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‘Nurturing Hearts, Growing Minds, Opening Eyes, Imagining Futures’

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Dear Parents / Carers,

Thanks-

As we arrive at the final day of the school year, I would like to express my thanks to each and every parent. The support you show the school is always very much appreciated. We feel we have developed a good relationship with our parents and hope you feel comfortable to speak to us when needed, and trust that we will always act in the best interests of your children. We feel that we know each child and their families well, especially some staff (including me) who remember some parents being pupils in the school!

I would also like to thank the Friends of the School committee. They work tirelessly to fundraise and provide pupils with additional experiences which we would otherwise not be able to afford. They continue to make a massive difference to the lives of the children in the school. We have been thrilled to see new parents joining this group this year and appreciate Mrs Claire Leach for taking on the chair position.

Thanks also need to be shared to the school’s governing body, who regularly visit the school to partake in monitoring activities and frequently share their knowledge, skills and advice. As a headteacher, I feel very thankful to have both their support and their challenge. A special thanks goes to Mr Richard Burrows, who has been a parent governor at the school for many years and now sadly steps down from this role.

Next, a big thankyou to all our amazing pupils; we are so proud of the young people you are becoming. Our school is growing and thriving, and this is clearly due to the happy, confident and capable children you are. We are always thrilled with the comments we receive when we take you out and about in the community and when we hear such positive feedback about you from visitors to the school. Sadly, later today we will say goodbye to fourteen year 6 pupils, who will move on to four new schools in September. We will miss them terribly but are so excited to see what their futures hold and hope we’ll get to see and hear from them. On our return in September, we will welcome 11 new pupils to the school, and we can’t wait to welcome them to the Caersws family.

My final thanks go to the staff of Caersws School. They work so hard to maintain and improve teaching and learning in the school and always strive to provide experiences and memories that will last. I am super thankful for all their efforts and truly hope they get to have a relaxing and restful summer holiday. We only have one staffing change for the start of the new school year. With great sadness, TA Faye Jones, will be leaving our Caersws team as she returns to education to start her journey to become a teacher. We wish her all the very best and hope one day she may return to our team. We welcome a new TA, Rebecca Davies in September.

September-

School restarts on Tuesday 2nd September. On returning in September, we want to make sure we start the year as we mean to go on, so can I politely remind all children to arrive promptly at school (between 8.50 and 9.00am unless attending breakfast club). Parents will need to ensure children are wearing correct school uniform, including plain black shoes/trainers, that snacks brought into school are of a healthy nature, and that children have a water bottle containing only water. Your support and cooperation in these areas is much appreciated. Breakfast club will continue to be in operation, but children must be booked in advance using the ParentPay app.

As a healthy school we are always looking for additional ways to encourage a healthy lifestyle. Therefore, we will no longer be sharing birthday cakes that are brought into school and will no longer be able to share sweets that are brought back from holidays.

FSM-

Free school meals will continue to be provided for all pupils daily and when pupils are on trips/sports events, a basic packed lunch can be provided if booked in advance. Whilst all pupils are entitled to a universal free-school meal, it is incredibly important that parents still apply for their child to be registered as FSM if eligible, as this can mean additional funding for the school and for you as parents to spend on uniform, shoes and equipment. If you want to check your eligibility, please use the link provided.

[Free school meals - Powys County Council](#)

Swimming-

In the Autumn term we will be continuing swimming lessons on a Monday afternoon. In the Autumn term Year 6, Year 5, Year 3 and Year 1 will swim. Whilst in the Summer term, Year 6, Year 4, Year 2 and reception will swim. There will be no swimming during the Spring term. This means that all pupils across the school will receive a block of swimming lessons with only Year 6 swimming both terms. Mrs Canning will be adding the dates to ParentPay in time for the first swim session in September.

Summer Reading Scheme-

The children were recently visited by Newtown library to find out all about the Summer Reading Challenge. All children need to do is borrow and read 6 books throughout the summer holidays and in return they will receive stickers, a certificate, a medal and a free family swim pass for any Powys leisure centre. Not only this but it is completely free and helps our pupils keep up those essential reading skills they work so hard to develop.

I will aim to update parents early in the Autumn term. Should parents need to get in touch with school over the summer break we would appreciate that all communication is through the office email rather than staff emails, as we want to ensure staff get the holiday break they so deserve. Messages to the office email will be picked up throughout the holidays and responded to in due course. It is important to us that parents are always able to get hold of us, however, on our return in the autumn term I would ask that emails are scheduled to be sent for 8am the following morning, rather than directly during the evenings to support staff in maintaining healthy work-home balances. Your support in this would be much appreciated.

Once again, can I say a huge thank you for all your support this year and wish you all a great summer holiday with your children. Let's hope the sun shines!

With kindest regards,



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