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## YSGOL GYNRADD SANT MIHANGEL

Headteacher: Mr. M. Phillips

Monday February 11<sup>th</sup> 2019

Dear Parents,

### **New appointments**

As your children may have already mentioned, we interviewed four candidates for our Deputy Headteacher position last Monday 4<sup>th</sup> February.

The person appointed to the position is Mr. David Jarman.

Mr. Jarman who currently teaches at Radnor Valley Primary School will join us at the beginning of the summer term.

Mrs. Mumford has also joined the school's Senior Management Team (SMT) with immediate effect. Her role includes the responsibility for ICT and the implementation of the Digital Competence Framework throughout the school. Mrs. Mumford is also the second named person responsible for safeguarding.

A huge congratulations to them both!

### **Behaviour Plan**

We have amended our behaviour plan this term to include tougher sanctions for unkind behaviour that we have unfortunately recently experienced. We will also be looking to decrease the amount of lower level disruption currently caused by a minority of children in some classes. The sanctions include missed playtimes and communication with parents in cases of unkind or violent behaviour, or consistent lower level disruption.

We acknowledge that the behaviour of the vast majority of our pupils is good, but feel that tougher sanctions may deter some of the less acceptable behaviour that we unfortunately do encounter.

### **Punctuality**

The vast majority of our pupils arrive in school on time. In order to avoid disruption to the classes from late arrivals could you please ensure that your child is in school by the time the register begins at 8.55a.m. The playground is supervised from 8.45 a.m. and we encourage you to arrive during this 10 minute window. Many thanks for your co-operation.



### **Breakfast Club and general funding**

Further to my last e-mail, we are awaiting confirmation from the local authority about the future funding of breakfast clubs. There appears to have been a lot of confusion caused by various messages to Headteachers and posts on social media and we will confirm the situation as soon as it is known.

This is all part of a larger picture of cuts and financial constraints, which are seriously affecting our ability as a school to offer the same opportunities as in previous years.

Unfortunately this situation does not seem likely to improve and in fact, is almost certainly going to get worse in future years.

If anyone has any ideas on alternative funding streams which may be available, or any other suggestions please let me know. I am open to ideas!

We continue to be grateful to you as parents for your financial support through the events of the 'Friends of the School' and to the committee for their efforts in supporting us.

### **Parent's evenings**

Our Parent's evenings take place this week on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> February. If you have not made an appointment yet, it is not too late.

As usual, the appointments are 10 minutes long and we ask that if you feel you may need longer that you make an alternative arrangement with the class teacher.

### **After school clubs**

The support of after school clubs this term has been excellent.

Could I remind you that clubs will not be taking place this week due to parent's evening but will continue as normal next week.

### **Lead Creative Schools Project**

We are very fortunate to have been invited by Abermule Primary School to join them in the final year of their 'Lead Creative Schools Project.' The project which is funded by 'The Arts Council Wales' is a great opportunity for some of our children to work with a project leader and be creative in their learning. The project has been allocated to Class 3 and our 'Creative Practitioner' who will work with the pupils is Amy Sterly.

The pupils helped to choose the project title of 'Super Structures' and some of the children interviewed the artists and eventually picked Amy.

This is an exciting opportunity for the class and we hope that at the end we are able to share what we have produced with parents.

Many thanks for your continued support,

Mr. Phillips

