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Friday 5 November 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

We have enjoyed a very positive first week back at the start of this half term. The half term break has allowed for a much-needed recharge and children have picked up quickly from where we left off, moving forward without any loss in momentum.

You will be aware that case rates remain high. Our health board has taken the decision to reclassify the alert level within ABUHB as 'very high'. While we are continuing to operate as close to normal as we can safely do, your support in helping to minimise infection is absolutely vital at this time. Please make sure that you follow the guidance we shared at the start of this week and support our whole community by dealing responsibly with any symptoms your child or other members of their household experience. Thank you.

### PANTOMIME TRIP

Information has been provided to all parents/carers of children in Years 2-6 this week about our planned trip to see Cinderella at the Blackwood Miner's Institute on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December. Please note that the cut-off point for payment is Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> November as this is when final numbers will be confirmed with the theatre and our bus operators.

### PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTION

Two nominations have been received for the role of parent governor. As a result, we are holding a ballot for all parents/carers of pupils in the school. You will receive a text today with a link to register your vote (<https://forms.office.com/r/YdC4GsEXXP>). This link will remain active until the end of Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November after which the votes will be electronically counted. The result will be announced in the week beginning 22<sup>nd</sup> November.

The two candidates are; Mr Dan James & Mrs Julie Kitson. Statements from both candidates are available for you to read using the voting link provided.

This parent governor vacancy has arisen following the end of term of office of Mrs Emma Bustin who has been a highly valued member of our governing body for several years. Until the end of the last school year, Emma was the chair of our governing body and I would like to express my thanks to her on behalf of all staff, pupils and families for her wonderful positivity and commitment to the role.

Following the governing body annual general meeting last half term, Mrs Helen Bevan-Jones has been appointed as chair of governors for this year. Full details of the school's governing body are contained in our prospectus which is available on the school's website.

Kind regards,

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