



GEORGETOWN PRIMARY NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2020



Dear Parents,

As we end our first full month back at school I would like to thank you all for your continued support. I am proud to be part of the Georgetown community and lead such a dedicated team of staff who have all worked so hard to make sure that our pupils settle back to school after such a difficult time. Although the pandemic is far from over, we are certainly doing our best to ensure that pupils' wellbeing is at the top of our agenda and that teaching and learning can continue for all learners.

DISTANCE LEARNING

Thank you to those who took the time to complete our Distance Learning questionnaire. It is so important that we consider what worked well throughout the summer term and also what we can do to make the distance learning experience more successful. We will soon be publishing a Distance and Blended Learning plan and this will be available on our school website. It outlines the actions we are undertaking as a community to prepare our staff, pupils and parents should we need to educate from home.

WELLBEING

Our focus for the first part of the autumn term has been on settling our pupils back to school and supporting their wellbeing. Pupil voice has played a huge part in this, giving our pupils the opportunity to share their thoughts and views within their class and as representatives on different groups throughout the school.

There are also some new initiatives for wellbeing that we are going to be taking part in this term;

➤ **The Happen Survey**

We would like all pupils in Y4-Y6 to complete a wellbeing survey known as The Happen Survey. This is a completely anonymous digital survey that is run by Swansea University and has been adapted to reflect the Corona virus pandemic. When all pupils have completed the survey school will get a generic report which will indicate ways in which we can support our pupils. Mrs Leeanne Rees is our wellbeing co-ordinator and she will be sending out more information for parents this week via Class Dojo.

➤ **Wellbeing Wednesday**

To raise money for school funds and purchase outdoor resources for the children we will be organising 'Wellbeing Wednesday' once a month. The activities will vary monthly depending on pupil voice suggestions from the School Council and parents will be asked to make a small donation via Parentpay. Our first 'Wellbeing Wednesday' will be held on **Wednesday October 21st**- more details to follow.



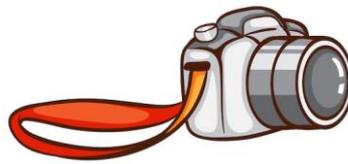
COVID-19 UPDATE

School continues to follow a strict risk assessment based upon the latest national and local guidance to managing the Covid-19 pandemic. Our full risk assessment can be found on the school website.

As a reminder parents are asked to arrive at school during drop off and collection at the allocated times. We are required to keep all rooms well ventilated and windows and doors are to be kept open where possible, therefore please ensure that as the weather gets colder, pupils are dressed in warm clothing.

TRAFFIC UPDATE

Traffic around our school site continues to be busy and parents are reminded to park away from the school where possible. When dropping off and collecting please be sure not to obstruct emergency vehicle access- the parking bay outside the main entrance and the entrance to the staff car park. Please do not park on pavements to prevent our pupils walking safely to and from school. Thank you for your ongoing support.



SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

Colorfoto will be in school on **Thursday October 15th** to take individual photographs of the children. Unfortunately, there will be no group or sibling photographs this year due to the Covid-19 restrictions. Each class (bubble) will visit the hall to have their photographs taken and cleaning will take place in between each class visit.

PARENT CONSULTATIONS

Our parent's consultations will take place throughout the week beginning **Monday October 19th 2020**. Usually parents would be invited in to discuss how their child has settled into their new class but unfortunately this cannot be the case this year due to the Covid-19 restrictions.

For the autumn term, parent's consultations will take place over the telephone. Your child's class teacher will be in touch soon via Class Dojo to discuss a convenient time and all parents will be given a 10 minute slot to discuss how their child has settled and ask any questions they may have.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Please see below a list of dates for your reference. Dates and details of events will be added as they become available.

DATE	DETAILS
Thursday October 15 th 2020	Individual photographs- COLORFOTO
Friday October 16 th 2020	Flu vaccinations- Reception-Year 6
Wednesday October 21 st 2020	Wellbeing Wednesday - 'Wear your pyjamas to school'
Thursday October 22 nd 2020	Staff INSET (IT) School closed to all pupils
Monday 19 th October 2020	Parents Consultations (Telephone Calls)
Friday October 23 rd 2020	Cluster INSET (Curriculum for Wales) School closed to all pupils
Monday October 26 th - Friday October 30 th 2020	HALF TERM WEEK
Monday November 2 nd 2020	All children return to school
Friday December 18 th 2020	All pupils break up for Christmas
Monday January 4 th 2021	Staff INSET (Curriculum for Wales) School closed to all pupils
Tuesday January 5 th 2021	All pupils return to school
Friday February 12 th 2021	All pupils break up for half term
Monday February 15 th – Friday February 19 th 2021	HALF TERM WEEK
Monday February 22 nd 2021	Staff INSET (Maths) School closed to all pupils
Friday March 26 th 2021	All pupils break up for Easter
Monday April 12 th 2021	All children return to school
Friday May 28 th 2021	All pupils break up for half term
Monday May 31 st - Friday June 4 th 2021	HALF TERM WEEK
Monday June 7 th 2021	All children return to school
Wednesday July 21 st 2021	All pupils break up for summer holiday

* Please note that the date for 2 INSET days are yet to be agreed.