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TERM DATES School Year 2020-21

Autumn Term

Monday 2nd November
Last day of Term:
Friday 18th December

Spring Term

INSET Day:
Monday 4th January
First day of Term:
Tuesday 5th January
Half Term:
Monday 15th February to
Friday 19th February 2021

INSET Day:

Monday 22nd February
Last day of Term:
Wednesday 31st March

Summer Term

INSET Day:
Monday 19th April
First day of Term:
Tuesday 20th April
Bank Holiday:
Monday 3rd May 2021
Half Term:
Monday 31st May to
Friday 4th June
Last Day of Term:
Friday 23rd July

IN TOUCH

Friday 13th November 2020

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VISION: Delivering excellence, allowing all to flourish
MISSION: Creating a culture of wonder, guided by Christian Faith
VALUES: COMPASSION - ENDURANCE - THANKFULNESS

It's a very short In Touch this week with just a quick reminder from me that as we have been advised to keep windows and doors open, it can be quite nippy in school at the moment. Please make sure children have jumpers/ cardigans and fleeces, if they have them, in school so they can be worn if we find ourselves getting a bit cold.

We've had some great news that Henry, who would have been in our current Year Four class, was on Songs of Praise last week. Henry is now a chorister at Brecon Cathedral and can be seen singing with the choir in last week's episode which is available on iPlayer! Congratulations Henry—it was lovely to see you on my TV on Sunday. We're glad you and your family have settled so well in your new home.

Congratulations to Kayson in Year One who has been nominated for an endurance badge by his class teacher. I will pop his badge into class shortly and his endurance arrow will be added to our school value display in the corridor by the main office.

I just thought I would include two pieces of safeguarding information which parents might find useful. If you use online tutors you may wish to take a look at: <https://safefblog.lgfl.net/2020/10/online-tutors-keeping-children-safe/> and if your child is usually in activities outside of school (when we're not in lockdown) then this [government guidance](#) may be of interest to you.

Attached with In Touch this week is some information from FoSMS about Amazon Smile. Please do sign up for this initiative which brings funds into the FoSMS account when you do your Amazon shopping. Despite the first lockdown FoSMS raised an incredible: £11,397.67 and have been able to fund our core funding list again this year—thank you FoSMS!

Finally, you may remember that we circulated a newsletter from SW15 Hedgehogs previously—attached is further hedgehog safety information and details of a lockdown friendly litter pick; proceeds of which go to help our prickly friends...

Until next week, have a restful weekend,
Cheryl Payne
Head Teacher

Website Enquiries Answered...

Will there be a parent representative for Nursery? And a parents WhatsApp group? We are feeling very 'out of the loop' since we've had so little contact with teachers too.

There is a parent representative for Nursery and a WhatsApp Group has been set up and is in use. The Nursery Rep will be in contact through the class email in due course with further details about who they are and how you can join the WhatsApp Group if you have not yet done so.

Nursery parents have been offered three online meetings with their class teacher this term. Please use the PACT email to make contact with the class teacher—this is checked daily. Please let us know if there is anything in particular that you are feeling out of the loop on and we will endeavour to ensure everyone feels well informed.

LEARNING WARRIORS

Nursery: **Leon S** for **COMMUNICATION** and **Tabitha** for **RESPECT**

Reception: **Alfie** for **COMMUNICATION** and **Amelie** for **COOPERATION**

Year One: **Edward** for **RESPECT** and **George** for **COMMUNICATION**

Year Two: **Andrea** for **COOPERATION** and **Ollie** for **ENQUIRY**

Year Three: **Dylan** and **Eleanora** for **COOPERATION**

Year Four: **Zoe** for **THOUGHTFULNESS** and **Charley** for **RESILIENCE**

Year Five: **Kian** for **ENQUIRY** and **Victoria** for **RESPECT**

Year Six: **Betty** for **THOUGHTFULNESS** and **Alex** for **COOPERATION**

Well done to all of these children for developing key learning skills in their approach and attitude to school this week—keep up the excellent work!



Whole School Attendance 2020-21

Autumn 1	97.3%
Week beginning	Percentage
02/11	98.6%
09/11	98.0%
Total:	97.5%

This week's Family Point Totals:

