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Dear Parent/Carer,

Urdd National Eisteddfod Montgomeryshire - Good luck to all the children who will be travelling to Meifod next week to compete in the Urdd National Eisteddfod. Good luck to Ethan Bithell from year 2 who will be competing in the solo event, to the creative music group, the creative dance group and the multi-media dance groups. Congratulations also to Elen Dodd from year 6 who has been successful in winning the photography competition at National level.

Physical Education - The children are required to wear suitable clothing for weekly physical education session. This includes the school's polo shirt, navy or black shorts. Trainers are also required for lessons, and therefore normal black school shoes are not suitable. By this time of the year, all pupils should be aware of the timetable for their weekly session. If there is any uncertainty, then please contact your child's class teacher.

School Uniform - **RAM Leisure** are the suppliers of our school uniform. Their address is **Trinity House, Whitegate Industrial Estate, Whitegate Rd, Wrexham LL13 8UG**. Their telephone number is **360360**. You can order on their website www.ourschoolwear.co.uk Click on 'junior schools' and you will see the school badge. You will be directed to the relevant page. Can I also remind you to mark your child's clothing including PE kit, as well as shoes with his/her name.

Ear-rings and jewellery should not be worn by the pupils to school. Studs only should be permitted, however these will need to be covered with a plaster for physical education activities.

Parking - We ask for everyone's co-operation when parking on the school site. Designated pedestrian crossing areas should be kept clear and the main entrance into the school site should also be kept clear.

Pupil Absences - Pupils' attendance continues to be a priority for the school. It is vitally important that pupils attend school regularly and arrive in school on time. The bell sounds for registration and the beginning of the school day and first lessons at 8.55. If your child is unwell or is unable to attend school, we ask that you contact the school on the first day of absence. **Please ensure that you notify school before 9.30.** We monitor attendance and punctuality and contact parents if attendance figures fall below the acceptable levels, and when it becomes apparent that it is having a negative impact on child's progress in school.

Permission and authorisation is needed if you wish to take a child out of school during term time. Authorisation will be dependent upon the child's current and past attendance rates. Any requests for an absence from school should be made through completing a holiday request form which is available from the school office. In line with the school's attendance policy, authorisation will not be given to requests for more than 5 days. If attendance levels are already below the acceptable level, then holiday requests will not be authorised by the school. We encourage you as parents/carers to make every possible effort to avoid arranging holidays during the school term.

We would like to draw attention to the fact that the Local Authority has powers to introduce a £60 Fixed Penalty Notices. Fixed Penalty Notices may be submitted when attendance falls to an unacceptable level during the school year.

Cycling to school - Many pupils enjoy cycling to school. However, we would encourage you as parents /carers to ensure that your child wears an appropriate safety helmet. Any cycles left on the school campus will be the owner's responsibility, and we encourage the use of a suitable lock to secure any bicycles left by the cycle rails during the day. The riding of bikes is not permitted on the school yard at the end of the school day and all cyclists should walk with their bike along the designated footpaths when arriving and leaving school, as these are busy times when the footpaths are busy when parents/carers and children arrive and leave school along these paths.

Dogs - May we also take this opportunity to remind you that dogs are not permitted on to the school grounds. Thank you for your co-operation.

Half term - The school closes for the half term on Friday May 24th and will re-open for staff and pupils on Monday June 3rd.

Many thanks for your co-operation and continued support.

Rhodri Jones
Headteacher