

Parentmail Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November

Dear Parents/Carers,

It was a pleasure to welcome Year 6 parents and carers into school to share their Remembrance Assembly on Monday. As always, we are very proud of the maturity, solemnity and respect shown by the Year 6 pupils in presenting this moving assembly. Thanks to them and the Year 6 staff for their hard work.

Thank you for sending your children to school in odd socks on Tuesday. Pupils enjoyed a lively assembly delivered by our Pupil Leadership Team all about Anti-bullying Week and showing respect for our world, our community and for ourselves. The children launched some competitions for Anti-bullying Week: pupils up to Year 2 were invited to colour in and/or design their own odd socks – they are completing this activity in school. All pupils were invited to write an anti-bullying story on the theme of Respect. The deadline for entries is Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November (also Chocolate Tombola Day!) and pupils can hand their entries over to any members of the Pupil Leadership Team, Mrs Mitchell (or someone in her office), or their class teachers – who will pass them on to Mrs M. They can also be emailed to [MitchellR28@hwbcymru.net](mailto:MitchellR28@hwbcymru.net)

Lastly - in this very busy week – thank you so much for joining in Children in Need Day, dressing children in spots and Children in Need items, and for helping us raise an incredible £430.89!!! Thank you so much for your generosity, as always.

#### **Reminder about playground safety**

Please can parents/carers ensure that pupils in Reception to Year 2 don't ride scooters and bikes in the school grounds or on the lower playground after they have been collected at the end of the day. Please also ensure that they don't use the play equipment – the climbing frame – at this time. This is for health & safety reasons. Thank you.

#### **Sporting News**

- Huge congratulations to the football team who played in the Cardiff and Vale Schools Football tournament organised by Intro Teach this week. The team played three matches and won all three. This means that they will take part in the play-offs in March which can lead to national matches afterwards. Well done to them, and a big thank you to Mrs Vanstone, Mrs Thomas and Mr Carey for training the players and organising their visit to the tournament
- Good luck to our Year 6 netball players who are playing against Christ the King on Monday – Go Lakeside!

#### **Marking homework and feedback to children**

As a school we are endeavouring to do as much marking of pupils' work with them as possible, to allow conversations about their work and their learning.

- Seesaw homework:  
Teachers will look at the homework submitted and acknowledge it with a 'like' and share examples of the work each week as a class. Every child who has completed their homework will get house points.
- Google Classroom homework:

The Maths homework set each week, reinforces the work already taught in class. Every week, teachers will mark the homework *with* the children at the beginning of a Maths lesson. Every child who has completed their homework will get house points.

### **PTA Winter Fair - Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November after school**

At the PTA winter Fair there will be lots of stalls on offer and plenty of yummy food and drink. There will also be an opportunity to meet Father Christmas in our very own Winter Grotto!

The PTA are asking for:

- donations of **good quality books** to be brought into school by next Friday (22<sup>nd</sup> November);
- preloved Christmas concert costumes (including farmyard animal outfits, shepherds, Mary, Joseph, angels, wise men, elves, party clothes, reindeer, 'snowflake' outfits, and any other costumes you think may be useful!); THESE DONATIONS WILL BE SOLD AT THE FAIR IN GOOD TIME FOR THE CHRISTMAS SHARING SESSIONS
- Chocolate bars (any kind, any size, any number!) for CHOCOLATE TUESDAY – Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November. There's a competition for the class that brings the most chocolate.

**On** the day of the Fair the PTA are asking for:

- Cakes – no nuts please. We also need gluten- and dairy-free cake options;
- Savouries, including Indian food and any other favourite savoury recipes. Again, no nuts please and, where possible, gluten-free and dairy-free options will be most welcome.

### **Help is still needed!**

The PTA are still looking for helpers for the day of the Fair, even if you can only spare half an hour to help set something up, it will be gratefully received. If you can help please see a member of the PTA or message PTA co-chair Lisa on 07974 574949. Thank you.

### **Lost Property**

We have added photos of the latest non-uniform lost property to the website. Please have a look and if you recognise anything please let us know, either by emailing [LakesidePrimary@cardiff.gov.uk](mailto:LakesidePrimary@cardiff.gov.uk) or send a note in with your child to give to their teacher, and we will get it back to you. Thank you. (After a certain time on the website, suitable unclaimed lost property is also retained for use in emergencies).

Wishing you all a pleasant weekend.

Best wishes,  
Rachel Mitchell

## **Upcoming events / Term dates**

### **November 2024**

- Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November – Year 6 Crucial Crew workshops
- Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November – PTA Winter Fair
- Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November – end of ASDA Cashpots for Schools scheme

### **December 2024**

- Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December – School Choir taking part in music service Christmas Showcase at the All Nations Centre
- Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December – Year 6 Christmas Sharing Session 9.30am
- Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December – Lakeside hosting netball match against Lisvane 3.30pm
- Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December – PTA Fancy Dress Festive Family Fun Run around Roath Park Lake
- Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December – Nursery Christmas Sharing Sessions 9.30am and 2.15pm
- Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December – Reception Christmas Sharing Session 9.30am
- Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December – Year 1 Christmas Sharing Session 9.30am
- Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children
- Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December – Year 2 Christmas Sharing Session 9.30am
- Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Dinner Day at school
- Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December – Year 3 Christmas Sharing Session 9.30am
- Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December – Choir and Year 5 Festive Music Concert at school – 2.30pm
- Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December – Year 4 Christmas Sharing Session 9.30am
- Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December – Year 5 Christmas Sharing Session 9.30am

### January 2025

Monday January 6<sup>th</sup> – INSET DAY

Tuesday January 7<sup>th</sup> – pupils return to school

### February 2025

### March 2025

- Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March – World Book Day

### **Term dates**

#### **2024-2025 Academic year**

##### **Autumn Term 2024**

|                                     |                                  |                                     |  |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|
| Break up for Autumn Half Term break | Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> October  |                                     |  |
| HALF TERM BREAK                     | Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> October  | Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> November     |  |
| Back to school                      | Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> November  |                                     |  |
| Break up for Christmas break        | Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December |                                     |  |
| CHRISTMAS BREAK                     | Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> December | Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January 2025 |  |

##### **Spring Term 2025**

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|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|--|
| Back to school                      | Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> January  |                                  |  |
| Break up for Spring Half Term break | Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> February |                                  |  |
| HALF TERM BREAK                     | Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February | Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> February |  |
| Back to school                      | Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March     |                                  |  |
| Break up for Easter break           | Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> April    |                                  |  |
| EASTER BREAK                        | Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> April    | Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> April    |  |

**Summer Term 2025**

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|------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|--|
| Back to school               | Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> April |                             |  |
| BANK HOLIDAY                 | Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> May    |                             |  |
| Break up for Half Term break | Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May   |                             |  |
| HALF TERM BREAK              | Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> May   | Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> May |  |
| Back to school               | Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June   |                             |  |
| Break up for Summer          | Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> July  |                             |  |
| INSET DAY                    | Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> July  |                             |  |