

# School Newsletter - Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2018



Dear Parent/Carer

Welcome back to the new spring term 2018 - we are certainly hoping for a much 'quieter' spring term after the very busy and challenging end to the autumn term. It is certainly lovely to have all the staff and children back after so many of them were unwell.

## Winter Vomiting Bug

We have had only a very few pupils ill this week but we are very aware that the illness is still prevalent in the local and wider community. We continue to ask that pupils are kept away from school for 48 hours after the last episode of diarrhoea or vomiting at all times and that pupils are not sent into school if they are unwell.

## Christmas Concert Productions



The key Stage 2 concerts have been presented this week and have been delightful - a huge thank you to all the family and friends who came into school to support the children and it must be said, although it was a little surreal, the concerts were so fabulous it was easy to forget we are in Epiphany and not Advent!



## Federation Update

As you have already been told by the Chair of Governors, Councillor Jones-Pritchard, Tongwynlais Governors voted to formally federate with Coryton Primary School with effect from the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2018. This was agreed on the 20<sup>th</sup> November 2017.

On a day-to-day level, there will be no operational changes after the federation is formalised - the school will keep its individual identity; name; uniform and its staff; nothing will change in how the school works with parents and carers. As we have already been in a formal collaboration with Coryton since September 2016, there will be no big 'Day 1' changes - in fact, things will very much feel the same for everyone.

The big difference will be at governor level. The two schools will have one overarching governing body with each school voting for staff and parent/carers representatives who will become the new 'elected voice' for each school. There will be parent and staff governor elections in the spring term and more information will follow over the next few weeks about this process.

The current Governing Body will be dissolved on the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018 and the new, joint Governing Body will be ready to go 'live' on April 1<sup>st</sup> 2018. The 'proposal to federate' consultation brochure that went home to all families in the Autumn term 2017 outlined how many local authority and community governors from each school will also be from this new joint governing body.

### **Internet Safety Meeting for Parents/Carers - Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March TBC**

We will be holding an internet safety meeting in March for parents and carers. Further information will be distributed later in the term.

### **ParentMail PMX® - Snow or Emergency Closure**

To be able to receive emergency information you will need to be registered with ParentMail®. Any snow or emergency closure messages will be sent by this service as well as messages posted on our website, Twitter and Facebook. Your cooperation is needed in this matter, should you wish to be kept fully informed. Please inform the school office of new contact numbers as a matter of urgency - thank you.

### **Extra-Curricular Clubs**

**Start next Week** - Information has been distributed. Spare copies available from school foyer.

### **Parental Involvement Hours**

**Year 1 - Pendragon** will hold their Parental Involvement Hour on **Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January** between 9.10 and 10.10am.

**Year 4 - Arthur** will hold their Parental Involvement Hour on **Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January** between 9.10 and 10.10am. Spaces are limited to 6 adults due to the size of the classroom, sorry. Please confirm with the school office if you wish to attend. Allocated spaces are on a first come first served basis - thank you for your understanding.

**Year 6 - Guinevere** will hold their Parental Involvement Hour on **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> June** between 9.10 and 10.10am. Spaces are limited to 6 adults due to the size of the classroom, sorry. Please confirm with the school office if you wish to attend. Allocated spaces are on a first come first served basis - thank you for your understanding.

### **Class Assemblies**

Pendragon - Year 1 - Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February at 9.10am  
Galahad - Year 3 - Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February at 9.10am.  
Lancelot - Reception - Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March at 9.10am.  
Gawain - Year 5 - Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March at 9.10am.  
Camelot - Year 2 - Graduation Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> July at 9.10am.  
Guinevere - Year 6 - Leavers Service TBC.

### **Term Dates - 2018/2019**

**Spring term** - Ends on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2018

**Half term** Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February

**Summer term** - Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April to Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> July

**May Day** - Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May

**Half term** - Monday 28<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June.

**Please contact the school office if you require term dates for 2018/2019 academic year.**

**Remaining INSET DAYS - Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2018.**

**School Office** hours are 8.30am to 4.00pm - please follow us on Twitter @tongoffice - School website [www.tongwynlaisprmschool.com](http://www.tongwynlaisprmschool.com) or email [tongwynlaisprms@cardiff.gov.uk](mailto:tongwynlaisprms@cardiff.gov.uk) telephone 02920 810383 or fax 02920 813220

Letters or dinner money envelopes can be put in the letterbox outside the school office outside of the above hours - Thank you.

### **Special Mentions**

Evan Price has won another major award for judo. He won a trophy at the end of December for 'Player of the year 2017' for his judo club. This was out of 100's of children and this again is a great achievement for him. Well done Evan.



If your child excels in any out of school activity please let the school office know - either by letter, email -

[tongwynlaisprms@cardiff.gov.uk](mailto:tongwynlaisprms@cardiff.gov.uk) , or telephone 20810383 ☺

### **Attendance Class of the Week -**

**Is Galahad, with 98% - Da Iawn - Well Done!!**

### **Dinner Money ☺**

**Please pay regularly as missed payments soon mount up and Cardiff County Council do not offer credit.**

Dinner money can be paid weekly, half termly or termly. We can only accept cheques or cash - cheques made payable to Cardiff County Council please.

**Please put cash/cheques in an envelope with your child's name, class and detail which days or weeks the payment relates to.** Envelopes can be deposited in three available letterboxes, located outside - Rec/Year 2 and within the main school foyer.