



Gwernymynydd CP News

19 April 2021

Dear Parents,

Firstly I wanted to say how lovely it is to have all children back in school, as the saying goes 'a school without children is just a building is so true. Last week I held a virtual assembly/chat with each class across the federation and it is really encouraging to hear all of the good work going on in the classes.

Warmer weather

It has been so nice to feel the sun over the last couple of weeks, please ensure children have sun cream applied before school and plenty of water to drink. School jumpers are still advisable as the classrooms are quite cool until the sun has warmed them up. There have been a few jumpers left outside at break and lunch times, please make sure that all jumpers have your child's name clearly written in them and that they know where their name is written so that they can easily identify them at home time.

KS2 comic

The Key Stage Two children have been given the opportunity to provide articles/quizzes/jokes etc for the next 'kids comic'. Mr Johnson is just compiling them and they will be uploaded to the KS2 Google classrooms for you to access. If you have anything you want to include in the next issue, please email it to the school office.

SAFMEDS

Please can we ask for all SAFMEDS base boards and card packs to be returned to school. Children will be completing these in school during the day and we want to assess where children are at in order to move them on.

School wellbeing focus

As a federation we have made pupil, staff and community wellbeing a priority focus for this term. Each class have set up their own routines/systems and rewards. We have wellbeing discussed at each staff meeting and have a detailed action plan of initiatives over the term. Currently, each class are deciding how to spend their £300, whether it is on games/outdoor resources/mindfulness packs/music/sensory toys etc. Each class will share with the other classes things they have bought, how they are being used and the impact on wellbeing. Staff have all carried out lots of action research into wellbeing and anxiety and we have made lots of small changes to support children in the classroom. These include considering the classroom environment, welcoming children at the door, music in the room, planned daily 'talk time', increased speaking and listening activities/games to build social skills, reward systems/common goals, planning sensory activities, daily visual timetables....the list goes on. In a few weeks I will share with you some of the activities in more detail.

Breakfast and after school club booking forms

These forms are sent via ParentMail on a Monday and need to be submitted by Thursday for the following week. It is very important that these forms are completed so we can keep a careful check on numbers and staffing.

Outstanding payments

There are a number of overdue payments for school lunches, breakfast and after school club. Please could these be paid as soon as possible as I am sure you can appreciate we have expenses and wages to pay each month.

Best Wishes

Mrs L Ankers
Head teacher

