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Dear Parents/Carers

On behalf of all the staff and Governors, I would like to thank you all for your continued support since the start of the new academic year. The pupils have responded so positively since being back in school, establishing new routines - despite the challenges of the situation. The news last week by Welsh Government that a 'fire-break' will be introduced across **Wales from 6pm on Friday October 23rd** until the start of **Monday November 9th** is a bid to regain control of coronavirus. It was confirmed that primary schools and special schools will be able to re-open as normal after half-term on **Monday November 2nd**. I would again like to reassure you that our school is COVID-secure, and we have strict procedures and health and safety measures in place.



*BACK TO
SCHOOL*

In the event of a positive case of COVID-19, immediate action is taken, and we work closely with the Test, Trace, Protect team to identify individuals that might need to self-isolate and prevent any transmission within the school.

Families in receipt of free school meals will receive financial support over the half-term holiday and will be contacted by the County Council over the coming days regarding any changes to the details you previously supplied. Payments will then be made as soon as possible, but you are being asked to be patient as processing will take time.

Full information on the fire-break can be found on the Welsh Government website <https://gov.wales/coronavirus-firebreak-frequently-asked-questions>

I appreciate that this is an anxious time for families and your co-operation is much appreciated.



Diwrnod, Shwmae Day!

It was most pleasing for pupils and staff to celebrate our Welsh language and culture on the last day before half term. Colours of our Welsh flag and costumes added to the fun day of activities and I am grateful for all your efforts in supporting your child/children. Diolch yn fawr pawb! Please see the link below of the event.

<https://twitter.com/johnstownscool>



Head Teacher Awards

The classrooms looked a little different this week when I entered! The pupils were super excited and knew why I was there - I wish I could have given them all awards! The link to the presentations below.



<https://twitter.com/johnstownschoo>



Parents Meetings - Week Commencing Monday 16th November 2020

Staff will be sending you an appointment slip by Wednesday 4th November for an update on your child/ren's progress. Due to the current situation, we are unable to meet you in school, however staff will arrange to speak to you over the phone at an agreed date and time.

Flu Vaccinations

The School Nurses will return to school on **Monday 16th November** to administer the Flu Vaccination to pupils who did not receive it in the first round. If you did not return the form in time for the first round but wish for your child to have the vaccination in this second round, please return the form by **Friday 13th November** at the latest. The nurses have also requested that you return the form indicating you **do not wish** for your child to have the vaccination, if this is the case.



Parent Questionnaire

Many thanks to those parents who have replied to the questionnaire sent out last week. Your feedback will be most helpful to the school, particularly during these times. I have added the link to the questionnaire in case you have not had an opportunity yet and I will provide feedback to parents after half term.

Before I end my letter, I wish to thank the pupils who have all been amazing and demonstrated an eagerness to continue their learning journey. I am also most grateful to the staff of Johnstown, who I have asked so much of since the start of term and have responded admirably to the challenges we face.

I hope you have an enjoyable break with your family and I look forward to welcoming you back to school on **Monday 2nd November 2020**.

Kind regards

Mr K McComas
Head Teacher