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School Update – 7th December 2022

Dear Parent/Guardians,

As we approach the end of term, I wish to share with you a few updates on events, which will be taking place before the Christmas holidays.

Nursery Parents/Guardians – Applying for a Nursery place.

The window for applying for a Nursery school place from September 2023 will open on 4th January 2023. The window will remain open until the **17th February 2023**, any forms received after this date are deemed late. Forms should be completed online at www.wrexham.gov.uk. Should you require any help completing the forms or have any queries please ask Mrs Jones or Mrs Phillips in the school office.

Parent Governor Result

I am pleased to say that following the recent election Mrs. Sarah Hannaby has been appointed Parent Governor. Sarah will start her role with immediate effect and will undertake her first full governors meeting in January 2023.

Christmas Dinner

Mrs Halliwell and Mrs Thomas will be busy cooking school Christmas dinners on Thursday 8th December for Foundation Phase pupils and Thursday 15th December for Key Stage 2 pupils. An advanced reminder that on both Thursdays there will only be a packed lunch option available for anyone wishing to order a school dinner. Please note that this will NOT be shown on ParentPay, the system will show the full menu.

General Medical Issues

School specifically this week has seen an increase in the number of children being unwell. I am sure you will have heard of the emergence of Strep A and Scarlet Fever in schools. As we enter these difficult winter months can we please ask that parents/guardian follow the guidance for all other illnesses, we are starting to see in school.

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| Diarrhoea and/or vomiting | 48 hours from last episode of diarrhoea/vomiting |
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School last week had to send home a small number of pupils who had returned to school early. Please do not be offended if the school secretary and/or class teacher phone you to obtain further information on your child(ren)s return to school.

Invasive group A streptococcal infection (iGAS)

As you are aware, there have been a number of reports in the press regarding iGAS. We appreciate this will be of concern to you, therefore we are sharing with you below the advice that schools have received from Public Health Wales.

The recommended actions are:

- Schools are to be aware of the possibility of this infection in children who become ill with a fever, sore throat or rash
- Parents of unwell children should be advised to seek medical advice for diagnosis and treatment
- A person with scarlet fever should withdraw from the school setting for 24 hours after the commencement of appropriate antibiotic treatment
- Good hand hygiene and avoidance of spread of respiratory secretions (as per influenza – ‘catch it, bin it, kill it’) can help to prevent the spread of infection

Signs and symptoms of scarlet fever

Scarlet fever, sometimes called scarlatina, is an infectious disease caused by group A streptococcus (GAS) bacteria. It is highly infectious and can be caught through direct contact with an infected person or through the air via droplets from coughs or sneezes.

The characteristic symptom of scarlet fever is a widespread, fine pink-red rash that feels like sandpaper to touch. Other symptoms includes a high temperature, a flushed face and a red, swollen tongue.

Treatment is straightforward and usually involves a course of penicillin antibiotics.

Complications of scarlet fever and streptococcal infection

Most cases of scarlet fever cause no complications, especially if the condition is properly treated. However, complications in the early stages of the disease can include ear infection, throat abscess, sinusitis, pneumonia and meningitis.

Very rare complications include rheumatic fever, kidney damage, liver damage, bone infection, blood poisoning and toxic shock syndrome, which can be life-threatening.

Early signs of invasive disease include: high fever, severe muscle aches, local muscle tenderness, or redness at the site of a wound. If you have concerns about invasive disease, then urgent medical advice must be sought.

The advice to parents is:

- Contact your GP, visit 111.wales.nhs.uk, or call NHS 111 Wales
- Make sure your child takes the full course of any antibiotics prescribed by the doctor
- Keep your child at home, away from nursery, school or work and follow any guidance provided by your GP on how long they should remain absent from these settings
- Find up-to-date information and advice on streptococcal A infections at 111.wales.nhs.uk.

I hope this information reassures you that we will remain vigilant and notify you in the event that your child displays any symptoms during the school day. I am also hopeful that the information provided also enables you to familiarise yourself with the symptoms of scarlet fever and iGAS as a precaution.

Christmas concerts

As noted in previous correspondents we look forward to welcoming you to school this year to celebrate Christmas. We are currently busy rehearsing in preparation for what will be our first production for three years. The production will take place on **Tuesday 20th December** at Brymbo Sports & Social club. We will have a 10.00am and 1.00pm showing.

Due to the increased capacity at the venue, we will not need to worry about asking families to pre-order tickets in advance. However, as we have done in previous years we will be asking all attendees for a £2 contribution to cover the hire of the venue and to raise funds for school. I am also pleased to say that we will also see the return of the traditional PTA Christmas raffle.

Nursery pupils will be having their own Christmas themed morning and this will take place on **Thursday 15th December** at 09.30am. Miss Ion will be sharing further details via class SEESAW nearer the time.

Remaining Key dates for the autumn term

Please see listed below a few important dates for your diary. As more dates become available to us we will of course share these with you –

- Thursday 15th December – Nursery Christmas production
- Monday 19th December – Rec-Year 6 cinema trip
- Tuesday 20th December – Foundation Phase & Key Stage 2 production @ Brymbo Sports & Social club
- **Friday 23rd December – School closes**

School Training Days

As noted in previous correspondences please see the remaining training days for the academic year are –

- Monday 9th January 2023
- Friday 31st March 2023
- Friday 26th May 2023 – Still to be confirmed by the Welsh Government
- Thursday 20th July 2023

Please note – these remain provisional so any changes will be shared via future correspondences and class SEESAW.

Can I thank you for your support and understanding to date and should you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact us in school.

Yours sincerely



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Headteacher