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Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back! It has been wonderful to see all the children return to school so happily this week. We have enjoyed hearing about all their adventures over the holidays. I also want to introduce our new Acting Deputy Headteacher Mrs Judith Davies who joins us this term. We are delighted to welcome her into the Coed-Y-Lan team.

As it's very early, this isn't a newsletter, but I just wanted to send out a few reminders at the beginning of term as it seems like a long time since July. (Please see the June & July newsletter for a full set of dates)

### **Punctuality and attendance**

This week we have very good attendance we hope this will continue throughout the term. At the end of Summer we saw a sharp increase in term time holidays. Whilst we understand this is sometimes unavoidable, please try to keep term time absences to a minimum.

Punctuality has not been as good as we hoped this week. Please remember, missing the first part of the school day means missing out on valuable learning time. Please ensure all children are in school by 8.55am ready to learn.

### **'Meet the Teachers' meeting**

Next week we are holding 'Meet the Teachers' meetings. These are informal, and are a very brief opportunity for parents to say hello to any teachers they haven't met before. The children are not involved in the meetings, and the information will also be sent out via SeeSaw so if you are unable to come please don't worry. If you would like an opportunity to meet your child's teacher, they will all have a slot in the hall on Tuesday morning.

9.00am – Dosbarth Celyn (Nursery & Reception) Mrs Boulton and Mrs Davies

9.15am- Dosbarth Helyg (Year 1 & 2 Mrs Black)

9.30am- Dosbarth Castan (Year 2 & 3 Mr Rees)

9.45 am – Dosbarth Bedw (Year 4 & 5 Mrs Nuttall)

10.00am – Dosbarth Derwen (Year 5 & 6 Mr Jenkins-Jones)

### **Year 5&6 Residential trips**

As you know, we have arranged residential trips for both Year 5 and Year 6 this year. If your child would like to participate please "Accept" the slip on Parent Hub and pay the £50 deposit by Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September via the RCT online payment system.

### **After School Clubs**

After school clubs will start the week commencing 16/9/24. Permission slips will be circulated next week. For some clubs there will be a maximum number of pupils who are able to attend. Any payable clubs e.g. Basketball

and Bushcraft will need to be paid for in advance as we did not receive full payment last year. Once children have committed to after-school clubs, please encourage them to **attend every week**.

### **Bearfoot and Beyond**

This half term we have been very lucky that the PTA have agreed to fund bushcraft/ forest school lessons for pupils in Years 1-6. These lessons will take place in the garden on Mondays come rain or shine! The teachers will let you know when your child's class need to bring their wellies and wet weather gear as the sessions will be on a rota.

### **Volunteers**

Last term we put out a call for volunteers to help with reading or gardening. If you are interested or know grandparents/ family members who may be able to help, please contact the school office.

### **'Grow it, Cook it, Eat it'**

This term the children are learning all about growing and cooking. If anyone has jam jars or egg boxes to donate we'd be grateful.

### **Trade waste changes and recycling**

As there have been changes to waste collections across RCT, we are having to be very careful about the amount of general waste we generate, as it is not being collected as frequently and charges have increased. As a result, we are asking the children to put any waste from their lunch boxes back into their boxes to be disposed of at home. Please can we ask that you limit the amount of plastic packaging in lunchboxes, as an Eco School this will be a focus for the Eco Committee this year.

### **School Photographs**

The photographer will be in school on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September. If you would like pre-school children to join older siblings, please be in school for 8.30am.

### **Surveys**

Finally, at the end of term I sent out two parent surveys. One was to gather the views of parents about the school generally, the other was to begin a consultation regarding the possibility of changing the uniform. I didn't receive many responses so I am going to resend them. Please take a moment to share your views as we value the opinions of all our families.



I look forward to the term ahead and seeing the children engaged in all the wonderful learning we have planned for them. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Kind regards,

Mrs Evans