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Wings to Fly"



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Dear Parents and Governors,

Welcome back

We are delighted to welcome the children back to school following the summer holiday. A special welcome to all of the children starting in the nursery and reception classes, it is a very exciting time for them and the whole staff team is working really hard to ensure that they all settle happily into Coed Glas Primary School. Please do not hesitate to speak to a member of staff about any concerns or queries that you have regarding routines in the school.

Our new deputy head teacher, Mrs Cath Duffield, has joined the staff team this week. Mrs Duffield was previously a senior teacher at Llanishen Fach Primary School and has significant experience as a maths adviser in Cardiff. We all wish Mrs Duffield every success and happiness at Coed Glas.

Miss McKinley has joined the staff as a teacher in Year 3, whilst Mrs Thomas has returned to reception class following her maternity leave.

Our congratulations to Mrs Udry (nee Davies) who was married during the summer holiday.

Mr McInnes will not be returning to school following his adoption leave. Understandably, Mr McInnes wishes to dedicate as much time as possible to his new family and has taken up post in a school very close to his home. We all wish him well in his new school.

Mrs Sophie Notley will be replacing Mr McInnes after half term. Mrs Notley is currently a senior teacher in Tredegarville Primary school and will become the new literacy leader in Coed Glas. Until half term, Mrs Hunt will be teaching the year 6 class, whilst Mrs Hammond will be covering in Year 5.

The results achieved by the children at the end of the academic year were excellent. In particular, results in mathematics improved significantly across the school and we were delighted with the increased confidence displayed by the children. This year we will continue to focus on developing the children's literacy and numeracy skills as well as ensuring that we offer a broad and exciting curriculum – both inside and outside the classroom.

Building work

You will have noticed that the school was like a building site during the holiday! All of the toilets in foundation phase were completely refurbished, providing bright, clean and modern facilities for the children. At the front of the school, three classrooms have been refurbished to accommodate the children in year 2. A new outdoor learning area has been created at the front of the school surrounded by fencing to ensure the children's safety.

The number of children attending the school continues to rise and we have had to create a new classroom for year 3 children in the old IT suite. To ensure that all of the children have access to modern IT equipment, we will be receiving new mobile IT kit which can be used in all of the classrooms in the next few weeks.

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A new bike shelter was also erected at the front of the school during the holiday. Please ensure that children cycle safely, wearing a helmet and reflective clothing. In addition the children must enter the site via the infant playground or the back of the school and no cycling is allowed on the school grounds.



Dogs on the premises. The governors have asked that no dogs (with the exception of guide dogs) are permitted on the school grounds.



Attendance

Our overall figure for the academic year 2013-14 was **94.8%** - 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 improve this figure further by reaching 95% by next July – with your help and support I am sure that this can be achieved.

Eco Schools Award

We should be receiving our Green Flag in the next few weeks in recognition of our Eco Schools award. We would like to display the flag at the front of the main entrance and have written to a number of building companies to ask if they could help us by providing a flagpole. Unfortunately, we haven't received a positive response!

Please let Mrs Gillies know if you know of any company who may be able to help us.



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.

INSET days 2014-15

Please see below the provisional dates for INSET days during the next academic year.

Monday 22nd September
Friday 10th October
Friday 28th November
Monday 5th January 2015

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