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Dear Parent / Carer,

The end of term is fast approaching. I would like to thank you all for your support throughout the past year. I wish you all a pleasant summer break.

Please find below important information for your attention and dates (on the last page) for the term ahead. Please take the time to read this letter in detail.

Start and end of the school day

Please arrive in school between 8.50am and 9.00am. Children are to enter school immediately upon arrival via the identified door (see below).

Start Time	Classes	Entrance	Finish Time	Exit
8:50 – 9:00am	Nursery	Nursery	3:10pm	Nursery
8:50 – 9:00am	Reception	Bottom doors	3:15pm	Bottom doors
8:50 – 9:00am	Year 1	Bottom doors	3:15pm	Bottom doors
8:50 – 9:00am	Year 2	Main entrance	3:15pm	Main entrance
8:50 – 9:00am	Year 3	Middle doors	3:15pm	Middle doors
8:50 – 9:00am	Year 4	Middle doors	3:15pm	Middle doors
8:50 – 9:00am	Year 5	Y5	3:15pm	Y5
8:50 – 9:00am	Year 6	Y6 side door	3:15pm	Y6 side door

At the end of the school day please make sure your child has all their belongings. **Pupils must not ride scooters/bicycles in the yard, climb or stand on benches/tables or play on the adventure trail.** Parents and pupils should leave the premises promptly and safely.

No football or ball games are to be played on the yard in the morning or after school.

No dogs are to be brought into the school yard at any time.

Parking

Please ensure the yellow lines outside the school gates are left clear at all times. The yellow lines are no stopping or parking zones set by BCBC for the safety of pupils and parents. They are subject to regular inspection by Parking Attendants and BCBC Camera Car.

Please park your vehicle responsibly in the surrounding streets. The school frequently receives phone calls from residents complaining they cannot enter or leave their driveways and garages.

The school car park should not be used by parents; it is for staff and deliveries only, this includes Breakfast Club! The above measures are for the safety of your children!



Attendance and Punctuality

Welsh Government state that all pupils should have attendance above 95%. BCBC are having a major drive and focus on attendance this year. There is a media campaign starting on Monday 18th September. The Education Welfare Officer will be carrying out 'late at the gate' visits and parents/carers will be asked to attend meetings if their child(ren) is(are) consistently late for school. Fixed Penalty Notices may be issued to parents/carers when there is no improvement in attendance or punctuality. We as a school, do not want this for you or your child, so please from the first day of term support us by making sure your child is on time every day.

The doors will be supervised by staff until 9:00am. Children who are late for school should report to the school office. Children arriving late for school disrupt the learning of others and make the marking of registers difficult for staff. Regular attendance is very important and is strongly linked with achievement. Please report your child's absence by 9:30am at the very latest. If you do not report your child's absence you will receive a message from the school office asking you to do so.

Please be punctual at all times! If you arrive after 9:00am – you are late!!

Parents should collect their child/ren from school promptly at the end of the school day which is 3:15pm (3:10pm Nursery).

Meet the Teacher

This is an early opportunity for you to meet your child's class teacher and become familiar with the routines and expectations for the year ahead. The meeting will last approximately 15-20 minutes and be informal. Please make every effort to attend.

Wednesday 6th September – Meet the Teacher, 3:15pm - Reception, Year 3 & Year 4

Thursday 7th September – Meet the Teacher, 3:15pm – Year 2, Year 5 & Year 6

Tuesday 12th September – Meet the Teacher, 3:15pm – Nursery & Year 1

Smoking

All Bridgend County Borough Council buildings have a no smoking policy, this includes schools. No parents are permitted to smoke on school grounds; this includes the use of e-cigarettes. The school is part of the 'Smoke Free Gates' initiative, which creates a no smoking zone within 50 metres of the school gates.

Laptops

The school has a number of laptops that are available for pupils to use at home. If you would like your child to loan a school laptop then please contact Miss Morgan in the school office. We will prioritise children according to their age initially. All children should have a device at home that can allow them access to Hwb and Google Classroom. You will need a broadband connection to allow access to the internet.

Fruit and water bottles

Unfortunately, due to the difficulty in getting some parents/carers to pay in advance for fruit and large debts incurred and the increase in cost, from September the school will no longer offer the option of providing fruit. We ask that all parents provide their child/children with a piece of fruit to eat during morning break. We strongly encourage parents/carers provide a snack to ensure children do not go hungry. Acceptable items are fruit e.g. apples, pears, bananas, satsumas, sliced grapes, raisins, cucumbers, carrot sticks. Please do not supply your child with chocolate bars or biscuits.

All pupils are expected to bring a reusable/refillable water bottle to school daily to ensure they are hydrated.



Dinner Money

School dinners remain £2.20 a day (£11.00 a week). If you require any help or assistance then please contact Miss Morgan in the School Office. If you experience any difficulties it is important that you let us know so we can assist you or contact BCBC to rectify any problems.

All school dinners are to be paid for in advance online using the Cashless Catering System.

Please note if your account is not in credit at the start of the school day then you have the following choices:

1. You will need to provide a packed lunch for your child.
2. Make payment over the phone immediately to Miss Morgan.
3. Make payment on-line and email the receipt as proof before 10:00am.

As a school, we have no choice but to impose these strict rules as the BCBC Catering Services have instructed us to do so.

Please note that all children in Reception, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 do not have to pay for school dinners.

Free School Meals

It is important that you are aware that the school can help in terms of providing free school meals for pupils. We are more than happy to assist you in the process of filling in the application form. If you already receive support, there is no need to do anything, but if your circumstances have changed or you think you may be eligible, please contact the school office. Miss Morgan will be more than happy to assist you in completing the form and to offer any other advice. This will be treated in the strictest of confidence.

It is important to note that the school receives extra funding for pupils on Free School Meals, even if they do not take up the meal on offer. The extra funding is important to provide resources and opportunities for our pupils. If you are eligible for Free Schools Meals, please complete the form.

Universal Free School Meals

The following years groups are entitled to free school meals regardless of parent/carer income:

- Reception
- Year 1
- Year 2
- Year 3

Contact Numbers

It is important to let us know if your contact number has changed, we can then update our records.

SIMS Parent App

All parents must download the 'SIMS Parent app'; it is free and easy to use. You will need to provide us with an email address and you will receive an invite. The app works on apple and android mobile phones and tablet devices. The school calendar and previous letters are uploaded for your information.

We will be only sending out limited letters as hard copies, therefore you MUST have access to the SIMS Parent App.



Twitter

Why not follow us on Twitter? It provides you with an insight of day-to-day life in our school. Search @PilPrimary and request to follow us. You will be accepted only if your name or photo is recognised. If we don't accept you, please let us know. To keep up to date with photographs and news then please follow us on twitter.

Website

Visit us at www.pilprimary.co.uk .The website contains copies of previous letters and newsletters.

Uniform

All pupils are encouraged to wear school uniform to promote a culture of togetherness and equality. It is important parents promote this message and ensure their child wears school uniform daily. You can purchase school uniform from a number of outlets. Please contact the school office for details. We are also developing a 'uniform swap shop' to recycle previously worn uniform that is in good condition. Details were circulated in a letter at the end of last term.

PE Kit

Your child's class teacher will inform you of the days when Physical Education will be taught. It is vital that the correct kit is worn to school on these days. It causes great disruption when children fail to bring their kit and ask for permission to phone home. Remembering equipment, such as PE kit promotes independence and responsibility. Please help your child and support them to remember their PE kit on the relevant day. No jewellery is to be worn to school on the days your child has PE or games, this includes rings, watches and earrings. Children should come to school wearing a white round neck t-shirt and their school jumper/hoodie, shorts and a tracksuit bottom as the weather gets colder.

Homework

Your child will have homework on a regular basis. Please support the school by ensuring homework is completed and returned to school on time. Please listen to your child read at home daily, just 10 - 15 minutes a day will help your child progress. If you have any concerns about homework, then please contact your child's class teacher.

Manners and Behaviour

The school uses 'values' education and these are promoted in school via displays and assembly themes. You will be informed of the monthly themes and we would be grateful if you would promote these values at home. Good manners are strongly encouraged in school and we must work together to promote these. The school will continue to implement the 5 Stage Graduated Behaviour Response System this year. We will be monitoring the number of times a pupil reaches 'Stage 5', parents will be informed and if necessary will be asked to attend a meeting at the school. It is very important that the school and parents work together to promote good behaviour at all times.

Our focus as always is to raise standards across all areas throughout the school. Please support us as a school by taking an active part in your child's learning and supporting them to become independent, polite and punctual pupils. Please do not hesitate to contact the school if you have any queries or concerns. I hope you and your child enjoy the term ahead.

Yours sincerely

N Pryce
Headteacher



INSET Days

Monday 4th September 2023

Friday 22nd December 2023

Friday 24th May 2024

Monday 22nd July 2024

2 additional INSET days to be decided.

Please find below some important dates for your attention.

Monday 4th September – INSET Day

Tuesday 5th September – School starts for pupils

Wednesday 6th September – Meet the Teacher, 3:15pm - Reception, Year 3 & Year 4

Thursday 7th September – Meet the Teacher, 3:15pm – Year 2, Year 5 & Year 6

Tuesday 12th September – SIMS Parent App Workshop for Parents/Carers 9am

Tuesday 12th September – Meet the Teacher, 3:15pm - Nursery, Year 1

Monday 18th September – Year 3 & 4 Swimming (all week)

Friday 22nd September – Year 6 On-line Parliament Session with a Lord

Monday 25th September – Year 4, Year 5 & Year 6 Swimming (all week)

Tuesday 26th – Friday 29th September – Book Fayre in Hall, 3:15pm – 3:45pm

Tuesday 10th October – School photos

Friday 20th October – Keith Grice 10-a-side Rugby Festival, Porthcawl RFC

Monday 30th October – Friday 3rd November – Half-term

Monday 6th November – School starts

Tuesday 7th November – Parents Evening, 3:30pm – 5:30pm (more details to follow)

Wednesday 8th November - Parents Evening, 3:30pm – 5:30pm (more details to follow)

Thursday 9th November - Parents Evening, 3:30pm – 5:30pm (more details to follow)

Thursday 9th November – Nasal Flu Inoculations – (Reception – Year 6)

Tuesday 12th December – Nursery & Reception Christmas Concert 1:00pm

Year 1 & Year 2 Christmas Concert 2:00pm

Wednesday 13th December – Nursery & Reception Christmas Concert 1:00pm

Year 1 & Year 2 Christmas Concert 2:00pm

Thursday 14th December – Key Stage 2 Christmas Concert 1:45pm & 4:00pm

Monday 18th December – Toy Mine Trip (Nursery, Reception & Year 1)

Tuesday 19th December – Tooth Varnishing (Nursery, Reception, Year 1 & Year 2)

Wednesday 20th December – Trip to Pantomime in Porthcawl (Years 2 to Year 6)

Thursday 21st December – Last day for pupils (End of Autumn Term)

Friday 22nd December – INSET Day

Monday 8th January 2023 – Spring Term begins

**Please note dates are subject to change and some are weather dependent. We will try to give as much notice as possible if cancellation is necessary.*

