



Re: November 2025 Headteacher Update

Dear Parent/Carer

Classcharts

Please can I ask all parents/carers to ensure they are signed up to classcharts as a matter of urgency. We are soon going to be turning on the homework module in classcharts, which means you will be able to see what homework your child has and when it is due. We are also going to move to reporting absence via classcharts or telephone call only; the email system will be disbanded. It is therefore even more essential for all parents to sign up to classcharts. If you need to be sent your login details for this app again, please email the usual enquires address and this will be sent to you.

Classcharts enables you to see your child's attendance as well as their achievement and behaviour points and any sanctions they may have. It is an essential tool to support your child's progress at Caerleon and I would strongly encourage all parents/carers to utilise it.

Christmas Concert

I look forward to welcoming you to the site for our annual Christmas concert on the 11th December at 6pm in the main hall. We are as yet unsure whether we will be able to run our usual PTA Christmas fair 4pm-6pm, due to the building work and parking on site, but I will confirm this as soon as possible.

Accessing Cold Bath Rd

A reminder please for parents/carers to avoid this road at school drop off and pick up and arrange to meet your children elsewhere. With substantial building work going on and the road soon to be blocked off, it is safer and better for everyone if families avoid this area.

Non uniform days

We have had some feedback from governors about non-uniform days. You will be aware that we only calendar 5 non uniform days across the year, which are clearly marked on the parent calendar online. We use these as an opportunity to raise awareness of an issue or celebrate something and to raise money for charity. I will be sending a questionnaire to families, as well as surveying students, to ascertain opinions on non-uniform days going forward.

Our non-uniform day for this half term is Christmas themed. On the 19th December, students can wear non uniform and we encourage them to wear a Christmas jumper or something festive. We will be donating any money received as usual, with 50% going to the PTA FOCCS and 50% to St David's Hospice. Donations can be made as normal via the gateway app. Students will be able to attend the Sixth Form pantomime on this day also, which is a very funny and enjoyable experience.

Safeguarding Update

As usual in my monthly update, I have included some important safeguarding information. The leaflet attached is about sexual abuse online and highlights some important areas for parents/carers to be aware of.

Attendance

A big thank you to all our families for their support in ensuring your children attend school on time and every day. As we are all aware, excellent attendance is the route to success in so many ways. Those with higher attendance perform better in their GCSE and A level examinations, as well as reporting higher levels of wellbeing. Very soon, you will only be able to inform us of an absence via Classcharts or by making a phonecall, so please do ensure you have the classcharts app downloaded and you are signed in. I am pleased to report that since we introduced our 'late on the gate' initiative last year, lateness to school has been improved and I would like to thank families for their continued support with this.

I will write to you again in December with further updates.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs L Purcell

Headteacher