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Dear Parent / Carer
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Welcome back! I hope you had a lovely Easter break – what a shame that the weather wasn't better. Let's hope for some sunny days in the near future.

Sports Days

Talking of sunny days, you will remember that Sports Days last year had to be rescheduled a number of times due to wet weather. So, this year we planned to have them early to make the most of the good weather we have seen in recent years at this time of year.

This has backfired on us somewhat as the ground is extremely wet and more rain is forecast. Therefore, we have moved Sports Day for Years 3 – 6 to Wednesday 8 May at 9.30 am. Reception to Year 2 will keep their original date of Wednesday 8 May at 1.30 pm (see list of dates below).

Estyn

Thank you so much for all your support when Estyn inspectors visited our school last half term. The report will be published on the Estyn website on 24 April.

Staffing

May I take this opportunity to wish Miss Haf Evans all the very best as she starts her maternity leave on Monday 22 April. Miss Eloisa Isaac will be teaching in Miss Evans' class for the remainder of the summer term. The children are very familiar with Miss Isaac as she has been teaching a number of sessions in Miss Evans' class all year.

Transport Costs

Thank you for contributing to transport costs via ParentPay when your child takes part in an off-site sporting activity. We have tried to keep costs to £2 per child per event, but I fear that we will need to raise that cost in the future. We are trying to find ways to support with this, but the school budget can no longer stretch to the extent that we have been able to fund in the past.

Online Safety

We are concerned about the number of children who talk about their use of many Apps that are not age appropriate. In order to support the school in encouraging safety online, please be aware of the recommended minimum age for using the following online platforms:

WhatsApp – 16 years+



Facebook – 13 years+

Instagram – 13 years+

Snapchat – 13 years+

Tiktok – 13 years+

Roblox - Roblox has a PEGI rating of 7 in the UK. The Roblox app has a rating of ‘Everyone 10+’ on Google Play Store and 12+ on the Apple App Store. The platform’s Terms of Use say that users under the age of 18 require parental consent to use the services.

Times Tables Rock Stars

All children in Years 2 – 6 have been entered into a Times Tables Rock Stars competition, “Wales Rocks”. This Times Tables competition will boost maths confidence alongside accuracy and recall speed. Please encourage your child to take part at home from 16 to 18 April. The competition hours are 7.30 am until 7.30 pm.

Dates for your diary

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| Thursday 18 April | Friends of the School cinema night |
| Friday 19 April | Miss Davidson’s class assembly |
| Friday 26 April | Powys Schools Cross Country Challenge |
| Saturday 27 April | Friends of the School colour run |
| 1 – 3 May | Year 6 Red Ridge residential trip |
| Friday 3 May | Year 2 – 5 tennis festival |
| Monday 6 May Year | Bank holiday, school closed |
| Wednesday 8 May | Year 3 - 6 sports day, 9.30 am (NB change to original date) |
| Wednesday 8 May | Reception – Year 2 sports day, 1.30 pm |
| Thursday 9 May | Reserve Year 3 - 6 sports day, 9.30 am |
| Thursday 9 May | Reserve Reception – Year 2 sports day, 1.30 pm |
| Thursday 9 May | Friends of the School cinema night (<i>tbc</i>) |
| Saturday 11 May | Urdd cross country |
| 13 – 17 May | Year 4 opera week with performance to parents on Friday |
| Friday 17 May | Year 5 – 6 tag rugby festival |
| Tuesday 21 May | Open afternoon (NB change to original date) |
| Thursday 23 May | Year 5 – 6 trip to Hay Festival |
| Sunday 26 May | Sioe Gynradd perform at the Eisteddfod pavilion, Meifod, 4.00pm |
| 27 – 31 May | Half term |

Please check the calendar on the school website for events, [Calendar - Ysgol Gynradd Llanidloes Primary School](#).

Yours sincerely

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