

## YSGOL GYNRADD A MEITHRIN STRYD SIORS GEORGE STREET PRIMARY & NURSERY SCHOOL

Wainfelin Road, Pontypool, Torfaen NP4 6BX

Thursday 24 June 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

Just a few updates/reminders about upcoming events.

### CALENDAR AMENDMENT



Please be aware that there has been a correction to the term dates sent out last Friday. The 2022 spring term will begin on **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January** and NOT Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January. An updated calendar is available on the school website at <https://www.georgestreetprimary.co.uk/parent-zone/term-dates/>.

We are drawing attention to these dates to enable parents/carers to plan breaks or holidays knowing that they will not impact on children's time in school. We recognise that this term many families have had little choice with dates that have been deferred from 2020 and that many families have prioritised time together after a very difficult year. For this reason, we have not applied our usual practice of only authorising holidays where children's attendance is at or above 95%.

I suspect for most of us it seems too far ahead to be making plans for 2022, but if you do then please take note of term dates so that your child doesn't miss out on valuable time in school.

Please note that there is one further INSET day that will take place in the summer term 2022. This date has yet to be agreed.

### VIRTUAL 'MEET THE TEAM / HOME LEARNING' MEETINGS

As mentioned previously, we will shortly be hosting virtual meetings for parents to provide an opportunity for you to meet with school staff who will be working with your child next year. In addition these meetings will:

- Give you an overview of day-to-day life in your child's new year group
- Provide information about class routines and expectations
- Explain how we share information and updates so that you are always in the loop
- Outline our plans to work with you as partners in your child's learning
- Enable you to ask questions about next year so that you can help your child to feel prepared



These meetings are for parents/carers and complement our Move-Up day this Friday which will provide children with a taste of life in their new class/year group.

The meetings will take place using Microsoft Teams. This free app can be downloaded to any Windows/Apple device including a laptop, tablet or phone and allows you to see/hear/speak with others in a manner similar to video messaging apps. Parents of pupils in key stage 2 will be familiar with Teams as it is the software we used for live sessions during lockdown in the spring term this year.

We have scheduled these meetings for **6.00-7.00** to enable as many parents/carers as possible to take part. They are being held on the following days:

Years 1&2	Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> June
Years 3&4	Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> June
Years 5&6	Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> July

You will receive a text tomorrow containing a link for the meeting. Once you have downloaded Teams, simply click on this link at the appropriate time next week and you will be able to join the meeting.

### MOVE-UP DAY

We will be holding our Move-Up Day this Friday and children are excitedly looking forward to visiting new classes and spending time with their new staff teams.

Children will begin and end the day in their 'usual' classes and so should be dropped off and collected as normal.

Following their transition visit to West Mon last Friday, our Year 6 pupils will be participating in a day of outdoor and sporting activities with visiting staff from the Torfaen Sport Development team. They will need to arrive in school dressed in suitable kit for the day.

I am sure that it will be a fun day for everyone and a great way to round off another crammed and energetic week in school.

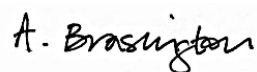
### ANNUAL REPORTS

Teachers are currently drafting individual end-of-year reports for every child. As last year, given the changes that have happened these reports have been adapted to focus on core areas. They will provide an accurate commentary on your child's progress this year, together with personal comments that reflect their attitude and commitment in class. We hope that you find your child's report informative and helpful.

There will be no individual attendance data in reports this year.

Teachers are carrying out frequent ongoing and informal assessment of pupils that is recorded and used to inform the next steps in your child's learning. We have also continued monitoring progress in phonics/reading through regular screening/testing. However, pupils will not be sitting national tests (in reading, maths and mathematical reasoning) this year.

Kind regards,



Mr A Brasington