

PONTLLANFRAITH COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer

Firstly, let me update you about an incident that recently occurred at the school. Two boys who are pupils at Oakdale school, and who were truanting from that school, trespassed onto our site towards the end of lunchtime. They were immediately spotted and staff responded swiftly to the situation. The police arrived promptly to apprehend the boys for questioning and their enquiries continue. At no time were pupils from our school in any danger, and to their credit, they followed instructions from staff appropriately. It is our priority to ensure the safety of our pupils and we review our H&S procedures regularly. One of the boys was due to be transferred to Pontllanfraith, but I **will not** be accepting him on our role.

As from January 2010, we will be making a change to our policy regarding pupils who leave the premises during lunchtime. The only pupils who will be allowed to leave the site, will be those who live within walking distance of the school and who will be going to their home address for lunch. This is dependent upon you having given your permission in writing previously.

In common with all schools in Wales we have been asked to update our ethnicity data following a change of coding. In most cases we will be able to use the information we currently have on our system, but should you wish to do so you may resubmit your child's data by completing and signing the form overleaf.

This term has been a very positive and successful one for the school. The many visitors to the school, including Jane Hutt (the Minister responsible for Education) commented on the excellent behaviour and politeness of our pupils. Our Showcase Open Evening was well attended, the school play was well received by the audiences on both evenings, over £1200 was raised on Children in Need day, and we are currently supporting the Operation Santa appeal. There have also been many more extracurricular activities and sporting events occurring, too many to mention here. You can keep up to date with events by accessing our website.

We look forward to welcoming parents/carers of pupils in years 7 to 10 to our tutor review days on Monday/Tuesday 14th & 15th December and by now you should have made an appointment. You are all invited to attend our Christmas Concert on 17th December at 6.30pm.

The school term ends on Friday 18th December. Packed lunches will be served during the morning break. The school day will end at 1pm and buses have been arranged to collect pupils at this time. School reopens for pupils on Monday 4th January at the usual time. Pupils need to be aware that this will be week 1. Finally, may I thank you all for your support this term. On behalf of all the staff, I wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Yours sincerely

R Davies
Headteacher

