Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome back to school, I hope that you all had a lovely Christmas. I would like to wish all of our pupils, staff, parents, carers, grandparents and governors a very Happy New Year.

I was very proud of the way that the children performed in the Christmas concerts. They were all fantastic, thank you for the positive comments regarding the concerts and the choir.

We are also grateful for your support with costumes and for encouraging your children to learn their lines, we very much appreciate it.

Thursday 2nd Feb  
Year 5 LEGO afternoon @ MACS

Friday 3rd Feb  
Vicki Howells Assembly Member Cynon Valley to visit school for Healthy Schools project

Tue 7th Feb  
Cycle proficiency lessons Year 5 and 6

Thu 9th Feb  
Year 5 / 6 Athletics festival Llantrisant Leisure Centre

Fri 10th Feb  
Year 3 / 4 Athletics festival Abercynon Leisure Centre

Thu 16th Feb  
Year 5 transition day @ MACS

Fri 17th Feb  
St. David’s day photographs for Cynon Valley Leader

Monday 20th Feb — Fri 24th Feb  
Half term

Wed 1st March  
St. David’s Day eisteddfod @ school

Fri 3rd March  
World book day

Thank you Kathy

This term, it is with sadness that we say goodbye to Kathy our lunchtime supervisor. After eight years of supervising the children at lunchtimes Kathy has decided to retire. The school is very grateful for all of her hard work over the years and wish her a long, healthy and enjoyable retirement.

Healthy School

As you know, we achieved healthy schools phase 4 status in December. Vicki Howells Assembly Member for the Cynon Valley, heard about our achievement and kindly congratulated us in the Welsh Assembly.

She is visiting our school on Friday 3rd February to discuss the project with our staff and pupils. We have found that if children drink sugary or energy drinks before or during school this has a negative effect on their attention and behaviour. Please help us to maintain our healthy school status by:

- Promoting healthy packed lunches.
- Promoting healthy drinks (no sugary or energy drinks)
- Encouraging your children to attend our many extra curricular clubs.

We will continue to support you with these important messages through the work that we do with the children in school.
As a school we try hard to give all of our children as many experiences and opportunities as possible. Please find below the extracurricular clubs that we are running this half term.

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School Admissions
If your child is 3 between January 1st, 2017 and March 31st, 2017, please contact Mrs. Doolin or Mrs. Lewis ASAP.

We will be able to advise you on pre school admissions.

Amazing Art
Congratulations to Kendal (Year 6), Lilyanna and Gethin (year 4), who recently had their Art work showcased in Aberdare museum. A fantastic achievement by you all, well done!

Cycling Proficiency—Year 5/6
On February 7th Years 5 and 6 are invited to bring their bikes into school. We will be providing cycling proficiency lessons that aim to teach children about safe cycling on our roads. Children will need a bike (in good working order) and a helmet. If your child does not have these items please let us know and we will try and loan items to use.

School Values
Our Value for January is HAPPINESS, we are discussing this value and the importance of feeling good, being happy and trying to spread smiles throughout the school. I would appreciate your support by talking to your children about happiness, feeling good about yourself and caring about other people’s happiness. This will support all of the work we are doing in class and in assemblies.

Our Value for February is TRUST, we are discussing this value and the importance of telling the truth, being trusted and who you can and cannot trust (Including stranger danger and staying safe on the internet - next week is National Internet Safety Week). I would appreciate your support by talking to your children at home about

- Trust,
- Telling the truth
- stranger Danger
- Internet safety

This will support all of the work we are doing in class and in assemblies.