



## **Parent Information Sheet – Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2018**

### **Happy New Year – Blwyddyn Newydd Dda!**

It has been a real pleasure to welcome everyone back to school for the spring term. The children have settled well and staff are hard at work driving up standards. The quality of work being produced in the classes is excellent. I very much hope that 2018 will be a very successful year for everyone associated with our school.

### **Attendance**

Our attendance for the autumn term was 95.7% which is in line with our target (95.7%) for the current academic year. I am grateful to parents for ensuring that pupils are at school to learn. Naturally events such as illness means that there are times when children need to be absent from school.

I will be asking Mr Hampshire to arrange meetings with the parents of those pupils with the lowest attendance levels to see if there is anymore that we can do to ensure that the children are at school. We are always happy to help in any way we can.

Pupils only have 190 school days each academic year. Each is precious and contributes to the education of the child. We can't raise literacy and numeracy standards if the children are not here.

### **Governor Vacancy**

We currently have a vacancy on our governing body for a parent governor. Would you like to be more involved in your child's education? If so why not consider becoming a school governor. All schools have places for Parent Governors and we currently have a vacancy for ONE of these positions at our school.

Governors make decisions about many aspects of the school including the curriculum, staffing and the school's finances. This role is essential to the education of children in the Borough of Caerphilly so please consider standing. In case you feel a little apprehensive about the responsibilities of the role, we offer training to assist you.

If you are interested in this important role, please collect a nomination form from the main school reception.

**Respect**

**Share**

**Determined**

**Passionate**

**Successful**

### **After School Clubs**

After school clubs will begin next week (W/C 15<sup>th</sup> January) as normal. If you would like your child to attend a club please contact the school so the necessary information can be provided.

### **Butties and Blocks Club**

Our first Butties and Blocks club of the New Year will take place on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> January starting at 10:30am. The club is open to existing and new members so if you have never been before why not come along and get creative! Mr Potter will be able to provide you with further information.

### **Dates for this Term**

Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January - P.C. Davies Y3  
Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February - Crucial Crew Y6  
Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February - P.C. Davies Y2  
Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February - School Closed – INSET Day  
Mon 19<sup>th</sup> Feb – Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb - Half Term Whole School  
Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March - School Eisteddfod  
Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> March - P.C. Davies Y6  
Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March - School Closes for Easter Holiday  
Fri 30<sup>th</sup> Mar – Fri 13<sup>th</sup> Apr - Easter Holiday Whole School  
Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April - Swimming Y3 (Three Weeks)