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RE: HT UPDATE – SEPTEMBER 2026

Dear Parents/Carers

Bereavement

Firstly, on behalf of all the staff, can I offer our heartfelt gratitude for all the messages of support and condolence, together with the many flowers that have arrived during the week. We have started to gather messages from families, e.g. recollections of Miss Williams-Jones, which will be passed on to the family and I know will be helpful to them in this difficult time. If anybody wants to send in messages, memories etc, either by paper or email, please feel free and we will continue to gather these over the coming days and collate these for the family. Some parents have asked about making possible charity donations and I am in discussion with the family on this matter.

We do not have further information as yet over funeral arrangements etc, but will share with parents when we know more. In the meantime, our focus has been on supporting staff and pupils, especially those in Miss Williams-Jones' class.

We are aware that there will probably be some continued references to class 2RWJ that remain for some time, for example in our data management system which feeds School Gateway, Hwb, letters etc. We are conscious that this can be a sensitive issue and are doing what we can to manage these issues going forwards.

There was due to be a letter sent out last week, which was deferred due to the situation, so what follows is part of that letter, with the rest to follow next week. Thank you

Hwb / Google Classroom

All children in Wales have a Hwb account, which they are able to access in school and at home on any device. Hwb is an online learning platform provided by Welsh Government, which contains a wide range of resources, including free access to numerous software packages, such as J2E, Office 365 and Google Classroom which the children can freely access. Hwb also contains lots of information such as a [parent guide to Curriculum for Wales](#), and (for children in Years 2 upwards) their personalised assessment data. Our teachers have posted their topic plans for this term in your child's Google Classroom, which parents can access, using their child's log in. Please contact the school office, or your class teacher if you do not have this login information.

Behaviour

We will be giving your child a postcard to take home which sets out our behaviour expectations. These fall under the headings: *"Be Kind, Be Collaborative, Be Resilient, Be Responsible"*. The vast majority of our pupils know what is expected of them and demonstrate these positive behaviours on a daily basis. Occasionally however, some pupils need reminders about these expectations.

Lunchtimes are the most common times when incidents occur and a small number of children have needed additional support to settle back into school routines this term. Addressing incidents of negative behaviour is of course something that can only be successfully achieved in partnership with parents, so I hope you will find this postcard a useful item to keep and refer to at home too. Our [behaviour and relationships policy](#) is also available on the school website.

Forthcoming Dates - Update

I can now confirm that **Monday 2nd November 26 will be our next INSET day**. This is the first day after the October half term. The BCBC school term dates for 26-27 are [available here](#).

A reminder that our first parent consultation evenings will be on **Mon 12th and Wednesday 14th October (3:30 – 6:40pm)**. Due to pending software changes being introduced across BCBC affecting our data systems, booking for this will, hopefully just on this occasion, revert to a paper form – this will be sent out shortly. Please return the completed form at your earliest opportunity. Teachers will confirm your slot, as close to your request as possible.

Contacting Teachers

Please can I politely remind parents to avoid asking to speak to teachers at the start of the school day unless it's important information related to that day. At the start of the day, teachers' priority is to welcome all the children into school, take the register, supervise arrivals routines, etc and many will simply not be able to stay at the door to talk. If you need to speak to your class teacher, they will usually be able to speak to you at the end of the day, or please contact the school via the office and the teacher will get back to you as soon as they can. We aim, but cannot guarantee, to respond to these requests within 48 hours.

Climbing Frame / Fitness Equipment

I am sorry to have to raise this issue again, but we have recently noticed an increasing number of children, with their parents, using the playground equipment after school, despite previous requests not to do so. This is not a school rule that can be relaxed or applied selectively. We have been advised by our legal team that the school remains responsible for activities taking place on site and could be liable for any accidents or injuries, even when the area is unsupervised outside of school hours. As we are unable to safely supervise or risk assess the use of the equipment at these times, the equipment cannot be used before or after school under any circumstances.

I would therefore ask all families to support the school by ensuring that children do not use the playground equipment at the beginning or end of the school day. Thank you for your co-operation with this important matter. There are several public play areas nearby, and I would encourage families wishing to use playground equipment to make use of these facilities instead.

Kind Regards
Kevin Stroud
Headteacher