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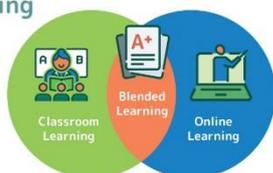
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Dear Parents/Carers

As we near our last week before half term, I would like to thank you all for your continued support and co-operation. The last few weeks have certainly challenged us all and we continue to face much uncertainty. We anticipate an announcement at any time regarding a half term circuit breaker. Up until this point we will endeavour to continue with 'learning as normal' as possible in school. Behind the scenes, I am grateful to staff for their preparations for all eventualities and I thank them for their commitment and professionalism on the front line.

Blended Learning



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Staff have been upskilling themselves and the pupils in the use of online blended learning. If there is an extended period of lockdown after half term then you can expect your child to have opportunities throughout the week to 'catch up' online with staff. Staff will provide lessons, resources and 'how to' guides, as well as well-being 'check ins'. I will provide further details of this if the lockdown is confirmed.

Please ensure that you have completed the permission slip to ensure your child is able to access live streaming.

Isolating Process

I am thankful to parents for their resolve in keeping everyone safe in school by isolating their child/ren when unwell. Likewise, it is very important that if a child is symptomatic and requires a test then all family members self-isolate.



HOME SCHOOL AGREEMENT

Home School Agreement

Thank you to parents who have returned the Home School Agreement - it is a very useful document to read and has clear information about Covid 19 procedures. If you have not, could you please return the form for our records.

Show Racism the Red Card - our 5th Year of supporting this charity

I am pleased to see so many pupils supporting the 'Show Racism the Red Card' Charity today. There was a 'sea of red' in the classrooms when PC Craig led our assembly online. He delivered many important messages to help us to all understand the issues that we face with racism. I was very proud at the responses and commitment shown by the pupils and I am thankful to the school council for organising this event. A total of £229.00 was raised and I will send the funds next week to the charity.





School Council

Please see the QR code to the outcome of the School Council online meeting with the whole school. As you can see, the pupils of Johnstown are very perceptive, articulate and thoughtful. I will present the document to Governors next week, and the Governors will ensure that the views of pupils are supported. The School Council will keep you updated on our progress!



Absence Reporting

If your child is absent from school then you will need to inform school as soon as possible in the morning. If we are unaware of the reason then school staff have a duty to get in touch with you to ensure your child/ren are safe. I would be grateful for your co-operation in this important matter.

Christmas Arrangements

While we are unable to have our usual Christmas activities by inviting parents into school, I have asked staff to begin plans for our celebrations. This will include a whole school Nativity and Carol Service with the use of Technology to keep safe! Parents will be sent a recording of the performance.



Head Teacher Awards

The pupils get very excited when I see them in their class on a Friday - they know that two of them in the class will get a Head Teacher's award for being 'All they Can Be!' Please see the link below to see the proud recipients of the award this week.

<https://twitter.com/johnstownscool>

Shwmae, Shwmae Day - Wear Red, Green or White and be proud!

We will celebrate our Welsh Language and Culture on **Friday 23rd October 2020**. It will be a day of Welsh activities and stories from the Mabinogion. There is no donation required for this event and it is a well deserved celebration of the efforts of pupils this half term.



Parent Questionnaire – Your Views are important to us!

I would be grateful if you could complete a parent questionnaire about experiences at Johnstown School. The link to the Questionnaire is on the QR code.

Have a good weekend with your family.

Mr K McComas
Head Teacher