



# Blaenavon Heritage Voluntary Controlled Primary School

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Dear Parent/Carer  
Annwyl Rhieni

We are already well on our way to half term and (dare I say it!) Christmas is just around the corner! Pupils have all settled well into their new classes. Nursery and Reception pupils are really coping well with their new school and we look forward to working in partnership with you.



**STAFFING:** We will be saying 'goodbye' to Miss Jones (Reception Class) who has gained a placement at another school. Mrs James will be leaving at half term to have her baby. We will be appointing a replacement before half term.

We are pleased to welcome Miss Richards as LSA in Year 2.

## WHAT IS MY CHILD LEARNING ABOUT IN SCHOOL?

Topics for this term are:

### 5<sup>th</sup> September to 26<sup>th</sup> October

Nursery	Autumn in the Woods
Reception	Our Community
Year 1	Me and My Community
Year 2	Once Upon a Time
Year 3	Hakuna Matata
Year 4	Hakuna Matata
Year 5	Around the World
Year 6	Wonders of the World
Discovery (Red) Class	All About Me

### 5<sup>th</sup> November to 21<sup>st</sup> December

Countdown to Christmas
'Tis the Season
'Tis the Season
Once Upon a Time
Hakuna Matata
Hakuna Matata
Around the World
Explorers
All About Me



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play and learn!

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THE CHURCH  
IN WALES



**FREE SCHOOL MEALS:** Following on from my letter of 16<sup>th</sup> October, if you haven't already done so, please make an application if your household income is less than £16,190 per annum. This will not only help you, but the school will get an additional £1,000 per pupil registered.

**THURSDAY, 25<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER:** On Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> October, we will be holding a fundraising school disco (information has been sent by letter this week). The same afternoon, we have invited parents to come into school (while their children are at the disco) to have a coffee and cake, and talk to staff about what is going well in terms of behaviour at school. It's an informal meeting and we hope as many of you will attend as possible. Please send in the reply slip from Mrs Antony's letter of 17<sup>th</sup> October, by Tuesday next, 23<sup>rd</sup> October, if you are able to attend.



**NURSERY/RECEPTION PARENTS:** If you are able to attend the coffee morning/afternoon on Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> November, please send in your reply slips (letter of 16<sup>th</sup> October) by Thursday next, 25<sup>th</sup> October.

Our **VALUE** this term was **TRUST** and, after half term, will be **HUMILITY**.

### **PARTNERSHIP WITH PARENTS**

The school shares a purpose with parents to educate and keep children safe from harm and to have their welfare promoted. If parents are worried a child is at risk of harm they can access information from: [www.nspcc.org.uk](http://www.nspcc.org.uk); [www.ceop.gov.uk](http://www.ceop.gov.uk) or contact Torfaen Children's Services Department (01495 762200).

We are committed to working with parents positively, openly and honestly. We ensure that all parents are treated with respect, dignity and courtesy. We respect parents' rights to privacy and confidentiality and will not share sensitive information unless we have permission, or it is necessary to do so in order to protect a child.

Blaenavon Heritage VC Primary School will share with parents any concerns we may have about their child, unless to do so may place a child at risk of harm. We encourage parents to discuss any concerns they may have with Mrs J Howells, Designated Child Protection Officer.

We make parents aware of our policy in the prospectus, newsletters and on the school website: parents are made aware that they can view this policy on request or via the school website.

Parents are also reminded that if they wish to speak to staff, teachers are usually available at the end of the day to discuss any issues you may want to raise. Mrs Howells and Mrs Coombs are also available to meet parents; an appointment is not always necessary – if they are free they will meet with you in person whenever possible. However, if you wish to make an appointment, then this is also available – please contact Mrs Whitcombe in the school office.

Miss Padfield and Mrs Antony are also available to meet with parents to discuss issues related to pupil wellbeing, including behaviour, if you need any help, support or guidance for your child, or as a family.



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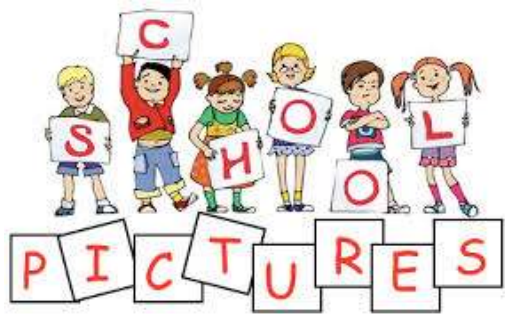
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**PARTNERSHIP WITH THE CHURCH IN WALES:** You may see events in our newsletter that are promoting local links with our parish churches - St Peter's and St Paul's. We are hoping pupils and parents will support local events and become more active in engaging in these events. If you need to contact Father Philip he would love to hear from you. He can be contacted on 01495 759980.



**PE AND GAMES:** Please can you ensure your child has his/her PE kit in school on his/her peg. The kit should remain in school, unless taken home for washing. If your child does not have their kit with them on PE days, they will be unable to participate in the physical activity part of the session, for health and safety reasons. On these occasions, your child will be bringing a letter home as a reminder for next time. Thank you for your support in this.



**SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS:** We have engaged the services of Tempest Photography who have offered a more competitive rate for you. As a result, school photographs will now be taken on Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> November – siblings and individual portraits. Further information will be sent nearer the time.

**SCHOOL TEXTS:** We aim to keep parents updated with current events via our text system (when a letter isn't necessary). Please ensure you advise the office if your mobile telephone number changes. We have only 160 characters per text so please excuse us if some of our texts appear to be abrupt!

**PARKING:** Please! Please! Do not double park, park on yellow lines or park on the roundabout when dropping children off or picking them up. This really does cause us great concern, as the safety of children is at risk.

**LOOKING FOR A JOB?** Torfaen Catering are looking for relief catering staff. If you are interested, there is a vacancy on the Torfaen website: [www.torfaen.gov.uk](http://www.torfaen.gov.uk).

**OTHER EVENTS:** An updated version of the school calendar is attached (and will be posted on the website, along with a copy of this newsletter). Please note any dates in your diary/on your calendar which affect your children.

Yours sincerely

**Mrs J Howells**  
**ACTING HEADTEACHER**

**Att: School Calendar (Version 2)**

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