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Dear Parents, Carers and Governors

## Welcome back!



It's been great to welcome the children back to school after the summer holidays. They are all very excited about moving to their new classes and the changes to the school – particularly in the playgrounds! A special welcome to any new children and parents to the school, we look forward to working with you all over the coming weeks and months.

We have also welcomed some new members of the teaching staff to the school this term, Mrs Targett-Adams (Nursery), Mr Purnell (Year 1), Miss Roberts (Yr2 and Yr5) and Mr Key (Year 4, covering a long term sickness absence for Mrs Metcalfe). In addition, Mrs Bhakar, Mrs Fallas, Mrs Sparey, Miss Nicolaou and Mrs Williams have joined as teaching assistants. Finally, Mrs Lynn has taken up the post of our new receptionist. Our congratulations to Mrs Goode (nee McKinley) who enjoyed her wedding day during the holiday.

The new school reception area is situated in the extension, if you need to see any of the administrative staff or pick up your child from school, please use the new entrance where Mrs Lynn will be able to help you. **The old entrance is now for staff only.** Also, if your child is late to school for any reason, please use the new entrance.

## School Attendance



I am delighted to tell you that we reached our attendance target last year. The final figure was 95.2%. Thank you for your support in ensuring the children attend school regularly. We hope to maintain above 95% attendance again this year.

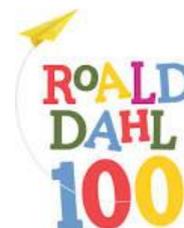
## Roald Dahl 100

We will be joining schools in the UK this Friday to celebrate the life and work of Roald Dahl. The children are able to dress up as their favourite character from a book or story on the day and there will be a special Roald Dahl themed lunch provided from the school kitchen.

We are also encouraging the children to think about their dreams, linked to the Big Friendly Giant story. It would be fantastic if the children could make their own 'dream jars' at home and bring them in to school to display in the new reception areas. The following youtube clip gives some ideas for creating a dream jar:

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZjzjKA7mE48](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZjzjKA7mE48)

On the back of this newsletter there is a template for the children to use to write about their dreams. This can be attached to their dream jar, or, if you don't have a jar available, used on its own for writing and illustrations. Please encourage your child(ren) to take part and bring them to school by Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September.



## PTA news

The next PTA meeting will be held next Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September at 9am. All parents and carers are very welcome to attend and we look forward to arranging the PTA events together again this year.

## Confirmed INSET days

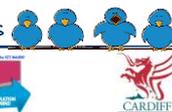
There are a total of 5 INSET days over the academic year; the following dates have now been confirmed.

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September, Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October, Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October, Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January, Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April**

We are in early discussions with Sports Extra to provide activity days at the school for the children on INSET days and are hopeful that the first will be offered on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October – more news to follow when this is confirmed.

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