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Wainfelin Road, Pontypool, Torfaen NP4 6BX

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Dear Parents/Carers

The penultimate week of the school year was an exceptionally busy and enormously rewarding one. Following visits from all the classes in Year 1 and Year 3 we need to apply for a season pass to the car park at Rest Bay! The children have thoroughly enjoyed their time in the rock pools this week and making sandcastles together. Year 1 have also enjoyed a visit to Technquest and Year 2 a trip to Noah's Ark Zoo Farm. We have certainly been making the most of the wonderful attractions within reach of school. Many thanks to all of the volunteers who have helped us to run these trips. Your help is much appreciated.

Highlight of the week must go to Year 6. First for their superb George Street on Broadway performance on Tuesday and then for their wonderful Leavers' Assembly held under blue skies on our field on Thursday. It was an emotional week at the top of the school and such a pleasure to see our oldest pupils savouring their last days together with us. After the above events the children enjoyed a frantic demob water fight on the school field on Friday which resulted in a thorough soaking for everyone. Thanks also to Year 6 parents for rounding off the week with a prom at the rugby club on that evening – no shortage of stamina in Year 6.



Together we live learn and value

STAFF CHANGES

The end of this school year will see a number of staff moving on from their current positions in George Street;

Mrs Matthews is retiring from her role as Senior School Support Officer (SSSO). Mrs Matthews has been a crucial member of our senior leadership team over the last nine years and her contribution to the success of our school over that time has been significant. Mrs Roden will also be leaving after seven years to take up a position as an advisor for the Citizen's Advice service. I know that Mrs Roden will be familiar to very many parents in her 'front of house' role, having dispensed daily advice and assistance throughout that time.

Mr Eastman will be leaving to take up a new senior leadership position in Ty Sign Primary, Risca. This shortly after finally celebrating his wedding after years of delay wrought by the pandemic.

Mrs Harris is taking up a teaching role in Trinant Primary. Miss Shott is also starting a new teaching role in New Inn Primary this September.

Miss Lewis will be leaving her role as a teaching assistant.

Mrs Claire Harris will also be ending her role as a midday supervisor.

I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to all of the above and to wish each and every one the very best for the future.

Several staff will also be taking on new roles in George Street at the start of next year;

Mr Manson and Mrs Field will both take up teaching positions in the autumn. Miss Main will also return following a year on a WG Welsh sabbatical scheme.

Mrs Morgan will take on the role of SSSO for the autumn term.

Mrs Fisher will return to take up a higher-level teaching assistant (HLTA) role. Mrs Cobley and Mrs Seward will also take on HLTA positions in September.

Mrs Mugleston will join our early years team as a teaching assistant.

Mrs Scriven will join our lunch time team as a midday supervisor.



GOVERNOR VISITS

It has been a pleasure over the last two weeks to welcome members of our governing body into school to visit classes. This is the first time since the pandemic that governors have been able to observe school in operation.

They visited all the classes to talk with pupils, look at the learning experiences on offer and, in particular, observe the school's arrangements for developing pupils' independent learning. It was a very positive experience for all involved and one helpfully followed-up by hearing from Year 5 and Year 6 pupils during last week's full governing body meeting. Governors wish to express their thanks to the whole staff team for their commitment this year and to Cariad, Sam, Cameron & Lois for their contribution to the recent meeting.



PUPIL LEADERS



As part of last Thursday's Leavers' Assembly, our current Year 6 pupil leaders made a handover to the children who will take on these roles in September. I am pleased to announce that after an intensive election process in Year 5, these roles will be taken by;

Head students

Deputy Head students

Eco leaders

Chair of School Council

Samuel Heaton Potter and Madeline Gros

Lilianna Miguel and Jack Walker

Cariad Carpenter and Alivia Gunter

Sam Duggan

Our outgoing **Sports Ambassadors** also selected the following new appointees; Danny Edwards, Luke Olamikan, Efan Matthews, Mayzie Harris, Payton Cheshire and Seren Powell.

Congratulations to all of the children listed above and thanks to our current leaders who have carried out their roles with energy and enthusiasm this year.

MRS BAVERSTOCK RETIRES AS PARENT GOVERNOR

I am sorry to confirm that Mrs Baverstock will be stepping down from her role as parent governor at the end of term. Mrs Baverstock has been a strong supporter of the school as both Chair and Vice-Chair of governors over the last eight years. Mrs Baverstock has kindly written the following parting message;

Dear Staff, Governors, Parents, Carers and Children,

After much consideration I have decided to leave my role as Parent Governor. I have been in the role for eight years most of which I was Chair. I have learned so much and enjoyed being part of the school decision-making, supporting and challenging ideas to ensure the school provides the optimum, safe and inclusive learning environment for staff and children. This decision was very hard but I believe it's the right time to allow another parent the opportunity I was given back in 2014.

I would like to thank everyone for the support and opportunity, particularly in my role as Chair. I wish you all the very best and enjoy the summer.

Good luck to you all for the future and remember no dream is too big!

ATTENDANCE MARVELS

Massive congratulations to Cameron Rees-Rowands, Gabija Libertye and Samantha Ravaorinoro who have all achieved 100% attendance this year. Never an easy thing to do but especially difficult of late so great to see these children setting such a high standard and being brilliant role models for others. Well done!

On a general note, it has been very encouraging to see that our attendance has held up well this term. While, for obvious reasons, we are not where we would want to be this year, the trend is encouraging and we are hoping that we can build on this progress successfully next year. Given this positive picture, we will be holding a **non-uniform day** on Thursday to end the school year.

MIDDAY SUPERVISOR VACANCY

We are currently looking for someone to join our team of midday supervisors next term. The role involves supervising pupils during lunchtime, both in the dining hall and on the playground/field. We need someone who is able to give at least an hour each lunchtime (Monday-Friday) and can work as part of a close-knit team to ensure pupils' well-being and safety.

If you would be interested in finding out more please call in at reception or call 756436 for an informal chat with Mrs Matthews.

TERM DATES 2022-23

The school term dates and INSET days for 2022-23 have been uploaded to the school website and can be accessed at: <https://www.georgestreetprimary.co.uk/parent-zone/term-dates/>

The autumn term will start on **Monday 5th September**.

END OF TERM

School will finish for this year at the **normal time** on Thursday 21st July. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our families for your support this term. I hope that, whatever your plans, you have the opportunity for an enjoyable rest during the school holiday. We look forward to seeing everyone back in September.

Kind regards

A. Brasington