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School uniform from:

www.motif8.co.uk

www.myclothing.com

The school office also stock some school
fleece jackets.

Dear Parents and Carers,

The children continue to be very settled and focussed on their work. Thank you for attending parents evening; if you missed it please contact school for an appointment at another time. The children are so proud of their work and love to share it with you.

Dates for your diaries:

Non-uniform day for Children in Need: Friday 15th November.

Book Fair: 15th November – 20th November (inclusive)

Christmas fair: 5th December.

Christmas dinner: 11th December.

Christmas Jumper Day: 13th December.

Christmas parties w/c 16th December.

Christmas play dates to follow.

Don't forget we have a PD day on Friday 6th December when school will be closed.

Break up for Christmas: Friday 20th December and return to school Monday 6th January 2020.

Christmas Fair Thursday 5th December

We would really appreciate donations such as: Bottles (full) of anything, soft drinks, alcohol, and tomato ketchup etc. craft stall goods and unwanted gifts.

Cakes would also be gladly received and can be dropped off at the main reception at any time through the day of the fair.

Raffle tickets. The children will be selling raffle tickets soon in school at lunchtimes at the cost of £2 for some incredible prizes. 1st prize is an Xbox One X, 2nd prize a Nintendo Switch and 3rd prize a hamper. We do hope that you can come and support us.

Safeguarding



Online Safety

Please check the Internet Matters site for lots of good advice for parents on internet safety and screen time. You can also visit the NSPCC site for online safety advice.

During our recent safeguarding audit concerns were raised about children being dropped off and coming into school by themselves. Please make sure that if you bring your child to school by car that you:

- Park safely and legally.
- Accompany your child to the school entrance.
- If your child attends breakfast club we ask that you personally hand over your child to a member of staff at the door.
- Children in lower school need to be accompanied by an adult who must supervise them on the yard until they are brought into school by staff at 8:40 am.

PE Uniform

We have recently sent information out on Parent mail reminding families about our PE uniform with a special notice about shoes. Our policy states that all children need plimsolls or trainers; in some cases we have loaned PE shoes to children who have forgotten to bring them so that they do not miss PE, which is a favourite lesson for many children. However this is something that we have been advised not to do any longer due to:

- Risk of slipping and falling when wearing ill- fitting shoes
- Risk of spreading foot infections

After the Christmas holiday children who do not have the correct PE footwear will not take part in the lessons as we must at all costs ensure that children are safe in school. School plimsolls are relatively inexpensive and we understand may be free at Grangetown library. As with all school clothing please make sure you have written your child's name inside; we always encourage children to be responsible for their possessions in school but inevitably some of the younger children lose things and this helps us to reunite children with their clothing.

The sports partnerships advises that in some aspects of PE such as gymnastics and apparatus work, shoes are not to be worn due to safety. Parents and carers who have concerns about children picking up infections such as verrucae during barefoot lessons, may like to include a verruca sock or sticky tab sports socks with PE kit to protect against this.

Please help your child to have the correct **PE kit ready for the start of term on Monday January 6th**. For children in upper school we consider this to be good preparation for secondary where penalties for not bringing PE uniform are much harsher.

Be sure to check our Facebook page, See- Saw and your child's bag regularly for information about your child's class.

Yours sincerely,
M. Mellor and S. Marsden