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Dear Parents, Carers and Governors

End of an era!

Sadly, we will be saying 'goodbye' to some members of staff at the end of this academic year. Mrs Gould will be taking up the post of deputy Headteacher at Bute Cottage Nursery, whilst Mrs Hinds has secured a teaching position in Abu Dhabi. Miss Stewart, Miss Allen and Miss Huxtable have all been successful in gaining places on the Post Graduate Certificate in Education training courses. Mrs Foode (HIRB) and Mrs Davies, our receptionist, will both be retiring after a number of years at the school.

Each member of staff leaves with our very best wishes for their future success and happiness and sincere thanks for all of their hard work and dedication to Coed Glas.

Our Year 6 children will also begin their new adventures in high school from September. We all wish them well throughout their time in high school and beyond – we look forward to hearing about their future achievements. Thank you also to the parents and carers of these children, for your support over a number of years – we have enjoyed working with you all!

School Attendance



We are very pleased with the children's attendance so far this academic year. Currently, the overall figure is 95.4% which is an increase when compared to the same period last year. We know that good attendance at school makes such a difference to the children's progress and their future success. Currently, we have the second highest increase in overall attendance across all of the Cardiff schools!

School Award

I am delighted to inform you that our application for the Eco-Schools Green Flag: Level 2 has been successful. During a recent visit to the school, the Keep Wales Tidy Education Officer noted: 'Great to see outdoor education in place. The school grounds have been developed to enable this. Loved the secret garden. Excellent to see the school engage in authority based initiatives - The 10 Day Turn Down being one example of note. Good data sets developed in many topic areas. Great to see the transport data being used to steer further actions to encourage sustainable travel. Fantastic to see specific year groups taking an Eco-lead as demonstrated by the Year 3's with their litter project'.



Oliver! Many congratulations to all of the children who took part in this year's production of Oliver. All of the performances were thoroughly enjoyed by packed audiences and the standard of each of the shows was exceptionally high. Thank you to everyone who came to support the children.

Cycling training

A course is being held during the school holiday at the **Road Safety Centre** in Maindy for children **aged 9 years and over**. The course runs over four mornings and costs £10 per child and is open to all **Cardiff children** but they must be able to **ride a bike under control** and must bring a **roadworthy bike**. The training takes place between 10am and 12pm on the following dates:

1st Aug – 4th Aug, 8th Aug – 11th Aug, 15th Aug – 18th Aug, 22nd Aug – 25th Aug.

If you would like further information, please email rso1@cardiff.gov.uk

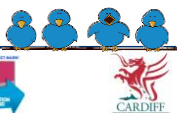


School timings

From September, the lunchtime timings will change to ensure that all the children have sufficient time to enjoy their lunch. Foundation Phase children (Reception, Year 1, Year 2) will continue to have their lunch hour between Midday and 1pm. For children in Key Stage 2 (Year 3, 4 5 and 6), their lunch hour will be between 12.15 and 1.15.

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

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Relief Midday Supervisors

We are currently looking for a small number of relief midday supervisors to occasionally cover absent members of staff. These positions will be advertised on the eteach website, but you are also welcome to visit the school office if you are interested in the role.

PTA news

Thank you to everybody who came to support the summer barbecue last week – we hope that you all enjoyed the evening. Sincere thanks to the PTA for working so hard in organising the event so successfully again this year and to everyone who helped on the evening – in particular our chef Mr Philpott to his tireless efforts on the BBQ!



The PTA have also organised the Year 6 Leavers' disco for Monday 18th July. The £4 entrance cost will provide the disco, a 'selfie corner', UV face painting, a souvenir photograph of the disco, a buffet and refreshments and a personalised 'goodie bag'.

Time Credits scheme is coming to Coed Glas!



'We all need a little help sometimes, for lots of different things. Our communities are no different, and this is where Time Credits come in. If you give an hour of your time to your community, your community will thank you by giving you an hour back to spend on something you like to do. Everyone's hour is worth the same and everyone gets thanked. There's no limit to how many credits you can earn, and the more you earn the more you can spend. Time Credits never expire. There are lots of ways to earn Time Credits across your community, and hundreds of ways to spend them across the country. You can earn and spend in a way that suits you. Why? Because everyone has something to give, and ultimately, because a bit of time together makes all the difference'.

Miss Shapley will be organising an information evening early in the new term – more news to follow!

Summer Reading Challenge

The Reading Agency and the Public Library network have once again organised a free Summer Reading Challenge for all children aged 4 to 11. This challenge combines free access to books with fun, creative activities in the library throughout the holiday. Throughout the challenge, library staff and teenage volunteers support the children, helping them to discover new authors and to explore a wide range of different types of books and ways of reading.



Families can download more ideas from www.readingagency.org.uk

Term dates for 2016-17

Autumn Term 2016	Spring term 2017	Summer term 2017
Term starts on Tuesday 6/09/16	Starts: Wednesday 04/01/2017	Starts: Monday 24/04/17
Half term: Monday 24/10/16 - Friday 28/10/16	Half term: Monday 20/02/2017 - Friday 24/02/2017	Half term: Monday 29/5/2017 - Friday 02/06/2017
Ends: Friday 16/12/16	Ends: Friday 07/04/2017	Ends: Friday 21/07/2017

May Day: Monday 01/05/17

Confirmed INSET days

There are a total of 5 INSET days over the academic year. At present, the dates of 4 of these have been confirmed with a further date to be arranged.

Monday 5th September, Monday 31st October, Tuesday 3rd January, Friday 28th April

We are in early discussions with Sports Extra to provide activity days at the school for the children on INSET days and are hopeful that the first will be offered on Monday 31st October – more news to follow when this is confirmed.

And finally..

This will be the last newsletter sent out in paper form. From September, we will be using Schoop to deliver the newsletter electronically – please sign up to Schoop if you haven't already done so. A small number of paper copies of the newsletter will be available from the school office.

To the community of Coed Glas – thank you for all your continued support for the school. On behalf of everyone at the school, we hope that you all have an enjoyable summer.

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