



A Word Of Welcome

I would like to begin by thanking everyone for being so kind and supportive following the news that I have been appointed as Headteacher. I feel truly honoured that the Governing Body have entrusted me with the continued leadership of this fantastic school. While my term of office officially starts in January, it is full steam ahead here with our mission to give our pupils the very best start we can to their lifelong learning journey. I look forward to leading the school as we prepare for the new curriculum for Wales that promises to revolutionise teaching and learning from age 3 right through to 19. Exciting times are ahead and I feel sure that our excellent team of teaching and support staff, combined with the support that we know we can rely on from you as parents, will ensure that Bryn is at the forefront of the new educational deal for the children of Wales. I very much look forward to working with you!

Communication

We are well aware that a major headache for many schools is finding effective ways of communicating with parents. Letters often get lost or end up as an unrecognisable ball at the bottom of a bag, notices at the school entrance don't reach a wide enough audience and emails often end up lost in spam filters or bounced back from mis-copied addresses. It's as frustrating for us as it is for you. We aim to provide a single online location where any notes or information that are sent home (there will still be paper copies) can be found. If you go to the school website www.bryn.amdro.org.uk you will find a section called 'Letters To Parents'. We will endeavour to ensure that all relevant information is uploaded here. It is stored in date order with the most recent documents at the top so it is easy to have a quick check from time to time.

We will also be continuing to use the Bryn School App to provide live information as well as our text messaging system so hopefully you will feel more connected to what is happening. Don't forget also to keep an eye on our Twitter feed to see what your children have been doing.

Term Time Holidays and Medical Appointments

Just a reminder that if you wish to take your child out of school during term time you need to put your request in writing using one of our Term-Time Absence Request Forms which you can either pick up from the school reception or can be downloaded from the 'Letters To Parents' section of the website. Up to 10 days leave can be granted at the discretion of the Headteacher and Governing Body. Attendance over the previous 12 months will be taken into account when considering requests.

Obviously, we urge you to avoid wherever possible taking your child out of school during term time as this has been proven to have an adverse effect on their progress. Likewise with medical or dental appointments, if it is at all possible to arrange them outside of school hours then it will avoid missing any school sessions. We do understand however that there are occasions when this just isn't possible.

Sports For Champions

This Friday (September 30th) we are excited to be getting a visit from champion athlete William Sharman (110 Metres Hurdles). He will be working with all of the children to inspire them to get fit and aim high to achieve. The pupils have been busy raising sponsor money which will benefit both the school and helps support the training of athletes for the future. Please ensure that all sponsor forms are returned by Friday.

Choir

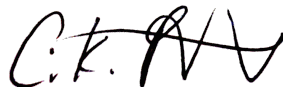
Choir auditions are taking place this week. All junior pupils have been taught a song that they will sing if they are interested in taking part. The first choir practice will take place on Monday 10th October. Choir practice runs from 3:10pm to 4pm each Monday.

Some Dates For Your Diary

Friday 30th September	-	Sports For Champions Netball team to play Stebonheath
October 17th & 18th	-	Parents Evenings
Thursday October 20th	-	PTCA Disco 'Bryn's Boo-gie Bash'
October 24th - 28th	-	Half Term
October 31st - November 2nd	-	Year 6 Cycling Proficiency
November 30th	-	Choir singing for Senior Citizens in Bryn Hall PTCA Christmas Fair
December 6th & 7th	-	Foundation Phase Christmas Performances
December 8th	-	Junior Christmas Performances
Friday December 16th	-	Autumn Term Ends
Wednesday January 4th 2017	-	Spring Term Starts

Keep an eye out on the school calendar as new dates will be added as they are confirmed. The school calendar can be accessed via the school website www.bryn.amdro.org.uk or via the Bryn School App which can be downloaded for free from the iTunes and Android App Stores.

Here's looking forward to a great 2016-17 academic year!



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