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Dear Parents,

Welcome back after the summer holidays, and a warm welcome to all new pupils.

Firstly, I would like to apologize for any inconvenience caused following the decision to close the school for three days this week. I apologize and sympathize for the short notice but the situation was beyond the school control. Many parents have been enquiring about INSET days. Two have been used this week and two have been allocated for staff training. School will be closed **6/11/17** and **9/2/18**.

At the beginning of the school year, I wish to draw your attention to the following important matters:

Car Park

We expect the car park to be marked in the next few weeks. The disabled bays will not be available until the next phase of the project. The **'Drop off/Pick Up and Go Lane'** **should not be restricted with cars parked at any time**. Parents with Nursery children and parents who pick up Infants and Juniors between 3pm and 3.15pm, you can use the Short Stay Parking Bays. We kindly ask you to **reverse** to the bays. If you take your children to the park after school, please do not park in the Short Stay Bays.

Morning arrangements / Morning Care Club / Breakfast Club

The school will hold a **morning care club between 7.50am and 8.15am** with families paying a fee of 75p per day per child (If a family has 3 or more children attending the pre-school club then the fee will be £2 a day for the family.) If you wish to take advantage of the breakfast club provision, the club begins at **8.15am** and breakfast will be served until **8.30am** – children **will not** be admitted to the club after this time. (It will be taken for granted that the children attending the Pre-School Care Club will stay for the Breakfast Club).

IMPORTANT: children cannot be sent to the Breakfast Club before 8.15am. If they are not at the Breakfast Club by 8.30am, please be aware that there will be NO supervision for the children before 8.40am

Until all the work has been completed, staff will supervise the 'Drop Off and Go' zone on the car park and escort the children in to the school at **8.40am**. Also, members of staff will greet children and parents by the kissing gate (by the park). Parents of the Nursery children only are allowed to accompany their children to the classroom door. We encourage children and parents who live in the village to walk to/from school when possible.

Collecting Children at 3pm & 3.15pm

Whilst the contractors will be working at the school, we will be escorting the children to parents on the yard at the back of the school or to the car park. If you use the 'Pick Up and Go Lane', please drive to the end of the lane to ensure that more cars can use this lane.

Monitoring Attendance and Punctuality

School day starts at 8.50am and I kindly ask you to ensure that your child comes to school on time. If your child is absent for any reason, we kindly ask you to telephone the school before 9.00am. We carefully monitor the attendance of every child every half term; if the attendance of a pupil falls below 90% the parents are then informed every half term.

School Meals

The price of school dinner is £2.20 per day. **We encourage parents to use our online payments system on 'Schoolgateway'** that will allow you to make payments directly to us using your debit or credit card. This system removes the need to send money to school with your child, preventing the chance of money going missing and ensures convenience to you as parents. If you have not registered yet, you will need to register for a School



Gateway account from <https://schoolgateway.anglesey.gov.uk> under the 'New User' tab. You will need to enter your email address and mobile number **that we have on record for you**. Please contact us if you need further guidance. If paying by cash is necessary, you must place the money in an envelope with the child's name and class, and pay on Monday or Friday. Change will not be given.

Milk

Milk is offered free of charge to the infants – Nursery-Yr.2. Milk is not provided for the Juniors.

School Uniform

Could you please label each garment clearly, especially school jumpers and cardigans.

Physical Education

P.E sessions for the classes will be on the following days:

Nursery/Reception – Thursday

Yr.3 & 4 – Thursday

Yr. 1 & 2 – Friday

Yr. 5 & 6 – Friday

T-shirt, shorts and trainers are necessary for each session (Nursery/Reception does not require trainers this term).

Communicating with parents

Text messages will be sent to remind you of different events and to provide information at short notice. To ensure that we have your correct mobile number, please let us know if you have not received any texts this week.

Several of you have chosen to receive letters/information via email. Please check that you have received this letter via email as a 'test email'. We also upload copies of letters on our website www.parcybont.co.uk.

We share information, dates and photos of different activities on our website and on Facebook and Twitter. Please 'Like' our 'Ysgol Parc y Bont' page on Facebook and follow us on Twitter @YsgolParcyBont.

School Holidays 2016-17

30 October – 3 November 2017 (Half Term)

25 December 2017 - 5 January 2018 (Christmas Holidays)

12 - 16 February 2018 (Half Term)

26 March 2018 – 6 April 2018 (Easter Holidays)

7 May 2018 (May Day)

28 May – 1 June 2018 (Half Term)

Schools close for the Summer holidays on Friday 20 July, 2018.

INSET days – school closed

November 6th 2017

February 9th 2018

Thank you for your co-operation.

Yours,

Iwan Wyn Taylor
(Headteacher)

