

# Newsletter



TY'N Y WERN

September 2024

89.94%

Whole school attendance for 2023/24. This year's target is **92%**.



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Is the maximum number of absences that we can authorise in 2024/25.

You may have heard lots of information in the news recently about school attendance and the issuing of fines for those families who fail to attend regularly. We cannot stress enough how important it is that all children attend regularly. Even missing a day sets a child behind their peers both socially and academically – this starts from Nursery. We fully understand that children get ill or have additional needs and that there are times where a child is too poorly to attend school but please make every effort to make all non-emergency appointments and activities, outside of the school day.

We would much rather work with families to help them to improve their child's attendance however attendance is monitored closely by the Local Authority and there are occasions where the Education Welfare Officer (EWO) will intervene. Please make sure that you record your child's absence by ringing (02920852529) or by emailing (tynywernprimary@sch.caerphilly.gov.uk) the school as soon as possible.

Our school attendance will be managed by Mr Ellis and Mrs Allan who will be supported by our wellbeing team. They will be looking at the whole school and individual pupils' attendance and will be in touch to offer support and guidance. We will notify you termly of your child's attendance unless they fall into our priority category (those with attendance below 85% in the first instance).

Our INSET week is used to support families in being able to take advantage of much cheaper holidays and we are seeing an ever-increasing number of families using this to do so.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

#### **Attendance Ladder**



### **ASDA CASHPOT**



Did you know that if you shop at Asda you can set up a Cashpot for schools in your reward app. This doesn't cost you anything but means that Asda will donate 0.5% of your shop to the school. We would very much appreciate everyone signing up and nominating Ty'n y Wern PLEASE!!!

## Our Value for September is.... RESPONSIBILITY

- We can show responsibility for the things that we use. You can take responsibility for something you have done.
- You may have a responsibility to act in a certain way or carry out a certain task
- Using things responsibly means they will be looked after and ready for the next person to use.
- Taking responsibility for our actions helps us to make better choices.
- Having responsibility helps us to learn new things and encourages others to do the same



## **AUTUMN TERM DATES**

| Date               | Event  | Who        |
|--------------------|--|------------|
| 02.09.24           | Back to School   | Rec to Y6  |
| 06.09.24           | INSET DAY – School Closed to all Pupils                      | Everyone   |
| 09.09.24           | Nursery am and pm start school                               | Nursery    |
| 04.10.24           | Harvest Festival – donations of tins please                  | Everyone   |
| 15.10.24           | Governing Body AGM   | Governors  |
| 21.10.24           | Colorfoto School Photograph Day                              | Everyone   |
| 25.10.24           | Halloween Disco – Wear costumes to school no masks pay £1    | Rec to Y6  |
| 28.10.24           | HALF TERM HOLIDAY (1 week)                                   | Everyone   |
| 13.11.24           | Flu Vaccinations   | Rec to Y6  |
| 09. <u>12.24</u> d | Nursery & Reception & Parents Trip to Sherman Theatre        | Nurs & Rec |
| 11.12.24           | Nursery & Rec Christmas Concerts (1 morning and 1 afternoon) | Families   |
| 11.12.24           | Junior Christmas Concert at Bedwas Workmen's Hall            | Families   |
| 12.12.24           | Trip to Harry Potter World                                   | Y4, 5 & 6  |
| 12.12.24           | Year 1 and 2 Christmas Concert (1 morning and 1 afternoon)   | Families   |
| 18.12.24           | TYW Christmas Market (help needed!)                          | Everyone   |
| 19.12.24           | Christmas Pantomime Trip to Blackwood Miners                 | Y1 to Y6   |
| 20.12.24           | End of Autumn Term. School finishes at 1.30pm                | Everyone   |









INSET DAYS
Friday 6<sup>th</sup> of September
Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June
Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June
Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> June
Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> June
Friday 6<sup>th</sup> June







## COMMUNICATION

We are very lucky at Ty'n y Wern that we have such good communication methods (as parents we are fully aware that this is not the case in all schools!). However, on some occasions there are still people who say they are not aware of dates etc. Please make every effort to read the Newsletters and to check Seesaw regularly! We kindly ask that if you have a query that you email the class teachers as the messages on Seesaw go to one inbox and can sometimes be missed due to the sheer volume of messages received. Our staff are very good but please do not expect a response outside of working hours. I do monitor Facebook regularly and am more than happy to answer any queries however I don't often have information such as PE days to hand. A new improved version of our school website will be available soon where you'll be able to find all information. Thank you for your understanding and if there are any ways that you feel we can further improve communication please let us know.

As much as we love seeing your 4 legged friends we CANNOT allow dogs to be brought onto the playground (even if they are being carried). In light of recent events we simply cannot take the risk.

We all think that our dogs would never bite but that cannot be guaranteed.

I hope you all understand and respect our position on this.