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Dear Parents and Governors,

Attendance



One of the school's suppliers has kindly donated a brand new Samsung tablet for us to use as a reward for excellent attendance. Any child achieving 95%+ attendance for the rest of the school year will have their names placed into a raffle draw for the tablet! In addition, the manager of 'Jump' donated some family tickets to reward children for excellent attendance.

Our overall attendance figure dropped below 95% before Christmas, this was disappointing but we were aware of an unpleasant sickness bug that affected a number of children. This year we aim to continue to improve attendance rates and achieve at

least 95% by next July – with your help and support I am sure that this can be achieved.

Scholastic Book Fair

Thank you to everyone who supported last week's book fair. Throughout the week, the fair was very well attended and it was a pleasure to see the children enjoying the books. As a result of the fair, the school will be able to purchase a significant number of books for the classrooms.

A big 'Thank you' to Mrs Young who organised the fair once again this year.



'Fresh Start' Breakfast Club

If your child has registered for the new 'Fresh Start' breakfast club you should be receiving an information pack and an agreement to sign via 'pupil post' today. Please read the information carefully and return the signed slip to school as soon as possible. Unfortunately, we will not be able to admit your child to the club until we receive your written confirmation.

The club will be starting on Monday 2nd March and we are very hopeful that the children will be joined by Jamie Baulch for their first breakfast! Jamie will spend some time with the children, lead an assembly and some workshops in classrooms. Weather permitting, we may also be organising a sponsored fun run for the children – more news to follow soon.

Storey Arms

The staff in Year 4 have been busy organising this year's visit to Storey Arms, Brecon. If your child is in Year 4, please look out for the letter in your child's bag today.

National Tests

We have been advised that this year's national literacy and numeracy tests will be between 6th – 12th May.

Parent Discussion Group

Thank you to all those parents who attended last week's discussion group meeting. There were some very interesting discussions about a number of aspects of school life from the parents' points of view. One of the discussion points focussed on after school clubs and I will be meeting with a possible new provider next week.

The date of the next meeting is Thursday 12th March at 6.30pm.

Want to help the school? Email pta@coedglasprimary.co.uk

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Read, Write Inc.

This new literacy programme is proving very popular and successful in Foundation Phase so far. We were visited last week by the Read, Write, Inc. consultant who was very impressed by the children's progress and their levels of engagement during their sessions. The children will be assessed towards the end of half term

and we are confident that they will all have progressed. Please speak to your child's teacher if you would like to find out more.

The next Anthony Horowitz?

Many congratulations to Umberto in Year 4 who had his first book published this week! He worked hard over a number of weeks to draft, edit and redraft his ideas until his story was ready to send to the online publishers. The finished book is a pleasure to read and I am sure that this has inspired him to continue writing.

Mrs Notley will be announcing some new writing activities and competitions for the children to enjoy over the next few weeks. We hope as many children as possible will take part.



Family assemblies

Each class will be performing their assemblies to parents, carers and family members during the spring and summer terms. These are always enjoyable events which the children gain so much from. Please see the diary dates overleaf for the upcoming dates.

Each assembly will start at 9.15 and will last for a maximum of half an hour. Following each assembly, you are all most welcome to stay for some refreshments with the children. We look forward to seeing you!



Twitter accounts

To stay up to date with the latest news and events from the school, please 'follow' @coedglas on Twitter. Many of your children's classes are also using Twitter to let you know their latest news.

Car safety

Please ensure that cars are not parked on the zig zag lines at the front of the school. Also, the car park is designated for members of staff only and should not be used by parents before or after school.

At the back of the school, please ensure that cars do not obstruct the pavements as this is causing significant difficulties for children and parents entering and exiting the school gates.

Finally, please be considerate of our neighbours and ensure that cars do not obstruct any driveways. Thank you.



Diary dates

February

- Mon 2nd PC Sam to meet School Councillors
Maths presentation for Year 2 parents
- Tues 3rd Miss Francis' class assembly
- Thurs 5th Governors buildings sub-committee meeting
- Friday 6th 'Wear Red Day' for The British Heart Foundation
- Mon 9th Rugby tournament at Llanishen High
Maths presentation for Year 6 parents
- Tues 10th Mrs Westgarth's class assembly
- Thurs 12th Year 5 Tudor event
Year 2 Supermarket event

Half term holiday – 16th-20th February

- Tues 24th Mr Bouse's class assembly
- Fri 27th School Eisteddfod

March

- Mon 2nd Year 6 cycling proficiency to begin
Air Ambulance Service to assembly
- Thurs 5th World Book Day

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