Tuesday 2nd September 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back, I hope you all had a relaxing summer holiday and are now feeling refreshed and ready for the new term ahead. A warm welcome is extended to our new parents of the nursery pupils and of course those who are new to school in full time mainstream and our Social Communication Resource.

This letter contains important information regarding term dates and school activities for this term and beyond. Please keep this information in a safe place as you will need to refer to it as the term progresses. If you do mislay the information please go on to the school website as all letters are stored there under the Parents’ tab. You can access this at ysgolmaesyfelin.co.uk.

**School Dinners:**

All pupils can access a hot meal from the school canteen at a cost of £2.25. Alternatively if you think you are entitled to a Free School Meal (FSM) go to the Flintshire website and fill in the online form. If you have any queries regarding this, please see Debbie in the office and she will be happy to help you out.

For paying parents, we have introduced the “School Gateway “ App which makes paying for dinners easier through a cashless system. You can make payments at any time, twenty four hours a day and view your current balance at any time. Again if you have any issues with this please direct them to Debbie in the office. Please visit [www.schoolgateway.com](http://www.schoolgateway.com) or download the App onto your Smart Phone.

**Parent Links / Adult education:**

At Ysgol Maes y Felin we are proud to offer tuition for parents who want to brush up on their Literacy and Numeracy skills. These are classes run in partnership with Coleg Cambria and are held at school in a non- threatening environment. There is no pressure associated with these classes and they allow you to learn at your own pace. For those who are seeking more than just basic tuition these lessons can lead to qualifications such as GCSEs. For more information regarding this initiative please contact our School’s Family Engagement Officer (FEO) Mrs. Evans who will be more than happy to advise you further. Give it a go, you have nothing to lose and potentially a great deal to gain.

**Stay and Play**

Every term parents of Early Years pupils will be invited to their child’s class to do fun activities with their own children.

**Parent Talk:**

Parent Talk is 6 week programme for parents of primary age pupils which explores various themes associated with pupils behaviour and how best to deal with it. The course is run and organised by Mrs. Evans who would love to see as many parents attend as possible. It gives parents an opportunity to share their experiences in a relaxed environment, learn from each other and explore some essential parenting principles. It is a DVD – based course and is suitable for all parents from different backgrounds, cultures and experiences.

**Dates for your diaries:**

**First half Term:**

* 25th -27th Y 5&6 residential trip to Nant BH
* 16th October Assessment Week Reception – Y6
* 11th October Dosbarth Collen Class Assembly
* 14th October Parents’ Evening ( more info to follow)
* 24th October Foundation Phase Harvest Festival 1:30pm School Hall
* 24th Pupils break up for half term.
* 25th Teacher Training day.

**Second half Term:**

* 15th November Dosbarth Masarnen Class Assembly
* 29th November Christmas Fair 1:30pm School Hall
* 11th December Pupils’ trip to the Panto at Theatre Clwyd.
* 12th Junior Christmas Concerts 1:30pm and 6pm (further info to follow)
* 18th December pupils’ Christmas Parties
* 20th December School breaks up for Christmas holidays

Some of these dates may be subject to change, if so we will endeavour to give as much notice as possible. Similarly some dates may be added and further information will be given out nearer the time.

If you have any questions regarding any of the above please don’t hesitate to contact me at school.

Yours sincerely,

Headteacher.