer

GET TESTED
Call 119 or book a test online immediately if you have a high temperature, a new continuous cough, and/or a loss of taste or smell

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Rainbow Volunteers Project

Are you looking for support for you and your children during the current pandemic?

Would you like a volunteer to contact you via phone or video chat once a week to talk about the challenges you are experiencing?

Our volunteers are carefully selected to offer emotional support during this unusual period.

We can also support you with collecting medication and essential supplies for your family including activity packs for your children.

If you would like to know more, please email us at tjones@homestartcymru.org.uk or call 07842638581

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Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Find out about **local coronavirus restrictions**.

Keep Wales safe:

- always observe social distancing
- wash your hands regularly
- if you meet another household, outside your extended household, stay outdoors
- work from home if you can

Stay at home if you or anyone in your extended household has **symptoms**.

If you **have symptoms get a test**.