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Reflection

Near Snowden in Wales lies the village of Beddgelert. Bedd is the Welsh for grave so Beddgelert means "the grave of Gelert".

A chieftain called Llewellyn had a faithful dog called Gelert who was gentle at home but a fierce hunter. One day Llewellyn returned home to find Gelert covered in blood. He ran inside to find his son's cot empty but covered in blood. Llewellyn cursed the dog: "You have betrayed me and killed my child" – and he plunged his sword into the dog.

Then he heard his son's cry from the next room and saw beside him the torn and mangled body of a wolf. His dog had, after all, been faithful and brave, and had been injured in defending his master's child from the wolf.

Llewellyn had drawn his own conclusions from what he had seen. He had not relied on his past experience of his faithful dog.

Let us pray;

God Our Father,
The bible reminds us that your love for each of us is great and that you are faithful forever, never letting us down.
Inspire us to value friendship and loyalty and grow in faithfulness to those who love and trust us.

Amen

THIS TERM: Well done to everyone for a fantastic start to the new term. The children have all come back happy and ready to learn.

A particular well done to the Reception parents who have been dropping their children off at the main gate. You have been amazing. This has been the smoothest transition for Reception into school that we have ever known.

Thank you to everyone for working together on this. We now just need to work on standing in a safe space while you wait for your child to come out if you are early.

COMMUNICATING WITH STAFF: ClassDojo will be re-introduced by Monday 21st September to support communication with staff. For anyone who has not signed up already this is a great way of sending messages between the school and parents. You will be able to message your child's teacher directly. Until we have managed the changeover of classes please email or call the school.

A few parents have begun to approach the staff when collecting their children. As a school it is **our responsibility to ensure the safety and well-being of our staff, pupils and where possible, our parents.** Talking to staff directly is putting them at potential risk. **Please do not approach staff.** If you need to talk to your child's teacher please call the school and the teacher will call you back as soon as they are free.

Please only come into the school office if it is an emergency. This is also in place to safeguard staff. Please email, call or send a note in with your child. In the current climate we have no choice but to put these measures in place.

DROP OFF AND PICK UP: I hope you agree that the systems in place are getting better and better and the queues shorter. Can I please encourage you not to queue up at the gate before 8.30am or 3.00pm if possible! This will help to reduce the length of the queue. **Well done to all those parents and children who have exchanged bags before you get to the gate and have perfected the hug and walk technique.**

A reminder about a few things that will help.

1. **Only one adult to collect a child/children.** This will greatly reduce the number of adults queueing.
2. When dropping off your child/ren please do not stand at the gate giving them a hug. A quick goodbye will be fine. You can support those children who need a hug by explaining this is the new rule.
3. **Please keep 2m away from the person in front of you.** THIS IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT TO STOP ANY POTENTIAL SPREAD.
4. **Please DO NOT pass anyone in the queue.** You must wait for the person in front of you to move before you do.
5. **Please DO NOT hold up the queue.** If you join the queue early to collect your child at the end of the day you will need to keep moving in the queue and come into the playground. If your child is not in the playground you will be asked to stand in an area in the playground away from the children. Please do not remain in the queue and keep your distance from other adults.
6. It is better to be a little bit late than too early.
7. Parents of children in the Nursery are invited to bring them into school.

TREATING OTHERS AS GOD HAS

INTENDED: It is really important that we treat each other with respect no matter how annoyed we may be with a situation. Everything we are doing at the moment is to keep you and your children safe. My Site Manager has informed me that he has been treated disrespectfully by a few male parents for doing the job that I have asked him to do – ensuring that our one way system is adhered to. Mr Kazmirowicz is a valued member of staff and we would not have the premises we do without him. Please treat him with the respect you give to other staff.

WHAT TO DO IF YOUR CHILD IS

UNWELL: If your child has Covid symptoms;

- a high temperature (37.8 or above)
- a new, continuous cough
- the loss or change of their sense of taste or smell,

you are to keep them at home and arrange for them to have a Covid test. If you or any of your household has Covid Symptoms you are to keep your child at home and the person who has symptoms should be tested. You should only be tested if you have Covid symptoms. If anyone in your household tests positive please notify the school immediately. If someone in your household tests positive the rest of your household need to isolate for 14 days.

If your child has a cold but no other symptoms you may send them to school if they are well enough to be in school. If your child is not well enough to be in school keep them at home. Please notify the office of any absences.

If your child is sneezing please make sure they know how to catch their sneeze in a tissue.

If your child becomes unwell at school and we do not believe they are well enough to remain in school, we will contact you to collect them.

A reminder that if a child vomits they will need to stay at home for 48 hours to ensure the bug has left their system.

CYCLING TO SCHOOL: Children are encouraged to cycle to school or ride their scooters as this is a healthy way of coming to school. However it is very dangerous to ride bikes and scooters through the car park and along the one way system. Please walk with your bike/scooter in these areas. Reminder scooters cannot currently be left at school.

PE KIT: I apologise if I have not been clear about the PE Kit. As stated this should be a plain navy blue sweatshirt and jogging bottoms as well as a blue T-Shirt and shorts for when the weather is hot. Leggings are not shorts and should not be worn. You can buy a pair of plain blue shorts, like the ones below in Kevin's from £4.95.



JUMPERS: Many parents have approached me about lost jumpers. I have asked staff to ensure that jumpers are hung over the back of the chair or put into bags. Please ensure you put your child's name in their jumper so that we can get it back to them. Some jumpers have been handed down from other children. Please replace the name.

TIES: Children should be coming to school every day in a school tie.

PE: Your child will be having PE on the following days:

Monday – Year 3 and year 5

Tuesday – Year 4

Wednesday – Year 1 and year 2

Thursday – Year 6

Please remember to send your child to school dressed in their PE Kit on the day they have PE.

READING: We encourage everyone to keep practicing their reading every evening with an adult. Reading books will be sent home next Monday 14th September. This will be for your child to read at home with you every evening. Please keep this book at home and return it to school on **Thursday** where it will be left untouched over the weekend to ensure it is free from germs. Please do not send this book into school between Monday and Thursday. Your child will be given other books to read in school. Your child will be given a new book/s every Monday which must be returned every Thursday.

If you need any support or have any questions about reading, please email the school.

BRINGING GIFTS INTO SCHOOL: The current guidance is that children should bring in as little as possible to school and that they should avoid touching equipment that others have touched. We have provided children with their own set of resources. This guidance means that we cannot accept birthday gifts or books for the class.

May God keep you safe in the palm of his hands!



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