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IMPORTANT

Dear Parents / Carers,

As we approach the end of the current school year, I would like to draw your attention to some important information before we close for the summer break.

Annual pupil report, National Reading and Numeracy test results, End of Foundation / Key stage 2 teacher assessments, attendance figures

Before the end of term you will receive your child's annual report, as well as National reading and numeracy test results for year 2 to 6 pupils, and end of Foundation and key stage 2 teacher assessments for years 2 and 6. I'm sure you will spend some valuable time with your child in reading and discussing the information. If you wish to discuss your child's report with the class teacher, then please arrange a suitable time with your child's classteacher.

Attendance and Holidays

Good attendance is a key contributor to successful academic achievement. We want your child to be in school for every possible day of the school year, except if there is a genuine reason for absence e.g. illness, medical appointment. As we approach the summer holiday, I would like to urge and to remind you to think very carefully before you arrange any holidays for 2018-19, and make every effort possible to avoid taking children out of school for holidays during the school term time. Any requests to take children out of school for holidays or other activities which are not linked to the child's education, will need to be done through a letter. Please see the 2018-19 term dates.

School uniform

The summer break is almost with us. I would like to remind you of the school uniform arrangements for September 2018. In line with the school policy, the current school uniform will continue to be worn by all pupils, which is the blue trousers/skirt, blue polo shirt and school sweatshirt or cardigan. **All pupils are asked to wear black shoes. Black trainers or high heels will not be allowed. This, therefore, gives everyone enough time to plan for their child's uniform and shoes for September.** The children will also require their school PE kit, which includes a **blue polo shirt and blue shorts**. Suitable trainers will be required for outdoor activities. School uniform should be clearly labelled with your child's name.

Recent Events

Our recent Summer fair proved to be a success. £900 was raised towards the school. All pupils and staff have also enjoyed the recent sponsored walks. To date £1500 has been raised from the event. Thank you to everyone who have supported these events in raising valuable funds for school. The money raised will be used to purchase resources for the pupils, with particular focus on ICT equipment.

Parental questionnaire

Thank you to all parents and carers who completed the recent questionnaire. It was very useful to receive your views and opinions about the work of the school, and the main findings from the questionnaire will be used to further improve and develop the school. Following analysing the questionnaires, it was pleasing to see that the feedback was generally positive. The main messages included:

- *Overall parents / carers are satisfied with the school*
- *The school is a happy, caring, inclusive community*
- *The children are safe in school*
- *Children enjoy school*

We will be considering how to further improve communication as an area for further development, which will include the use of the school website.

Website

The school has a new website ! You can access the website through http://ysgolidhooson.cymru . All sections of the website is not yet finalised, and the website will continue to be developed over time as further documentation and information about school activities is added to the website.

Parent Governor – We congratulate Mrs Sarah Thomas-Ellis who was elected as parent governor. Mrs Thomas-Ellis will continue in her role for an additional four years.

Money owing

We kindly ask for anyone who have any monies owing to school, to ensure balances are settled promptly before the end of term. (dinner money, after school club). If debts are not cleared before the end of term, we will unable to provide school dinners or the use of the after school club in September. If you are uncertain, then please contact the school.

Finally, I would like to wish the children and you as parents/carers a pleasurable summer break. We wish the year 6 pupils who are leaving us, the very best of luck for the future.

Friday July 20th will be the last day of term. The school re-opens for the children on **Wednesday September 5th**. (The 3rd and 4th of September will be staff training days) We now look forward to September, and for the beginning of another busy school year.

Thank you for your co-operation in dealing with the above matters.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Rhodri Jones
Headteacher