



SULLY PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 21/12/23

Dear Parents/Carers,

We finished our Autumn Term with an in-house Christingle service led by our very able Year 6 pupils. The service was magical and was a perfect way to end the school term and welcome in the Christmas Holiday.

A big thank you to the PTA who organised a wonderful Christmas Market Stall event for us all to enjoy in this last week of term. Many of our families attended this event and your continued support is very much appreciated. The PTA also 'magically' arranged for Santa to visit each and every class. The children (young and old) were all thrilled and spellbound in his presence.

Our kitchen staff provided us (staff and children) with a super tasty Christmas lunch last Thursday. It was delicious - thank you Dawn, Louise, Adele and Sue.

Applications for school places in next year's Reception

Starting primary school is an exciting time for children and parents. It can also be a stressful time as decisions are made on the schools to apply for and parents and children then wait to see if their application has been successful. With this in mind, please be aware that the closing date for admissions into Reception for September 2024 **closes on 22nd January 2024**. Our Nursery classes are already very full, so it is important to bear these things in mind when applying:

- A school place won't be offered if you don't make an application.
- Listing the same school more than once doesn't give you a better chance of getting a place there.
- A sibling already in a school doesn't guarantee a place there, but make sure you include their details on your application.
- Going to the nursery attached to your preferred school doesn't mean an automatic reception class place - a new application needs to be made.
- A late application can seriously affect the chances of getting a place, so make a note of the closing date above.
- Apply online by visiting the Vale of Glamorgan council website/living/schools/primary school admissions.

Polite Reminders

- Please ensure dogs are not brought onto the school unless they are assistance dogs. Schools are not permitted to have dogs onsite due to the safety risk they may present.
- Please continue to park around our school in a safe and considerate manner. We still have residents contacting us to say that at pick up and drop off time parents have parked across drive ways, on double yellow lines or in other unsafe places around our school. Please can I also ask that children are not dropped off on the zig zags. The police regularly patrol the school vicinity at pick up and drop off and will issue fixed penalty notices if needed.
- Morning registration for Rec - Year 6 pupils takes place at 8.55am. I have noticed an increasing number of children arriving after this time. Please can parents ensure children are in school at this time.
- Please do not allow your child to wear jewellery (other than small stud earrings on non-PE days) or acrylic nails which makes holding a pen/pencil impossible.
- All hair accessories need to be in school colours (navy and white).
- All children need to be wearing the correct school uniform even on PE days. PE Kit is plain navy jumper/hoodie, plain blue leggings or joggers, white t-shirts. No logos are permitted other than the school logo.
- Only black shoes or trainers are permitted on school uniform days.

I'm sure that for some pupils, Santa may be bringing new phones, new consoles or new tablets and we highly recommend you make use of the parental controls and safety features to ensure your child has a safe online experience.

We are delighted to share the news that Miss Jayne Eaton will be returning to her teaching post in January. Jayne has been absent with ill health for a long time and it is great that she has now made a full recovery and will once again be part of the Sully team. Jayne will be working part-time in Year 3 for the remainder of this academic year. We are also delighted to share the news that Mrs Clare Sommerville will be joining us as a part-time Nursery teacher in January. Clare is hugely experienced in early years education and will be working in a job share with Mrs Rachel Western.

We would like to wish everyone a wonderful Christmas and New Year and look forward to welcoming our pupils back on Monday 8th January. Year 6, you have your cycling proficiency taking place during the first two weeks so you may want to get some pedal practise in over the holidays!

Merry Christmas from Andrea Waddington & Staff



Our whole school attendance
this term has been:

93.5%

Our target is:

95.1%

Please help us achieve our
target next term!

Dates for your diary...

Dates added/amended this week are in **red**

- **Friday 22nd December – INSET**
- **Tues 16/01/24 - Y6 RD to Fab Lab**
- **Wed 17/01/23 – Y6 to Museum**
- **Tues 23/01/24 – Y6 CDW to Fab Lab**
- **Y5 to Llangrannog – 8th – 10th April 2024**
- **Y6 to Abernant – 13th - 17th May 2024**
- **Y5 swimming – 10th – 14th June and 17th – 21st June 2024**

parent line

If you're a parent or carer of a 5-16 Year Old
Text your school nurse on
07312 263178
For confidential advice and support

This will be a text in service for parent to access their school nurse to help with a wide range of health problems. This won't be a diagnostic service but we can give advice on....

emotional wellbeing
sleep day and
healthy night time
eating wetting
soiling wetting
substance misuse
relationships
behaviour bullying
online safety puberty

Available during school holidays
Available Mon - Fri 8.30am - 4.30pm

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We might inform someone if we were concerned about your safety, but we would usually speak to you first. Your messages are stored and can be seen by other healthcare staff who follow the same confidentiality rules. We aim to reply to you within one working day and you should get an immediate message back to confirm we received your text. Texts will not be seen outside normal working hours. If you need help before you hear back from us, contact your GP, nearest walk in centre or dial 111. Our text number does not receive voice calls or MMS picture messages. We support messaging from UK mobile numbers only (which does not include messages sent from landlines, international mobile numbers and some 'number masking' mobile apps). To prevent the health professional from sending messages to you, text STOP to our number. Messages are charged at your usual rates.



SINGING LESSONS

Partner/ small group lessons in Sully Primary School on Wednesdays and Thursday afternoons (during the school day) working towards exams and performances just £9/week (paid termly).

Recommended for year 2+.

Able to continue lessons at Stanwell School.

For more information or to join please visit www.ascendancetheatrearts.co.uk or contact Sophie on 07812 773 893.



We would be very grateful for donations of navy jogging bottoms or leggings, particularly in smaller sizes. Please send them into school next term! Thank you!



Highlights of this week...

The Year 6 children led our annual Christingle service on Thursday morning.



Thank you to the PTA for persuading Father Christmas to take time out of his busy schedule to visit us at Sully Primary!

It was a wonderful surprise, and we loved seeing him!



The Reception concert, 'Our Christmas Story', was fantastic! Well done everyone.

