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Parent Information Sheet – Thursday 6th September 2018

Welcome Back – Croeso Nol!

It's been a privilege to welcome everyone for the start of the new academic year. The children have settled quickly and have already begun to work hard to further improve their standards. Our school environment has been improved again. New toilets have been installed in the foundation phase for our year 1 and 2 pupils to use. This was as a result of monitoring from our junior leadership team. A new kitchen has also been installed in the nursery.

Our Caretaker, Mr Gibbs-Bowen and our team of cleaners worked hard to ensure that our school was ready for the pupils' return. My thanks to them. I am also grateful to the staff who gave up part of their holiday to ensure that the school was ready for the pupils.

We welcome several new members of staff. Mr Davies, Miss Carter, Miss Hill and Mrs DiNunzio have joined our teaching team. We also have three new members of PPA staff. These are the staff who take the classes for specialist lessons in order to release teachers for their planning, preparation and assessment (PPA) time. Our PPA staff are all fully qualified teachers.

PPA Team

Mrs Marshall-Sheen	Religious Education
Miss Beecham	Mathematics (Reasoning)
Miss Williams	Music

With children moving to new departments, I thought it timely to remind parents of the details of our senior leadership team, SLT.

SLT

Mr George	Headteacher
Mr Mills	Deputy Headteacher
Mrs Arnold	Foundation Phase Leader
Mrs Robins	ALNCo
Miss Boyland	Key Stage 2 Leader

Subject Team Leaders

Mrs Grffin	Early Professional Development
Mrs Woolley	Welsh
Mrs Long	Literacy
Mr Gilmour	DCF (Digital Competency & ICT)
Mrs Cook	MAT (More Able & Talented)

If you have any queries relating to a particular subject then in the first instance you should make an appointment to see one of the subject team leaders above. They will be able to advise you on areas of their subject.

Road Safety

I have done all that I can to significantly improve safety for pupils at the start of each school day.

- Pupils for Breakfast Club should arrive between 7:50am and 8:20am.
- The first part of our car park has been opened to allow parents to safely 'drop off' their children.
- Myself or another member of the senior leadership team are on the playground from **8:20am** each morning so that pupils can be dropped off and not kept waiting in the street until 8:35am. On a wet day, a member of staff is in the large hall and supervises the pupils there.
- From **8.35am** staff are on the playground to supervise pupils. On a wet day the staff are in their classrooms.

It is important that once parents drop their child at school, they clear both the parking spaces and the entrance to the school. If parents stand in front of the gate, pupils need to push between adults unknown to them to get into school. Worse, on occasions they need to walk onto the road to gain access to the entrance. By working together we can ensure the safety of our pupils.

Unfortunately, the school crossing patrol on the corner of Syr Dafydd Avenue and Maes-Y-Garn Road is currently unwell and unable to fulfil her duties. There will be no crossing patrol at this site for the foreseeable future. My apologies for this.

Twitter

Don't forget, we are on Twitter! By following **@rhiwsyrdafydd** you will receive additional information. I have asked each class teacher to send their Twitter address home so that you are able to follow them and keep up to date with the work being undertaken in class.

SeeSaw

A reminder that we have been using the SeeSaw app as an excellent way to show work that is being done by pupils in school. If you haven't already signed up for this free app I would encourage you to do so. I have asked teachers to ensure that one piece of work a week is put onto SeeSaw for each pupil. I appreciate that parents may wish to see more but it must be manageable for the staff in the classrooms.

Dates

Please see the following page for dates for the autumn term. These will be updated as the term progresses so please check the school website regularly. www.rhiwsyrdafyddschoool.wales

Reminder

As this is the first newsletter of the academic year I wanted to send home a hard copy. However, a reminder that all school newsletters can be found on our school website. Hard copies can be obtained from the school office.

Butties & Blocks

Many of you will have attended 'Butties & Blocks Club' last year and will know just how enjoyable and successful it was. If you didn't attend last year then there is an opportunity for you to experience the fun for yourself. Our next club will take place at 10:30am on Saturday 15th

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September. Refreshments will again be served. If you would like to attend the club please contact the school office.

Date	Event
Monday 15 th October 2018	▪ Colorfoto – Individual Photographs
Monday 22 nd October 2018	▪ Harvest Festival – Whole School
Wednesday 24 th & Thursday 25 th October 2018	▪ PTCs (Parent Teacher Consultations)
Friday 26 th October 2018	▪ INSET Day – School Closed to Pupils
Monday 29 th – Friday 2 nd November 2018	▪ Half Term
Monday 5 th November 2018	▪ INSET Day – School Closed to Pupils
Friday 7 th December 2018	▪ Christmas Fayre
Tuesday 11 th December 2018	▪ Reception Christmas Concert (9:15am) – Class 1 & Class 2 Boys
Tuesday 11 th December 2018	▪ Nursery Christmas Concert (10:30am)
Tuesday 11 th December 2018	▪ Nursery Christmas Concert (13:30pm)
Wednesday 12 th December 2018	▪ Reception Christmas Concert (9:15am) Class 3 & Class 2 Girls
Wednesday 12 th December 2018	▪ Year 1 Christmas Concert (10:30am) – Class 4 & Class 6 Boys
Wednesday 12 th December 2018	▪ Year 5 / 6 Christmas Panto Trip (pm)
Thursday 13 th December 2018	▪ Year 2 Christmas Concert (9:15am) – Class 7 & Class 8 Boys
Thursday 13 th December 2018	▪ Year 1 Christmas Concert (10:30am) – Class 5 & Class 6 Girls
Thursday 13 th December 2018	▪ Year 3 / 4 Christmas Panto Trip (pm)
Friday 14 th December 2018	▪ Year 2 Christmas Concert (9:15am) – Class 9 & Class 8 Girls
Friday 14 th December 2018	▪ Christmas Dinner – Reception – Year 6
Friday 14 th December 2018	▪ Christmas Jumper Day – Whole School
Monday 17 th December 2018	▪ Year 3 / 4 Christmas Concert (13:30pm)
Monday 17 th December 2018	▪ Year 5 / 6 Christmas Concert (18:00pm)
Monday 17 th December 2018	▪ Reception Christmas Party (13:30pm)
Tuesday 18 th December 2018	▪ Year 5 / 6 Christmas Concert (13:30pm)
Tuesday 18 th December 2018	▪ Year 3 / 4 Christmas Concert (18:00pm)
Tuesday 18 th December 2018	▪ Year 1 Christmas Party (13:30pm)
Tuesday 18 th December 2018	▪ Nursery (am) Christmas Party
Tuesday 18 th December 2018	▪ Nursery (pm) Christmas Party
Wednesday 19 th December 2018	▪ Year 3 / 4 Christmas Concert (13:30pm)
Wednesday 19 th December 2018	▪ Year 5 / 6 Christmas Concert (18:00pm)
Wednesday 19 th December 2018	▪ Year 2 Christmas Party (13:30pm)
Thursday 20 th December 2018	▪ Infant Christmas Panto Trip (pm)
Thursday 20 th December 2018	▪ Year 3 / 4 Christmas Party (13:30pm)
Friday 21 st December 2018	▪ Year 5 / 6 Christmas Party (13:30pm)
Friday 21 st December 2018	▪ Last Day for Pupils