Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

**Attendance** – for week beginning 16th December 2013 - Gold goes to 3P with 97.3%, Silver goes to 4D with 96.0% and Bronze goes to RS with 94.8%. Congratulations, our school attendance to date is 95.9%.

Please don’t forget that although our goal is to achieve 95% attendance and above, if your child has had a stomach upset they shouldn’t return to school until 48 hours have passed since they were last unwell.

**Meeting to launch new Anti-Bullying Policy** – Thank you very much to those of you who attended the meeting. It was very good to see so many of you there supporting the work of our school. If you were unable to attend the meeting, the policy is available for you to read on the school website.

**Lottery** – Many of you will have seen the Lottery Draw in the Fete. We would love you to join the draw at the moment first prize is £36 a month, but the more people that get involved the higher the prize money will be! It is £5 per month and is by Direct Debit, so once you complete the form there is nothing further for you to do just sit back and wait for a winning cheque! Direct Debit forms available from the school office.

**Health and Safety** – the entire school area is a non-smoking area; this includes our outdoor areas, so please can parents refrain from smoking in the school yards. We all love our pets but we must ask that no pets are brought in to the school yards please, not even if they are carried. Thank you in advance for your co-operation.

**Advance notice of INSET for 2013/2014** – Due to unforeseen circumstances we have had to make a change in our INSET arrangements for our remaining day. The school will now be closed on Friday 21st February 2014 for staff training. School will be open to children until Monday 21st July 2014.

**Eucharist** – Please join us in our school studio on Wednesday 15th January at 10am for our family service. Miss Williams’ year five/six class will join the congregation. Please come along and join us we would be delighted to see you.
Residential visits for junior pupils -

Year 3 – Margam
20th – 22nd January 2014 – Mrs Powell’s class
22nd – 24th January 2014 – Mrs Knight’s class

Year 4 – Llangrannog
21st – 23rd May

Total cost is £122. Full payment needs to be made by end of March 2014.

Years 5 and 6 – Normandy
16th June – 20th June 2014.

Total cost is £370. Full payment needs to be made by the end of April 2014.

If you have any queries about the residential visits – please speak to one of the school office staff. This is now available for pupils in year five. Please contact Mrs Matchett in the New Year.

Congratulations –

- Mr Dummer would like to nominate Ben Hathaway, Grace Thomas, Grace Duford, Rhydian Pinch, Briallen Symons-East, Owen Howells, Sammi Chen and Amber Evans for superb descriptive writing this week.
- Miss Davies would like to nominate Evie Duford and Dylan Hopkins who have both made an awesome start to developing a beautiful handwriting style which is a class target for this term.
- Miss Davies would also like to nominate Lily Freeman and Beau Rigby who did some fabulous investigation of tens and units using Numicon. They then recorded their work in their personal book creator books on the iPads.
- Emily Morris class 1D has been nominated for her success in becoming a member of the Neath-Afan Gymnastics team. Well done Emily you’ve worked very hard to achieve this and your family are very proud of you.
- Finn Davies 3P has been nominated as for achieving his red/black belt in karate – congratulations Finn.
- Miss Williams would like to welcome Dylan Fyfield who has joined our class this week. 5/6 W’s stars of the week are Ben Locke for setting an excellent example in everything he does, Chantelle Howell. William Hughes and Rhydian Kinsey-Jones for excellent work in Geography.
- Well done to Zeva, Riley L., Isabelle and James RP for remembering the story and drawing amazing storymaps for Hansel and Gretel.
- Reception Skinner’s stars of the week are Owain, Sofia, Tilly, Jaiden, Niamh and Jessica for drawing super storymaps for our new story Hansel and Gretel. Well done!
- Mrs Roberts would like to nominate Jack Gunstone, Faith Harries-Thomas and Evan K for their super sentence work in Read Write Inc. I am very proud of you all.
- Mrs Knight would like to nominate Eve Curtis for achieving her British Gymnastics Proficiency Award Level 7. Dylan Powell for obtaining the highest award ever in Beavers - The Chief Award and John Francis Williams for being a super pupil, settling into a new school and class and Year 3K for looking after him by being caring and helpful to our new class friend.
- Noah, Dylan, Millie, Erin and Eve 2G for their fantastic research projects! They were so excited to share them with the class.
- Mr Dummer would like to thank Abigail Thomas for her politeness in holding doors open this week.

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