



"Roots to Grow,

Wings to Fly"



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Dear Parents and Governors,

INSET Day – please remember that next Friday is an INSET day and school will be closed for all children.

School inspection – Monday 13th – Thursday 16th October

Please remember you are invited to meet with the inspectors at 3.45pm in the school hall on Monday 13th October. A crèche will be available.

To support the school, we would be very grateful if you would ensure that the children arrive on time (8.55) and are dressed in their school uniform.

After school clubs will continue as normal during the week of inspection

Security

You will have noticed an additional wooden fence being erected on the boundary of the Foundation Phase playground.

We regularly assess the school buildings and grounds to ensure that the children are totally safe at all times. We also try to ensure the best possible environment for the children to learn effectively.

Despite very good levels of supervision on the playground, we think that we can do even more to keep the children safe and to improve their learning. I have approached the Local Authority to request that the existing boundary fence is improved to prevent anyone from climbing over, equipment going through the gaps, passers by approaching any of the children and to reduce the distractions caused by the traffic on Ty Glas Avenue. They have agreed that the situation needs to be improved and I am hopeful that a suitable long term solution can be found.

In the meantime, our school governors have agreed that a temporary fence will provide a solution. This will improve the security of the children and the school site as well as reducing the distractions that the children experience when they are involved in their learning outside.

I understand that parents will be disappointed that they can no longer wave through the fence at their children playing, but trust that everyone will understand that the children's safety is paramount.

Read, Write, Inc. presentation

Thank you to all parents and carers who were able to attend Mrs Dutfield's presentation on Read, Write, Inc. (RWI) this week. RWI is a nationally recognised phonics and early reading programme designed to help all children succeed in literacy. The school staff in Foundation Phase have received two days of training to deliver the programme and some exciting new resources have arrived. All of the children will have their reading levels reassessed before they start the programme after half term. If you would like to find out more, please speak to Mrs Dutfield or log on to www.ruthmiskin.com



Industrial Action

Some unions are planning industrial action on Tuesday 14th October but Coed Glas will be open as normal.



Parent/carer e-mail addresses

Want to help the school? Email pta@coedglasprimary.co.uk



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This is a reminder that parents and carers are able to sign up to receive all communications from school via e-mail. Please visit the school website www.coedglasprimary.co.uk, select the parents tab, then the 'submit e-mail address' link. So far over 120 parents have registered.

Twitter accounts

To stay up to date with the latest news and events from the school, please 'follow' @coedglas on Twitter. Many of your children's classes are also using Twitter to let you know their latest news.



Midday Supervisor vacancies

If any parents are interested in working with the children in Coed Glas as a relief midday supervisor, please collect an application form from Mrs Drew in the school office. Alternatively, advertisements for one part time and one full time post can be found on www.eteach.co.uk

All school vacancies are subject to a Disclosure and Barring Service Check.



Attendance

Our overall figure for this academic year is **95.4%** - thank you for all your support. Attendance rates are a key indicator in the success of children in school and I am delighted that there has been such an improvement. This year we aim to continue to improve attendance rates and achieve 95% by next July – with your help and support I am sure that this can be achieved.

Car safety

Please ensure that cars are not parked on the zig zag lines at the front of the school. Also, the car park is designated for members of staff only and should not be used by parents before or after school.

At the back of the school, please ensure that cars do not obstruct the pavements as this is causing significant difficulties for children and parents entering and exiting the school gates.

Finally, please be considerate of our neighbours and ensure that cars do not obstruct any driveways. Thank you.



Parents Evening

This term's parent consultations will take place during the week commencing Monday 10th November. You will receive further information nearer the time but please remember there will be no after school clubs that week.

INSET days 2014-15

Friday 10th October

Friday 28th November

Monday 5th January 2015

Diary dates

October

Tuesday 7th

The Gift of Grace assembly

Wednesday 8th

PC Hughes to Yr2

Llanishen High School open evening (5pm)

Friday 10th

INSET day

13th – 16th

Inspection week

Friday 17th

Year 6 to Swansea War Museum

27th – 31st

Half term

November

Wednesday 5th

PC Hughes to Yr 5

Monday 10th

Parent consultations

Tuesday 11th

PC Hughes to Yr 3

Wednesday 12th

School council visit to the Senedd

Friday 14th

Children in Need fundraising

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