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Dear Parents/Carers,

Thankfully we have ended the week with an improvement in the weather. The Autumn season events are fast approaching, and I met with staff this week to confirm arrangements for Harvest and Christmas. We will be sending out details of these events and celebrations as soon as possible.

School Visits

Next Thursday, Year 3 pupils will be visiting Carmarthen library to research their Roman theme. We are very fortunate to have the support of our local library services, who are always most accommodating.

On Friday, Year 2 will be going to Castell Henllys in Pembrokeshire. They will have a wonderful opportunity to reenact Celtic times in a real Celtic village – I am sure this will deepen their understanding of their theme 'The Celts'.

Attendance

I am most grateful to parents who are supporting our drive to improve attendance levels in school. We are all in agreement that good attendance is a critical element of reaching the potential of a pupil. Please be aware that the Local Authority regularly monitor our school for attendance, including arrival times in school. We are always here to support you if you are having difficulties or require any advice. Please contact the school office if you would like to arrange a meeting.

In the meantime, I have attached letters from the Local Authority for your attention.

Macmillan Coffee Morning – Friday 29th September

This is just a reminder that the 'Friends of Johnstown' will be holding our annual coffee morning on Friday 29th September. I would be grateful if you could support this worthwhile cause. More details will follow about the event next week.

Swimming skills at Carmarthen Leisure Centre

Year 5 completed their week block of swimming today. Pupils built upon their swimming skills throughout the week and enjoyed the experience. They also improved their fitness by walking back and forth the leisure Centre – well done Year 5!

Year 6 will start their swimming skills sessions next week – please provide wet weather clothing if rain is forecast.

Wales honors for Johnstown pupils

Congratulations to Olivia, Maisie, Poppy, Mia, Ruby and Layla who have been selected to represent Wales in the European Twirling Championships in Bulgaria. The event will take place in October and I am sure it will be a fantastic experience – good luck to them all!

Parking Update

I have received several concerns regarding pupils not walking on paths when walking across the school car park. Please remind your child/ren about the importance of being safe when they are dropped off or picked up in the car park.

I have also received complaints from residents in Pondsides regarding parking across their driveways.

While I appreciate the parking difficulties around the school, please can we be mindful of where we park.

Learning this week:

Nursery

Nursery have had a great start to the new school year! We have been exploring our activity areas indoors and outdoors and have had lots of fun. We have picked, tasted and made crumble with our harvest of apples from the field. We voted for our favourite apple and used them to develop our number and oracy skills this week.

[Nursery](#)

Year 1

Year 1 have settled so well and have enjoyed many learning experiences indoors and outdoors already. Our key skills are well underway with lots of practical maths activities and 'mood counting', along with reading sounds, red words, telling stories and writing sentences. We have created 3D models of daffodils, leeks or love spoons as they are important Welsh emblems. Through pupil voice, amazing ideas have been given to help our teachers plan for our first theme 'Victorian Life'. We look forward to sharing these ideas with you when we send the overview home soon. Keep up the fantastic effort Blwyddyn 1. We are very proud of you.

[1H](#)

[1T](#)

Year 3

We've had such a great start to Year 3. We have enjoyed learning all about the Romans. So far we have looked at maps, created a timeline, labelled a gladiator and watched Horrible Histories Rotten Roman which we thoroughly enjoyed. We also took maths outdoors to consolidate our learning on place value.

[3B](#)

[3H](#)

Year 5

Year 5 have had a busy start to the term completing our class needs and charter. The pupils have also enjoyed this weeks swimming sessions at the leisure centre. We have been revising and developing our place value knowledge and applying these skills to solve word problems.

[5D/5H](#)

Celebration Video

Congratulations/Ilongyfarchiadau to all pupils who were awarded 'Gwasanaeth Gwych' and 'Seren yr Wythnos' certificates today. Please follow the link to see this week's video.

[Celebration Video](#)

I hope you have a good weekend with the family.

Yours sincerely



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Headteacher