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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you are all well.

Well, what a wonderful first week back we had. It was lovely to see so many families return. About 85% of our children enjoyed time back in school last week.

This week we are welcoming back our nursery children – the staff are very much looking forward to seeing everyone again.

I think all the new drop-off and collection procedures worked out ok – thank you all for following our one-way system – that was a real help!

A reminder for the coming week:

- For children attending their classes, the pedestrian gates will be opened at 8.55am and close at 9.30am. This is to avoid any queuing outside classrooms and to ensure everyone keep moving around the path.
- Collection is anytime between 12.00noon and 12.30pm. Again – gates will open at 11.55am.
- The office remains closed to visitors. Please make contact with the class teacher and/or the office via the year group email addresses (details in last week's letter).
- If children have completed home learning in books, please can they bring their books to school with them.

Year 6 – A message from Miss Lambe (Head of Bassaleg) – A letter will be going to Y6 children by the end of the week from Bassaleg with their Y7 induction plans for September. Please be reassured that Y7 children are being prioritised by Bassaleg during the first week back in the autumn.

September Classes – a few questions have been asked about class teachers for September. I am waiting for the Welsh Government to confirm their intentions for schools in the autumn term – I am told it will be this week. I do not want to give any specific details about our arrangements for September just yet, in case our plans have to change following the Minister's next announcement. One thing I have learnt over the past 3 months – never rule anything out! To reassure our current year 2 children, we will not be mixing up the classes before they return. We always have the children's input on changing the classes when they go to year 3 and this year will be no different, but until we're back to something that is near "normal", the classes will stay as they are.



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Autumn half term – Headteachers have not been told anything with regard to the original plan by the WG for a 2 week half term. We have assumed that this will no longer be the case owing to the cancellation of the additional 4th week of return this term, but again, we are not ruling anything out. Hopefully we will be told this week.

Friday 17th July – some parents have asked about the last day as it is in our original diary as an INSET day. This is no longer the case. It will be a day as the current arrangements stand i.e. attendance for Group D children.

Look out for the children's reports - they will be sent home with them this week!

Looking forward to seeing you again this week.

Kind regards,



Steve Rayer
Headteacher

