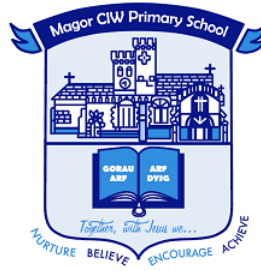


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Dear Parents/Carers

Tests are over, the sun is out and we are quickly heading towards the end of term. We had wonderful weather for Sports Day, thank you to everyone who came to support the children and to the PTFA for supplying refreshments. Year 5 had a great time at Gilwern and our Year 6 pupils represented the school impeccably at the Diocesan Leavers' Service in St Woolos Cathedral last week. Well done, we are very proud of you all.

Our transition activities have started - our new Reception pupils have enjoyed some visits to school without their parents and our Year 6 pupils have begun to visit their new schools. Those going to Caldicot in September should have received letters directly from Caldicot school regarding transition arrangements of Wednesday 27th June. Any Year 6 pupil not going to Caldicot will be expected to be in school as normal on Wednesday.

All other pupils in school will have their 'Move-up' day on Wednesday too. Pupils will find out who their new teacher is and which children will be in their class. They will stay with their new teacher for the majority of the day. The classes will be split chronologically and it is therefore inevitable that your child's class next year will be different from this year. No school likes having to split classes and we recognise that changing classes can be daunting for some children, we would appreciate it if you would support the school and reassure your child.

Foundation Phase pupils will bring home a slip of paper telling you who their new teacher is. Pupils in Year 3-Year 6 will be able to tell you themselves. From September, we will also be grouping children across Year 3 & 4 and Year 5 & 6 for maths. This will allow teachers to challenge and support pupils.

From September there will be a change to PE kit being worn to school. Pupils will no longer wear their P.E. kit to school on P.E days, they will need to wear their school uniform everyday. P.E. kit will be brought to school at the beginning of half term and taken home at the end of the half term for washing. There are a number of reasons for the change - younger children need to learn to dress themselves and do up buttons and zips as part of their physical development; Y6 pupils will need to change for P.E. when they go to secondary school; personal hygiene; if there is a change to the timetable the P.E. kit is already in school. Most importantly is the positive impact it has on their attitude to learning, motivation and sense of purpose.

The Local Authority will be introducing a charge for the child care element of Breakfast Club from September. You will receive a letter from them regarding this decision in the next few days. The school will send out a letter before the end of term on how this will be implanted practically.

Finally, Magor is expanding once again! Many of you will know that Miss Welsh is expecting a baby in the autumn term. She will return to us for a few weeks in the new year, before commencing her maternity leave.

Interviews will take place over the next couple of weeks to appoint her cover. We would like to extend our congratulations to her and her partner and wish the all the very best.

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