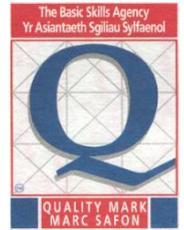


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Dear Parents,

This week the children have returned full of energy and enthusiasm. Once again it has been encouraging to see how well they have settled back into the routine of school life. At the start of the school year it was lovely to see nearly all of the children returning in appropriate uniform and footwear.

As most of you are aware Cleddau Reach was inspected in June 2019 by Estyn the Welsh inspectorate for education. I would like to thank the parents who completed the Estyn questionnaire and attended the meeting with inspectors.

I am pleased to report that each of the five areas covered by the inspection were judged as good. The full report is available on the Estyn website but I have included the summary statement below:

'The school provides a secure environment in which pupils feel safe, happy and eager to learn. Pupils are attentive, caring and considerate towards each other. They are curious and ambitious and have positive attitudes towards their learning. Their behaviour in and around school is excellent.'

The curriculum is rich, broad and balanced and most teachers have suitable expectations of what pupils can achieve and set appropriately challenging tasks for them. As a result, most pupils develop their literacy, mathematical and information and communication technology (ICT) skills well. The quality of pupils learning experiences in the foundation phase is very high.

The leadership team focuses well on establishing an ethos in which most pupils achieve well. The governing body supports the school well and ensures that its resources and budget are managed efficiently.'

During the 2019-2020 I look forward to the staff and children continuing to build on the very encouraging points made within the Estyn report.

I would like to remind all families of the need for children to be in school ready for the bell to ring at 9a.m. All children not attending breakfast club are able to come into school from 8.45am. Also unless there are exceptionally circumstances or the school has been informed please could children not be collected before the end of the school day. The start and end of the school day are vital times for all staff and children.

I know that you will continue to work in partnership with the school by supporting your son /daughters learning at home and ensuring that they make the most of their school based learning opportunities by attending every school day unless they are ill.

Any requests for unavoidable holidays taken during term time should be made on the form which is available from the school office. In such instances we always advise parents to avoid the settling in period during the early weeks of the new school year and the end of year assessment period in May.

Very soon the Cleddau Reach VC Friends Association will be inviting you to their first meeting of the new school year. Last year the Friends Association organised a range of events which were both fun for the children and essential in raising funds to enrich the learning and play resources available at the school.



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After a sustained period of financial cuts to school budgets the work of the Friends Association has never been more vital. In order for the Friends Association to carry on we need to increase the numbers within this enthusiastic and committed group. Formal meetings take place once every half term and there are usually two events each term. If you can support in any way please try to attend our first meeting.

As you are aware our car parking area is extremely busy and congested at the start and end of the school day. However, it is vital that the safety of our children and other car park users is the main priority of all drivers using our school site. The roundabout area needs to be clear of cars at the times when the school bus is moving and the access to the back of the school should always be kept clear for emergency services. I would like to remind everybody that we ask all traffic using the car park to not travel at a speed above 10 miles an hour.

Cleddau Reach is a nut free school. If someone has a nut allergy it is not just eating nuts that can cause a severe reaction, just being touched on the skin or smelling the breath of someone who has had nuts or a product containing nuts can trigger anaphylactic shock (which can cause breathing and swallowing difficulties). First aid staff in the school are trained to use the Epi-pens (an injection of adrenalin) which is required immediately if this happens. **At present we have children in school with severe nut allergies.** Due to this we would like to remind you that we cannot have nuts in school in any form. To avoid any risk to our pupils we ask that you avoid nut products in the lunch boxes brought into the school.

For example: peanut butter sandwiches, chocolate spreads, cereal bars, some granola bars, cakes that contain nuts, biscuits that contain nuts and satay sauces that contain nuts.

This list is not exhaustive, so please check the packaging of products closely. I appreciate that this is an additional thing to check but I also know that you recognise the importance of it. As always your efforts to support us in making sure that every pupil at Cleddau Reach VC Primary School is safe are appreciated. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to speak to a member of staff.

Please find attached key 2019-2020 diary dates. Many of these will be explained in further detail through individual letters and you will be informed by letter of additional events as they are added. If on any occasion the pupil post fails all information letters are available on the school website.

I hope your son / daughter has settled well into their new class and I look forward to following their progress this year. I also look forward to seeing you at different events this year.

Yours sincerely,

Nicholas Groves