



# Blaendulais Primary School / Ysgol Gynradd Blaendulais

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## A Very Happy New Year to you all and a warm welcome back to school!

**Croeso nol! Welcome back! I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as the new Headteacher of Blaendulais Primary School. Thank you for the warm welcome you have given me! I sincerely look forward to working with you, and your children, in the near future. As a parent of young children myself, I fully appreciate the concerns and worries that you may have – please take the time to talk to me about any concerns you may have, so we can move forward, positively, together.**

**Mr Phillips**

### Extra-Curricular school clubs

Tuesday 3.20pm – Key Stage 2 (Juniors) Sports (Mrs Edwards)

Wednesday lunchtime – Choir (Mrs George)

Wednesday 3.20pm – Foundation Phase (Infants) Club (Miss Williams/Mrs Totterdale)

Thursday 3.20pm – Key Stage 2 (Juniors) Football (Mr Curtis)

### School Uniform

It was lovely to see most pupils returning to school at the start of term dressed smartly in their school uniform, however, can I please remind you that jeans and other coloured hoodies do not form part of our school uniform.

### Forthcoming Activities Enhancing Teaching & Learning At Blaendulais Primary School!

- KS2 (Juniors) will visit Puss in Boots the pantomime on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2017
- On February 8<sup>th</sup> 2017, our school choir will once again take part in the Holocaust Memorial Evening at the Princess Royal Theatre.
- Year 5/6 pupils will have the opportunity to attend the Margam Park residential trip in w/b 13<sup>th</sup> February 2017 – further details and confirmed dates are to follow.

### Attendance:

Currently our whole school attendance is just above 95%. This is pleasing but I am sure we can improve this even further. Please inform school on the first day of any absence and continue to keep us informed if your child is away from school any longer.

**Good attendance = Good achievers!**

### Dates for your Diaries:

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> January – KS2 (Juniors) Panto, Gwyn Hall

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January – Captain Andy Assembly

Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> January – Year 6 Transition, Llangatwg Comprehensive

w/b Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> January – Parent's Evenings

Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> February – PC Norris visits Year 3/4 – Internet Safety

w/b 13<sup>th</sup> February – Margam Park Residential Trip (details to follow)

Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> March – St. David's Day

**As we return to school for the new term, please continue to check your child's hair regularly for head lice so it can be treated if necessary and prevent it spreading to other pupils.**

**Many thanks for your cooperation in this.**

**If you have any queries, or concerns, please do not hesitate to come and see me.**

*Mr G Phillips*

### Dinner Money

Dinner money is £2.20 a day. Thank you for keeping up to date with this payment. Money **must be paid in the school office on Mondays.** Please call in to school for a form if you think you are eligible for free school meals.

### Change of Mobile Phone Contact Numbers

We have recently noticed that many text messages we are sending are failing to reach certain parents. This may be because you have changed your mobile and had a new number. Please could you inform school if there is a change of contact number so that we can ensure you receive important messages and can be contacted in an emergency.

### Homework/Reading

It is important that pupils read regularly at home **and** bring their reading book and reading diary to school **every day.**

Please ensure that any homework given to your child is completed and returned to school promptly.

Please inform your child's classteacher or the school office if your child is being collected by a different adult at the end of the school day. Please be reminded that secondary school