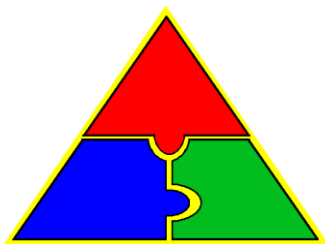


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Dear Parents/Carers,

School Update – Friday 22nd September

Can I start this update by thanking you all for your continued support as we have welcomed the pupils back into school following the summer holidays. As we are now settling into a busy term I wish to keep you updated of some developments in certain areas of school life.

Changes to the school day

As you will be aware from previous correspondences from September 1st we have changed the school day to the following times -

Department	School start time	School finish time
Nursery – AM session	08.50am	11.20am
Nursery – PM session	12.30pm	15.00pm
Foundation Phase	08.50am	15.00pm
Key Stage 2	08.50am	15.05pm

New parent and pupil information room

Over the summer holidays Mrs J Hand has moved into the old Tryfan (year 3/4) classroom and created a new parent and pupil information room. As a result Mrs Hand will be available **daily** between **08.45 – 09.15am** if you need any support and/or information. To speak with Mrs Hand her room can be reached through the green gate at the top of the stairs/ramp by the carpark.

Healthy Schools and Snacks

Thank you to all parents/carers who have supported us with the implementation of the Welsh Government and Wrexham local authority's approach to healthy lifestyles and healthy eating/drinking. It has been lovely to see pupils with such a wide range of fruits and vegetables at break time.

I fully appreciate that fruit and vegetables may not be every pupils preferred choice but we are legally obliged to implement and work towards the policy. However, if your child has any medical needs such as allergies around fruit/vegetables please liaise with your class teacher, Mrs Hand (Wellbeing manager) or the school office where will work with families to find a solution moving forward.

As the only foods we can promote are any type of fruit or vegetables the following foods are NOT permitted –

- Dairylea Dunkers
- Yoghurts e.g. frubes
- Lunchables
- Fruit winders

For any family who wishes to pay for snack weekly for the remainder of the term this can be done through PARENTPAY at a cost of £1.50 per week. The option to pay for the spring and summer term (£10 per term or £20 for the year) in advance is still open on ParentPay.

Universal Primary Free School Meals scheme rolls out now available to every pupil.

Every full time pupil (Reception to Year 6) is now entitled to a free school meal as a result of the Welsh Government response to the rising cost of living pressures on families, tackling poverty and ensuring no pupil goes hungry in school. As a result should you wish your child(ren) to have a school meal can you please order through the ParentPay system by **08.00am** each morning to ensure your child(ren) gets their preferred meal choice. Unfortunately we cannot guarantee your child(ren) will get their preferred meal choice if not ordered by the correct time.

Should you require any further information then please speak with Mrs Prach in the school office who will be able to help.

MacMillan Coffee morning – Friday 29th September

School are keen to raise money to support the amazing MacMillan charity, therefore we will be holding a coffee morning on Friday 29th September from 9am until 10:00am in the bottom hall.

As we did last year we will be holding a 'Bake Off'. Therefore we would like the 'bakers' out there to bake some cakes and donate them to our coffee morning. These treats will then be used as prizes for our 'cake raffles' and Bingo games. During the morning we will also be playing a couple of games of bingo.

As we are holding a Bake Off, if any children/families want to enter the competition, entries will need to be brought in on Friday morning and put on the table in the bottom hall. We would also be grateful for any donations of premade cakes and/or bingo prizes. Any donations would be gratefully welcomed by Thursday morning please.

If children would like to purchase a cake during the day they will need to bring in 50p please.

This is a lovely way of support Macmillan but also gives us the opportunity to have a catch up and a chat over a brew. Please make every effort to attend as every face is welcome.

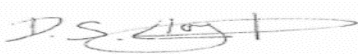
Training Day reminder

As noted previously can also confirm that the Grango cluster has organised training days for the following dates in the 2023-24 academic year –

- Monday 6th November 2023
- Friday 22nd December 2023
- Monday 8th January 2024
- Monday 8th April 2024

Should you require any further information in the meantime please do not hesitate to contact us at school.

Yours sincerely



Mr D Lloyd
Headteacher