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Dear Parents/ Carers

We had a wonderful series of assemblies and live sessions to celebrate St. David's Day on Monday. Although we had to approach the proceedings slightly differently this year, we still managed to mark the occasion with great enthusiasm.

## **Return to School for KS2 – Year 3 to Year 6**

Kirsty Williams confirmed on Wednesday that all pupils in Year 3 to Year 6 will return to school on Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> March (unless scientific advice changes before then). We will send further information to parents with reminders of entry/ exit procedures and other Covid requirements before the formal return. We are very much looking forward to having our whole school back and would like to thank you all for supporting your children so well during this difficult period.

On Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> March, other than the live TEAMS sessions, all KS2 teachers will receive planning and preparation time. This time will ensure that all adequate preparations are made for a smooth return to school. As such, teachers will be unable to respond to requests.

## **Lateral Flow Tests for staff**

The week commencing 8<sup>th</sup> March, school staff will carry out lateral flow tests on a twice weekly basis. This is a further safeguard and is an extra support measure in the defence against the transmission of the virus. Please be aware that this could impact on possible class closures at short notice. In the event of a member of staff testing positive a class bubble will need to be closed and pupils and staff will need to isolate. This will be communicated with you via text to parents in the first instance and followed up with a letter from school regarding the situation.

## **TEAMS sessions for KS2 next week**

Next week will be used to 'review and reflect' the skills taught over the last few weeks. A letter outlining the programme was sent to all Key Stage 2 parents on Wednesday. If you have any further queries, please contact your child's classteacher via Seesaw. Arrangements are as follows-



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Daily TEAMS sessions with Class Teachers w/c 8 <sup>th</sup> March 2021			
Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
9.30am	10am	10.30am	11am

## Training Days

Training days for the remainder of the school year are as follows-

- Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April
- Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May
- Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July
- Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> July

We have a further cluster training day yet to be confirmed.

## Celebrating Success

Lucia C (5PD) has auditioned for The English Youth Ballet production of Cinderella in Hollywood and was successful. Fingers crossed it will take place in The New Theatre Cardiff in August. She has continued to work really hard with her dancing via Zoom all through Lockdown.

If you would like to share any stories of success, please email the school and we will include them in the newsletter.

## Junior Bake Off

Please see the attached opportunity for budding potential Bake Off contestants.

## Diary marker- Red Nose Day

Red Nose Day is Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> March. The Community and Enterprise PALS group is busy making arrangements for the day. Further information about how children can get involved will be communicated next week.

## Book Amnesty

We would like to remind parents once more to please check at home for reading books. Over the lockdown period, we have lost a significant percentage of our book supplies.



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Although we were due to begin using our new books in class very soon, at present, we still need our original scheme books for home reading.

## **PFA Mother's Day Shop**

Each year the children get the opportunity to visit the Mother's Day shops at school with their pocket money to buy gifts.

This year no cash/coins can be brought to school and no change can be given.

We have found a solution in the current climate so that we can still carry on with this tradition which is much loved by the children.

The shops will run for KS1 on Friday 12th March.

We will also run for KS2 on Tuesday 16th March. We know this is after the event but due to KS2 not being in school until after Mother's Day this is the only solution.

Gifts will range [from 20p](#) to £3.

Parents are asked to visit this link <https://forms.gle/mJ1kGYmfEVJKd8sa6> complete the form and bank transfer the sum of money their child/ren can spend at the shops. Please only transfer the amount you are happy with.

Whilst the shops are running, each class teacher will allow those who have had money previously transferred to go shopping outside.

PFA volunteers working at the shops will be limited and there will be no contact between adults manning the stalls and the pupils.

Pupils will be kept in their bubbles and any contact points will be sanitised before the next bubble visits the stall.

When completing the form please remember to click the 'SUBMIT' button at the bottom, you will then receive a confirmation email.

Thank you

The PFA Team



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## **Virtual Library**

To celebrate World Book Day, the school launched its virtual Library. The class teachers have sent all parents a link to the library or you can access the virtual resources via the school's website. We hope to continue to build on these resources and very much hope that children enjoy the books on the shelf!

We would like to express our thanks to you for adhering to the Covid safeguards the school has in place to keep everyone safe. When on the school site, please continue to work with us by maintaining social distance, wearing face coverings and ensuring as a school community we do all that we can inside and outside of school to follow Government guidance to make this return sustainable and successful.

Many thanks for your continued support and cooperation,

Mrs. L. J. Lewis and the Marshfield Team