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Dear Parents/Carers

Thank you to everyone who attended virtual parents evening this week. The SchoolCloud Parents App worked relatively successfully from the school's perspective, there were a few connection problems for some but on the whole the app worked well. Before purchasing, we used the app on a trial basis this term. If you have any comments about the app and parents evening arrangements please inform the class teacher via Dojo and they will pass on the information to me.

Parent Governor:

The school has a vacancy for the role of a Parent Governor. If you are interested, please ask me or Mrs Morgan for the relevant information and to complete a DBS. Parent governors play a vital role on governing bodies, holding the unique position of having a parental viewpoint of the school. Through the children, they have a first-hand experience of the delivery of the curriculum, and how the school is perceived from the 'users' point of view. This enables parent governors to bring a different perspective to the strategic management of the school.

We have main governing body meeting once every half term (the usual times are between 4:30pm and 6pm on a Monday). There is also opportunities for governors to listen to learners, look at books and talk to staff, these self-evaluation sessions are conducted throughout a school day. Sub Committee meetings (Health and Safety, Finance) can also occur during the school day usually once a term, although times for Sub-committee meetings are flexible to cater for governor work commitments and availability.

Co-op Funding

Rogiet Primary School has been chosen for the next round of the Co-op Local Community Fund. The funding round will start Sunday 24 October 2021 and will run for 12 months until 22 October 2022. During this time, Co-op Members will be able to select you as their cause. So please when shopping in Co-op donate the Local Community Fund to Rogiet Primary School

Packed Lunches

Whilst supervising children in the hall at lunchtime I have observed many bars of chocolate and whole grapes. Please can I remind you that we are a 'Healthy School' and promote healthy eating so can chocolate be minimised at lunchtime. Could I also insist that grapes particularly are cut in half as whole grapes

Christmas Concerts/Performances:

Previously I wrote about maybe having 'live' class Christmas performances within the school. Currently, COVID cases per 100,000 remain high in this area, other local authorities have moved to high risk status and the Welsh Government introducing COVID passport for theatres, cinemas and concert halls from 15th November. Considering this and to reduce the potential chances of having to self-isolation during the Christmas period we have decided **not to** do live, face to face, performances. Instead will be video recording each class's Christmas item and sharing this on the usual communication platform (similar to last year's advent calendar). We would all love to invite you into school but the climate is not conducive for this to happen at this time in the school year. Speaking with other schools in the cluster they too are not doing 'live' events at this time. The children will not miss out as what was planned will still be rehearsed, practised and performed in school and sent out to all parents/carers to view.

Severn Tunnel Junction Car Park

I am not sure if you are all aware that Walters UK Limited, a local Civil Engineering Contractor, as part of the Walters Group of companies is starting work on constructing a new 172 space Car Park on land south of Severn Tunnel Junction Rail Station. The company stated that the work will start on 15th November and they estimate all construction elements of the works will be completed by March 2022. During this period anticipate increased traffic as the main access point will be along Station Road. If you have concerns/views on this construction please contact the community council Responses can go to the Clerk of the Council Cath Baker at clerk@rogietcommunitycouncil.co.uk and John.Griffiths@assembly.wales and/or Jessica Morden MP to her new e mail address: mordenj@parliament.uk

PTA Information

Forth coming events include a sponsored Christmas Fun Run planned for December 14th (please see flyers and information on Dojo for more details). Each class are also doing a coloured raffle Hamper (information for this and the class colour has been sent via the class Dojo correspondence).

Dates for the Diary:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
Week 6th December	Classes will be making merchandise to sell at the end of the day from their classroom doors.
Friday 10 th December	PTA: Christmas present sale for mums and dads
Monday 13 th December	Colour Class Raffle Hamper Draw
Tuesday 14 th December	PTA: Sponsored Christmas Fun Run
Friday 17 th December	PTA: Santa Grotto, Gifts for all children
INSET DAYS	Friday 4 th February 2022 Friday 25 th March 2022 Friday 24 th June 2022 Monday 27 th June 2022 Monday 6 th June (Bank Holiday)

Thank you for your continued support, have a good weekend.

P. Hamer