

The Federated Schools of the Upper Afan Valley **Yr Ysgolion Ffederalaidd Cwm Afan Uchaf**



Ysgol Gyfun Cymer Afan Comprehensive School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the end of another busy term, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support across the Federation. I have thoroughly enjoyed my first term as Headteacher of the Federated schools of the Upper Afan Valley and I would like to pay my respect to all the staff for their hard work, care and dedication towards our pupils.

I hope you were able to see your child in one of the school Christmas concerts, it has been a pleasure to see the talent that we have across the Valley and to share this special time of year together. I am sure you will agree with me that each performance was a huge success. This week has been very important to all our schools because it has given us the chance to reflect and celebrate the pupil's success for attendance, academic progress and personal achievements for this academic year.

The Federation and Welsh Government target for attendance is 95% and I must highlight how important it is for all children to be in school in order to reach their potential. As a Federation, our target is to improve every child's literacy and numeracy skills and I would encourage you to support your child to read regularly and practise their times tables.

For our comprehensive pupils, please can you support us in ensuring that your child wears correct school uniform, which includes a school jumper or cardigan and a waterproof coat. We will continue to check uniform and equipment regularly to ensure that our high standards are met.

We have two INSET days planned next term across the Federation. They will take place on Monday 7th January and Friday 22nd February. There will no longer be an INSET day on Monday 29th April.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Yours sincerely,

Gavin Groves

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