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Parent/Carer Newsletter - End of summer term Thursday 15th July 2021

Year 6 Leavers

Although we were unable to celebrate in the usual way again for a second year running, our lovely Year 6 pupils have enjoyed themselves this week. They visited Llandegfedd Reservoir for a day of water fun and activities on Tuesday and yesterday enjoyed a Leavers' festival full of fun, games and food! The children were given awards as well as their leavers' gifts which included a hoodie and professional photograph.

I would like to wish all our Year 6 pupils all the best for a super summer and a confident start to Year 7 in September!

Arrangements for September

As you may know from the media, plans for schools in September will change in line with guidance from the Welsh Government.

Since September 2020, we have been operating in class bubbles to limit contact between pupils and staff. Staggered start and finish times have helped us ensure social distancing at key times.

From September 2021, the school day will revert to the 'normal' time of 8:50am to 3:10pm for all pupils.

Children will enter the school site through the FP yard. KS2 children will walk around to their yard to meet staff and go into school. Foundation Phase staff will meet children on the yard in classes. Reception class staff will be available to meet children at the gate for a transition period.

Parents/carers will not be permitted to come onto the yard, you can leave children at the top gate to enter school as they do so currently.

This information is subject to change in accordance with any Welsh Government Guidance that is released. We will provide updates over the summer if the information I have shared above should change before our return to school.

Nursery

Staff will collect children at the top gate at 9:00am and bring them back up to the gate at 11:35am to meet parents/carers.

Breakfast Club

There will only be one breakfast club at 8:30am. A member of staff will meet these children at the gate to escort them to breakfast club. Children must arrive for breakfast club by 8:30am unless they travel to school by bus.

Lunchtimes

For a transition period, packed lunch bags will be provided by the canteen all throughout September to allow for classes to eat lunch outside if the weather allows and to reduce the numbers using the hall at one time.





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New parent governor

Thank you for voting for your choice of new parent representative on our Governing Body and to those parents who showed interest in becoming a parent governor.

Our new parent governor to start in September 2021 is Mrs Lindsay Osbourne. We look forward to having Mrs Osbourne on the Governing Body.

UNIFORM

We are proud of our school uniform as it gives us a real sense of identity. Please ensure your child wears uniform to school including black footwear. Trainers are permissible only if black in colour. If pupils wish to wear other trainers for sport, these must be brought to school for pupils to change into.

PE Kit

Pupils may continue to wear their PE kit to school from September as this is working well. PE kit is white T shirt and navy or black shorts/jogging bottoms.

New Teacher

We have been lucky to have secured funding from the Welsh Government to employ a Newly Qualified Teacher for the autumn term. We would like to welcome Miss Shepherd who will be teaching in KS2.

House names

As you know children have been voting for new names for the sports houses.

The new houses are collieries; Blaendare, Tir-Pentwys, Llanerch and Plasycloed.

These will be used from September and children will be allocated houses and remain in these houses for the rest of their time at Cwmffrwdor.





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School Uniform grants

PDG Access school uniform grants for 2020-21 are available until 30 June. The new scheme for 2021-22 will open on 15 July 2021. For eligibility and how to apply please click on link below:

<https://gov.wales/pupil-development-grant-access>

Important Dates

INSET days - school closed to pupils - Thursday 2nd and Friday 3rd September

Autumn term starts for pupils - Monday 6th September

INSET day - school closed to pupils - Friday 5th November

You will receive a planner of all events in the autumn term in September. We are awaiting confirmation of some INSET dates and will share these with you as soon as we are able to.

Thank you so much for your support, patience and trust in us over the last year which has been far from easy at times! It is much appreciated.

Have a super summer holiday and we look forward to seeing you on Monday 6th September.

Kind regards

Sarah Truelove

Headteacher

