Llanhari Primary News

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Reminders

School uniform should be worn every day, including Fridays *

Only water is allowed to be drunk in class and no energy drinks should be included in a packed lunch.

No jewellery is allowed, only stud earrings and a watch.

Happy New Year

Welcome back to a very busy term! Please check the 'dates for your diary' on the back of the newsletter.

We had a fantastic end to the Christmas term with some amazing concerts, well done to all the pupils. Thank you also to the community council for their kind donation of selection boxes for all the children and the PTA for a fantastic 'Elf School.'

Mrs. Coates

After school clubs

All clubs will start next week: <u>After school clubs</u> Junior Football: Tues (yr 4,5+ 6) Infant Football: Thurs (yr 1, 2+ 3) Spanish: Thursday (yr 1-6) Dance: Friday <u>Lunch time clubs</u> Art: Friday (Year 5+6) Recorders: Tuesday (year 2) Welsh: Wednesday (year 3-6) Netball and gardening club will start after half term

P.E. Kits

Please would you make sure your child brings their PE kit to school and their trainers when they have Games or PE lessons:

Class 2: Monday and Tuesday Class 3: Monday and Tuesday Class 4: Tuesday and Friday Class 5: Monday + Wednesday Class 6: Monday + Wednesday Class 7: Thursday and Friday

Primary School Rating

It was lovely to read on the 'Wales on Line' website (Western Mail and Echo website) that we scored '5 Stars' in the primary school ratings for Wales. We are ranked 128 out of 1255 primary school in the whole of Wales! The rating was based on our test results, progress, attendance and budget. It is not an official government rating but it is still nice to read that we rank so highly on this type of measure.

School Trips

The junior children have had a great start to their new topics 'Bend and Flow' and 'Disaster zones' with a trip to Welsh Water's

environmental centres in Cog Moor and Cilfynydd.

Their behavior was superb as always, well done. Thank you to the parent volunteers who came along to help.



Dates for your diary

27th January—Cardiff City sponsored penalty shootout 31st January—INSET day 14th February—Parent Council meeting 17th—21st February—Welsh Week 24th—28th February—Half Term 7th March—Eisteddfod 10th March—'Best of St David's Day' assembly for parents 9:15am 31st March—4th April—Book Week 4th March—Book week dressing up day 4th March—Reading breakfast 7th—11th April—Easter week 7th April—Decorated Easter eggs (juniors) deadline 9th April—Egg pacing/decorated eggs/Easter hats parade 14th April—25th April—Easter holidays

ALL TERM DATES ARE AVAILABLE ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE

Safeguarding

As a school we have a legal duty to protect our children. We have Child Protection procedures that we have to follow. All staff have to report any concerns to Mrs Coates or Mr Hughes who are the designated child protection officers. We then have to inform children's services who will investigate the matter further. Very often these require no further action but on a few occasions children's services have initiated child protection procedures. As you expect, we have to report serious concerns such as neglect or abuse but we also legally have to report incidents such as bumps and bruises that have no explanation, so please be sure to let staff know if your child has had a bump or accident and don't be offended if we have to ask you for an explanation.

Part of the child protection procedures that we legally have to follow is to ensure no pupil is photographed or appears in the press or social media without parental permission. This is why parents sign the permission forms at the beginning of each year. I would like to remind parents that any photographs taken at school events should not be placed on social media if they include other children in case those pupils haven't given permission for photographs to appear on the internet. If at any time parents do not want their child photographed in concerts then **no** parent will be able to take photographs. This does happen, particularly when we have children in foster care. Alternative arrangements will then be made to distribute photographs taken by the school. This is a legal safe guarding procedure we have to follow.