



Cogan Primary News

A fantastic start to a new year...

It has been great to see so many children and their families return to school so excited and ready to learn. The new academic year always brings a time to reflect on what works well and what we can all do better. The teachers and LSAs had a very successful Inset day on Monday and School Improvement Plans are in place to ensure that Cogan Primary remains an excellent school with capacity to move forward and continue to grow.

The children are looking incredibly smart in their new uniforms and black shoes/trainers. Please can I make a plea for no logos or brand marks on leggings or shorts/joggers for PE days. Also, black footwear. This promotes school identity and togetherness. PE kit should only be worn on PE days. Please see the days your child has PE, all other days your child should be in grey trousers/skirts/dresses/tailored shorts.

Don't forget to bring a named water bottle, each teacher will have a designated area for water bottles and the children will be encouraged to wash and refill them regularly. Hand washing will continue, but not as often as before, so hopefully we can continue to keep everyone healthy. We are maintaining good ventilation and being vigilant about illness.

We will be holding parents' evenings in early October to give you an opportunity to meet new teachers and find out about where your child is in their learning, more information next month. Miss Gillingham has taken up her new role as ALNco and Family Liaison Officer, so you will see her on the playground, ready to help families.

Look out for an invitation to join your child's Goggle classroom. It is really important you can access this for homework and relevant class information. If you are having trouble, contact your child's class teacher.

Our Value this month is 'Caring'. We will be promoting a caring environment, full of kindness. I'm sure we will have a very successful term, with lots of learning and fun with our friends. Our Peer Supporters will also be taking up their roles to help with friendships on the playground and around the school. Also from the 17th September there will be a 20 mph limit in operation across Wales in built up areas. Please can I request that everyone sticks to this in order to keep our children safe around the school.

Best wishes,

<https://www.gov.wales/introducing-default-20mph-speed-limits>

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PS Lots of information can be found on www.coganprimaryschool.com



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The new school year...

Data Collection:

Please can you let the office know if any of your details have changed over the summer-thank you.

Wellies for all weathers – Nursery and Reception



Please can you bring in a pair of wellies with your child's name on to be kept in school. The Early Years will be out in all weathers!



Updates:

- The one way system for dropping off at the main site 8:55-9:05am and collecting 3:10-3:20pm
- For the Nursery drop off is 09:05am and 12:45pm; collect 11:45am and 3:15pm
- Please ensure you stick to the designated area, coming in at the Cawnpore entrance and out through Pill Street main gate on the main site. Thank you

Attendance and lateness:

If your child has an appointment during the school day or is going to be late, please produce an appointment card/letter/email. It would be helpful if you could book dentist or doctors appointments outside of learning time if possible. Let's maximise learning!

School Attendance

We need you to.....

- Send your child to school on time.
- Ring/Text school early and daily if your child can not attend.
- Avoid holidays in term time.
- Keep school informed of your updated contact number.

We will.....

- Keep you regularly informed of your child's attendance.
- Treat any information you give us in a supportive and sensitive way.
- Welcome your child every day.
- Be happy that you have chosen to give your child the opportunity of the best future.

We understand that sometimes getting your children up and out on time every morning can be difficult, particularly if your child doesn't want to go for some reason. We know that children who miss even small amounts of education can fall behind quickly and can miss out on so much. Being in school and on time increases learning and social opportunities.

Here are some ways you can help.

If you suspect that your child may be missing school or is unhappy at school, contact the school or the Inclusion Team who can help resolve any difficulties and offer friendly advice.

Take an interest in your child's education, ask them what they did in school and celebrate their successes and listen to their worries. If you can't help them, speak to the school and let them know of any difficulties.

If your child is absent get in touch with school. Staff will work with you to help improve the situation. It's better to contact us first so that we can make sure steps are taken to help you.

Make sure your child arrives on time to start school.

Make sure your child knows that you do not approve of them missing school for any reason, but be on the alert for any particular reasons for not attending school, like bullying, difficulties with school-work.

Make sure you know the school's attendance policy; every school has one.

If your child is away for other reasons like a doctor's appointment or the dentist, let the school know in advance. Please try and book appointments towards the end of the day.

Diary Dates...

13:10:22- Parent Forum Meeting in the community room at 9:20am-10:15am

Any parent wishing to join Mrs Sibert for an informal chat and a cup of tea, please feel free to attend.

04/09/23- Inset Training Day for staff

05/06/07:09:23- Reception groups start on given days

08/09/23- All Reception children at school

07/08:09:23- Nursery children groups on given days

25/09/23- Clubs Start

27/09/23- Standards and Provision Governors' meeting

28/09/23- Proud to Present assembly

03/10/23- Colorfoto Individual Photographs

11/10/23- Leadership and Management and Full Governors' meeting

09/10:10:23- Year 3 Only Parent Evenings

16/17/18:10/23- Parents' Evenings for the rest of the school Nur-Y6

18/10/23- Y4 trip to Llancaiach Fawr

19/10/23- Harvest Assembly-led by Year 6

26/10/23- Proud to Present

Half Term 30/10/23-03/11/23

16/11/23- Year 5 Class assembly

20/11/23- Llais Group

27/11/23- Clubs finish

30/11/23- Proud to Present



Inset Days...

04/09/23

27/10/23

22/12/23

09/02/24 Cluster

24/05/24

22/07/24

| Term | Begin | Half term | | End | No. of School Days |
|-------------|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| | | Begin | End | | |
| Autumn 2023 | Mon 4 Sept 2023 | Monday 30 Oct 2023 | Friday 3 Nov 2023 | Friday 22 Dec 2023 | 75 |
| Spring 2024 | Monday 8 Jan 2024 | Monday 12 Feb 2024 | Friday 16 Feb 2024 | Friday 22 Mar 2024 | 50 |
| Summer 2024 | Monday 8 April 2024 | Monday 27 May 2024 | Friday 31 May 2024 | *Monday 22 July 2024 | 70 |
| | | | | TOTAL | 195 |

Significant dates:

Christmas Monday 25 December 2023

Easter Good Friday 29 March 2024
Easter Monday 1 April 2024

May Bank Holidays Monday 6 May 2024
Monday 27 May 2024

***It is intended that this INSET Day will either be taken on Fri 22 Dec 2023 & Mon 22 July 2024 or at an alternative time for example in the form of twilight sessions.**

After School Clubs

A list of after school and lunchtime clubs will be sent home soon with a view to start them the week commencing Monday 25th September. There will be a homework club for year 1 and year 2 on Wednesday and years 3-6 on Mondays. Parents will need to request a place on the clubs letter slip on a first come, first served basis. Please remember though that if your child has a place in any club it is expected that they will attend, if for any reason they are unable to attend, you must let the office know—this helps us to keep them safe! Non attendance will result in someone else having the place.

All clubs will run from 3:20-4:15pm. The children will be dismissed through the main gate on Cawnpore Street. Please ensure you are not late to pick up.



Music service lessons and school music

Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 If your child would like to learn an instrument, please use the links/document sent to you by Mrs Psarelis in the coming weeks. The children will be having demonstrations from Cardiff and Vale Music Service. Hopefully, we have some budding musicians who will be able to play at assemblies and our carol service in the future.

Also, Years 3, 4 and 5 will be partaking in a term of bespoke music throughout the year learning either recorder, drumming or the ukulele.



Uniform and PE days information

Uniform 'Swap and Grab'

At the end of each month, we plan to have a table of uniform available for parents and carers to take if they need it. If you have any items that your child has grown out of and is suitable to donate, please bring items in and add to the table. Thank you.

| Class: | PE Days: |
|---------|-----------------------|
| Nursery | Monday |
| Rec | Wednesday and Friday |
| 1 | Tuesday and Wednesday |
| 2 | Wednesday and Friday |
| 3 | Monday and Thursday |
| 4 | Tuesday and Thursday |
| 5 | Tuesday and Thursday |
| 6 | Wednesday and Friday |

**PE-Nursery/All
Please ensure
your child wears
joggers or
leggings (black)
with no buttons
or zips and hair
tied back for
Monday
Movers/PE days.**