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Dear Parents/Guardians

As we are approaching the middle of September, I am pleased to say that all of the children have settled back into school and any new classes well.

I am very conscious of trying to ensure that you are as well informed with the running of school and key dates as you can be. Therefore, I would like to share with you our academic year calendar. Each child will be sent home with a paper copy of the calendar this week, alongside it being posted electronically. On this calendar you shall see all of the key dates that you will need for the academic year as far as possible. Please note dates are provisional and more detailed information, including costings, timings etc. will be sent out nearer the time of the actual event.

Our electronic calendar will still be running and any new additional dates will be added into this calendar as we progress through the year. Should you wish to subscribe to our electronic calendar please visit the school website and click on the calendar tab. All links you will need to subscribe are posted here.

I would also like to share with you some further information to go alongside the calendar:

Class Names

As mentioned previously, under the new curriculum we have moved away from the traditional Foundation Phase and Key Stage 2 and into Progression Step groupings. We have decided to give each progression step group a friendlier name which the children can become familiar with and which you will see utilised on our correspondence moving forwards. Our classes will now be listed in the following groups:

- **Acorns** (*Dosbarth Miss Ion*)
- **Seedlings** (*Dosbarth Mrs Humberstone and Dosbarth Mrs Evans-Jones*)
- **Oaks** (*Dosbarth Miss Gabriel and Dosbarth Miss Burgin*)

Class Services

After the success of our leaver's service last year, we have decided as a staff and governing body that we will be giving every class the opportunity to perform a class service. There will be one class service per half term which are all listed on the school calendar. This provides the children with a great learning opportunity and opportunity to take on bigger roles within a performance; and provides parents with the opportunity to view their child in an entire performance.

In making this decision, we will be moving away from the more traditional whole school Christmas Concert. As a staff and governing body, we are very conscious of the time that is taken away from teaching and learning through a whole school performance, where in reality individual pupils only have a small part to play each.

In place of the Christmas Concert we will be holding an evening 'Big Christmas Quiz' for the whole school and their families. Each class will be responsible for organising one round of the quiz and will perform a medley of songs on the night. This will provide all families with some festive fun and give you the opportunity to see your child partake in the festivities with minimal impact on teaching and learning. We hope you will understand and support our decision.

School Trips

As you will be aware, school has moved to become cashless. All school trips moving forwards will be paid via ParentPay. We will endeavour to give parents as much notice as possible about school trips and the opportunity to pay in instalments where possible.

To date we have three main trips booked in:

- **Christmas Pantomime**
 - The whole school will have the opportunity to attend a Christmas Pantomime at the Stiwt, Rhos. We will be watching Snow White. This will be instead of our usual cinema trip.
 - The cost per child which includes entry to the pantomime and transport is **£12.50**. Payments can be made via ParentPay in instalments between now and the 20th December.
 - Further information will be provided nearer the time.
- **Nant BH** for Year 5/6 pupils – further information will be sent out next week
- **Pentrellyn Cymur** for Year 3/4 pupils – further information will be sent out next week

Pupil Progress Meetings

At the start of each academic year, and then the end of every term, I meet with all teachers individually in my role as Head and Additional Learning Needs Coordinator for 'Pupil Progress Meetings'. During this time, we discuss each child individually, ensure they are making appropriate progress and identify any support that they may need to improve their learning.

I would like to ensure that all parents have the opportunity to voice any concerns about their child's progress or request any support they feel their child needs prior to these meetings taking place. Therefore, I am available for parents to book either a telephone call slot, or meeting with myself throughout the week should you feel you wish to share any information regarding your child. Please feel free to message me via seesaw, email the school mailbox or telephone school to make an appointment if you wish.

Should you have any questions with regards to the information provided, please do not hesitate to contact either your child's class teacher or myself in school. Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs J. Jones
Headteacher