



Parent Information Sheet – Thursday 7th September 2017

Croeso Nol / Welcome Back

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It's been a privilege to welcome everyone back for the start of the new academic year. The children (and staff) have settled quickly and have already begun to work hard and further develop their standards.

Our caretaker, Mr Gibbs-Bowen and our team of cleaners have worked hard to ensure that our school was ready for the pupils' return - my thanks to all of 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.

Staffing Updates

We welcome several new members of staff to the school team. Miss Price and Miss Jones 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. Mr Hampshire will continue in his role as family liaison officer and can be contacted at the school.

PPA Team

- Miss Keatley - Music
- Miss Smith - PE
- Miss Lawrence - Art

SLT

- Mr George - Headteacher
- Mr Mills - Deputy Headteacher
- Mrs Arnold - Foundation Phase Leader
- Miss Boyland - KS2 Leader
- Mrs Robins - Inclusion Manager

If you have any concerns regarding your child then in the first instance you should make an appointment with the class teacher. If the class teacher is unable to answer your concerns then please make an appointment to speak to the phase leader.

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Letters

Along with this newsletter, your child should have brought home a number of additional letters. There should be letters regarding food tasting and visits to the village. Please ensure that both letters are signed and returned to school as soon as possible. There should also be a data collection sheet. This must be returned to school even if there are no changes to the information.

Menus

As you will be aware from the newsletter that was sent home before the summer holiday, there has been a change to the lunch menu. A further copy of the lunch menu which has been colour coded has been sent home today to help make things clearer. There are two options each day which are orange and yellow. Orange is the meat option and Yellow is the vegetarian option.

Butties & Blocks Club

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 16th September. Refreshments will again be served. If you would like to attend the club please contact the school office.

Free School Meals

Many parents do not realise that they may be entitled to claim free school meals for their child. This is a chance for your child to have a hot cooked meal each day at lunchtime. If a pupil is entitled to free school meals, this information is treated with the strictest of confidence by the school. To find out if you are entitled to claim free school meals visit www.caerphilly.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals.

Parental Workshops

Over the coming weeks we will be running a number of parental workshops at the school. These are designed to give parents an insight into the education system and the way that things are taught in school. Please contact the school office if you would like to book one of the workshops. Each workshop will include a tour of the school and a coffee and a cake! We look forward to seeing you!

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