

Parent newsletter 3.9.2020 Penllergaer Primary School

A huge shout out to our pupils. They were absolutely wonderful today, our first day of the new academic year 2020/21. It has been fantastic to welcome them back all bright eyed and bushy tailed. We are delighted with the way they have taken on board, so quickly, the new routines and procedures. The tears this year were from parents not children!!!

Start of day – We have nearly 400 pupils in Penllergaer so the start and end of day is always going to be busy. You may not have noticed this before because we have had breakfast and after school club, which has spread out the congestion. We are seeking to reopen these clubs soon and will inform you of the new arrangements for booking next week. Therefore, in the interim, may I remind you to respect our neighbours and not park across driveways or on curbs near the two school gates. There is little, if any, parking near the Bellway gate. Parents arriving by car will need to give themselves additional time to park safely and legally and walk to either of the school gates. Social distancing and adopting a ‘Stop and Wait’ approach outside the school, will need to be managed by parents/guardians themselves. Please be patient, courteous and kind to others.

Lunch – Once again your ingenuity has amazed us. The plastic lunchboxes with compartments inside are a great way to reduce packaging and waste. What a good idea to make a slight tear in packets which allowed your child to open independently and easily. Thank you for peeling or slicing fruit too. Children struggle peeling a satsuma and it takes a lot of time.

Just one ask - Please be mindful of the layers of clingfilm! Our pupils are very lucky children - their packed lunches are all delicious – and you are packing enough to feed an army. We are putting the waste inside (not half eaten yoghurts) so you know how much they have eaten. Remember, if your child has not eaten much, we will inform you by sending a written slip home. Sometimes the children are given so much that they do not want to eat it all. We do encourage the sandwich/main savoury item before any dessert.

Bags – Children do not need stationery or large back packs. We do not have the room to store them. A small lunchbox, drink and snack in a carrier bag labelled with your child’s name is suffice.

Specific class/year group information – class teachers will send you information regarding reading and PE pertinent to your child’s class asap.

2020/21 is a new year and our pupils have started very positively – Well done children!