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## Newsletter Number 60

Dear Parents, Carers and Governors

### Head Pupils

Congratulations to Grace, Carey, Umberto and Fletcher who have been chosen as 'Head Pupils' of our school this year. These children put themselves forward for the roles and prepared speeches which they delivered to the staff and parent governors last week. There were 12 children in total who put themselves forward and all of them gave some very clear and creditable speeches about what they would bring to the roles – all of these children deserve congratulations.



### Debating Team



Last Friday, Finlay, Daisy, Caleb, Umberto and Daniel took part in a debate at Llysfaen Primary School with other children from our cluster. The children were asked to debate the following question 'This house believes that social media is anti-social'. The debate was organised by the Royal College of Psychiatrists and was opened by the Children's Commissioner for Wales Sally Holland.

The children presented their views within a strict two minute timescale and were then asked questions from the audience. The whole team did exceptionally well, presenting their ideas clearly and answering the questions carefully. In the end, most children agreed that social media could be a very powerful, convenient and effective way of communicating with friends, family members and other groups. However, they also agreed that everyone should reduce the amount of time spent on social media, to ensure that nothing unkind was ever posted and that face to face communication is generally always better.

Special congratulations to Umberto who was chosen as the 'Best Speaker' during the debate.

### Drop off and pick up arrangements

We will be trialling new arrangements after half term during drop off and pick up times to help us to keep the children safe when entering and exiting the building from the junior playground.

### Beginning of the day

At 8.55 the teacher on duty will blow the whistle to begin the school day. At this point, all of the children should walk to their class lines and we ask that parents/ carers allow their children to do this independently. Any parent/carer wishing to pass a message to the class teacher may stay with their child in the line; otherwise we respectfully ask that parents and carers move away from the class lines at this time.

Mr Andrews will be marking an area immediately outside the back entrance of the school which will be for children and teachers only. This allows the teachers to safely walk their children into school. Please do not walk through this area until all of the children are safely inside the school.

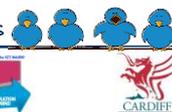
### End of the day

To avoid confusion outside the back doors, we again ask that parents and carers do not wait in the area immediately outside the back of the school. Teachers will bring the children out of the school and line them up in their class lines. Parents and carers will then be able to collect their children from the class lines.

**During both periods of the day, we ask that the children are brought to the playground by going around the Year 6 demountable classrooms, rather than through the narrow area outside the back door. You will have noticed that Mr Andrews has painted a yellow line to remind everyone not to use this area.**

Mrs Young

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We will be very sorry to be saying 'goodbye' to Mrs Young at the end of this term. Mrs Young has decided to take early retirement and is planning some new ventures with her family.

Mrs Young is a much loved and respected teacher at the school and will be leaving with our very best wishes for her future happiness.

We are currently recruiting for a new teacher to share the Year 5 class with Mrs Hunt in the new year and will inform you all as soon as a decision has been made.

### Cardiff Foodbank donations



We will again be supporting Cardiff Foodbank by collecting donations of food as part of our harvest celebrations this year.

Please see the following from the Foodbank:

'Over 90% of the food distributed by foodbanks is donated by the public – that's why your food donations are absolutely vital to our ability to give everyone referred to us a balanced and nutritious three day supply of food. Cardiff Foodbank has given out over 40,00kgs of food between Jan – June 2016 this continues the trend of increasing demand we have found over the past 6 years.

We always welcome donations and promise to use them to provide help to people in crisis. Occasionally we send food to other nearby foodbanks to support their work particularly if they experience shortages. This ensures your donations go to help people wherever in the UK they are. '

The Foodbank ask that you donate the following items to the school by Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November when they will be collected:

Breakfast cereals, Soup, Pasta, Rice, Pasta sauce, Tinned beans, Tinned meat, Tinned vegetables, Tinned fruit, Milk, Fruit Juice, Tea or coffee, Sugar, Biscuits, Snacks

The shopping list below shows the food items that they need most at this time:

TINNED TOMATOES  
UHT/TINNED CUSTARD  
TINNED VEGETABLES  
TINNED POTATOES

### PTA news

A suggestion box is now located in the main school reception. The PTA are seeking your ideas for raising money to fund a new minibus this year. Every idea helps and we look forward to your suggestions and support.



### School Attendance



I am delighted to tell you that we reached our attendance target last year. The final figure was 95.2%. Thank you for your support in ensuring the children attend school regularly. We hope to maintain above 95% attendance again this year, so far our overall attendance is 95.3%.

### Staff endurance!

Congratulations to Mrs Davies who completed the Chester Marathon in aid of cancer Research  
Our best wishes go to Mr Purnell who will be participating in the Snowdonia Marathon on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> October.

### Confirmed INSET days

There are 4 remaining INSET days over the academic year; the following dates have now been confirmed.

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October, Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October, Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January, Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April.**

**Term dates reminder**

Autumn Term 2016	Spring term 2017	Summer term 2017
<b>Term starts on Tuesday 6/09/16</b>	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

## Parents' evenings

Please look out for a letter inviting you to a meeting with your child's teacher on either Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> or Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November. These meetings will give you all an opportunity to discuss your child's progress, both academically and socially, so far this year. It's really important that you make every effort to attend – these meetings make a real difference to your child's progress in school.



## Clown Craze October 2016

***Please see the information below from the local Police Forces***

Most of you will have heard of the new craze of people dressing up as clowns to deliberately scare, frighten and intimidate children and people of all ages. Dressing up can be fun – but only when appropriate and remembering the importance of taking care and being respectful of others.

Senior police officers across Wales are concerned that the behaviour of those dressing up as clowns could cause shock, panic, injury and serious illness. Vulnerable people such as young children and the elderly could be particularly harmed by this craze.

Anyone involved in such behaviour could face a number of serious consequences including arrest, prosecution, and a criminal record.

Some clowns have been reported as carrying real or imitation weapons. Carrying a weapon is against the law and could result in more serious consequences. Carrying any weapon, real or otherwise could result in putting yourself in greater danger and may involve a full armed police response.

***The message is clear, do not get involved in this craze. Think about the impact of any actions on vulnerable people and the consequences to yourself of what you may be doing.***

## Diary Dates

**Please remember to check the Google calendar on the school website for an up to date list of the school events across the year.**

### October

Fri 21 <sup>st</sup>	INSET day
Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 28 <sup>th</sup>	Half term holiday
Mon 31 <sup>st</sup>	INSET Day

### November

Tues 1 <sup>st</sup> /Weds 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Parents' Evenings
Weds 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Love food hate waste parent workshop
Thurs 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Last day for the return of school photographs Parent Discussion Group meeting
Fri 4 <sup>th</sup>	Harvest assembly 9am – PTA meeting Year 2 to the museum
Tues 8 <sup>th</sup>	Miss Gillies/Miss Drew's class assembly Waste and Recycling workshop for KS2
Fri 11 <sup>th</sup>	Richard Akrill to assembly
Tues 15 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs Tune/Miss Roberts' class assembly
Weds 16 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 to Techniquest
Fri 18 <sup>th</sup>	9am – PTA meeting Pete Hodge to lead assembly
Mon 21 <sup>st</sup>	Eco Warriors to 'I-Can challenge'
Fri 25 <sup>th</sup>	PTA Christmas Fair

### **Provisional dates for Christmas concerts**

Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec	Reception
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Year 1
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Year 2
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Year 3
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Year 4
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Year 5

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