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Wainfelin Road, Pontypool, Torfaen NP4 6BX

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Dear Parents/Carers



The final weeks of this school year are flying by in a whirl of activity. The highlight of this one has undoubtedly been the Year 6 performances of *Beauty and the Beast* that were staged on the school playground. Our Year 6 pupils created a really memorable experience with their open air production and we are enormously proud of the talent and teamwork they displayed. Many thanks to parents/carers for your help with costumes and your enthusiastic support. And special thanks to Mr Gilbert for a wonderful gallery of photographs to share with parents that perfectly capture the magic of the moment.

CASHLESS PAYMENT SYSTEM UPDATE

Individual letters are being provided to all parents/carers today with details of how to register for the local authority's new cashless payment system. Your letter contains a unique PIN that you will need to access the system. Please use this to register as soon as possible as your PIN will only remain active for a number of days.

If you experience any difficulty in accessing the system please contact educationpayments@torfaen.gov.uk who manage the process. We are not able to resolve issues with the payment system in school.

Where children are absent from school today, your registration letter will be provided on the first day your child returns to school.

HOME LEARNING SURVEY & ALN PRESENTATION

Many thanks to all those parents/carers who have responded to our recent home-learning survey. We have received really valuable information and comments that we will review in detail. We will leave the survey open until after the weekend for any parents and carers who would still like an opportunity to complete it. You can do so through the following link

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=Ug4_TzS3ZEGUCRtgHRR5k4z7jKSiZzIGqhrbmYlw6yZURUIDREJaRUw4OFpZMk5FVWk5WREJNUFIYRS4u

We will collate results next week and provide an update on our plans in the autumn term.

Similarly, thanks to everyone who attended this week's short presentation about changes to provision for pupils with additional learning needs (ALN). I hope that you found the session helpful.

COVID UPDATE

Unfortunately, we have one year group of pupils and staff isolating at present because of a positive case. I am sure that you will be aware that this situation is being mirrored in many schools locally and nationally.

I am hopeful that operational guidance for September will mean that we can avoid this situation next school year. However, we can't reliably forecast circumstances and the current situation will not alter this term.

Can I please remind all parents/carers of the importance of following existing procedures, including testing where symptoms arise, so that any further disruption before the end of term can be minimised. Thank you.

STAFFING CHANGES

We have a number of changes to our staffing from September.

Firstly, after nearly 20 years working with literally hundreds of children in George Street, Mrs Booth will be retiring at the end of this term. Mrs Booth leaves a long legacy and has formed many rewarding relationships in her time with us. Needless to say, she will be much missed by children, staff and families and we wish her a long, healthy and happy retirement – putting herself first for a time will take some getting used to!

I would also like to warmly welcome;

Mrs Chauhan (teaching assistant), Miss Lewis (teaching assistant), Miss Price (teaching assistant) and Mrs Field (higher level teaching assistant) who will be joining our Early Years team and Mrs Scard (teaching assistant) who will be part of our Year 1&2 team when we return next term.

Ms Williams who was due to start as a Year 3 teacher in September will now be teaching in Reception, while Mrs Harris will join our Year 3&4 team as teacher for Dosbarth Gwyn.

I would like to wish pob lwc to Miss Main who will be returning to her studies and taking up a year-long Welsh sabbatical in September. We look forward to working with Miss Main at points throughout the year when she will be returning to George Street as part of the school-based element of her training.

Finally, congratulations to Miss Woods whose family grew a little further when she became Mum to Austin just recently. All doing well!



END OF TERM

The summer term will end at the normal time next Friday, 16th July. Please remind your child next week about bringing any belongings home. This includes emptying lockers in key stage 2 as these will be reallocated to pupils in September. With class changes, building works & redecoration, the summer play camp and intensive cleaning taking place during the summer we can't guarantee that any items left in school at the end of term can be tracked down after the holiday.

Kind regards,

A. Brasington

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