

Welcome - Croeso to The Y Bont Faen Family.

My name is Julia Adams, and I am the Headteacher of this lovely school. Alongside my Deputy Headteacher, Geriant Couldrick, and my committed staff, we aim to provide the highest quality provision for every pupil and ensure they meet their potential.









We hope that this fact sheet, in conjunction with the information on the website & prospectus, will ensure you have the most important information at your fingertips. If you have any questions, or would like to pop in for a chat, then please do not hesitate to get in touch.

We ask that parents do not enter the car park after **8.15am** - or at the end of the school day, in order to ensure the safety of pupils & parents who will be making their way to & from the building. Every morning Mrs Hayman (Head of Foundation Phase) and Mr Jones (Head of Key Stage 2) will be at the playground gates, in order to greet the children or answer any questions you may have.

The school bell is rung at **8.55am** and classroom doors are closed at **9am**. If you are late and the doors are closed, please report to the Main Reception, where your child will be escorted to class. Please do not knock on classroom windows & doors asking either an adult or child to open them, as they have been instructed not to in order to maintain the security of the building.

If you are going to be late dropping off or picking up your child, please call the office on **01446 772374** so

that we can inform the class teacher and if necessary, your child, that they will be picked up.

Please ensure that we always have your up to date mobile telephone numbers and the order of priority of your contacts, so that we can contact you in an emergency.

Lunch times are **12pm** - **12.45pm** for Foundation Phase pupils & **12.30** - **1.15pm** for Key Stage 2.

Communication

We use a **variety** of methods to communicate with you. The **school website** is packed with useful information and updates on our learning. Why not visit our school website or follow us on **Twitter**. Every week, your child's class uploads a **class newsletter** to their webpage, for you to know what they have been doing and what events, activities and home tasks are coming up. We also **print** these and place them on the notice boards around the school. We **email** a **full school newsletter** every month, and the calendar section on the website is always up to date.

We use a **Schoop** and **Twitter** to keep you upto-date and also use these systems, including the website, to inform you of **school closures** etc.

Please ensure we have the most up to date contact information for you, by popping in to see **Mrs Cross - our secretary**, who will update our school information management system.

PTA and Parental Helpers

We have an **active PTA** who are always looking for committee members and new ideas. Why not check out their page on the school

website and get involved - we all **work togethe**r to ensure the very best for each and every child.

If you have some **spare time**, why not **volunteer** to help in class or with one of the many after-school clubs?

You have to complete a DBS form - which is available at the school, and your **skills** and **time** would be **warmly welcomed**.



Absences

We are proud of our attendance percentage - currently at **96%**, and work hard to maintain that average across the school (in fact we are looking to raise it to 97%).

If you **require** your child to be absent for a period of time, **please write to me** (letter or email) or **pop in to discuss**.

I am able to authorise up to 10 days absence, but any more, will be classed as unauthorised.

It is **important** that your child attends school regularly and on time, so that we can help them with their learning.



Sharing Day and Parental Workshops

We hold **several** types of meetings throughout the term to ensure that you, as **parents** and **partners** in your child's learning, are **fully informed** of the latest methods and how well your child is progressing.

Our parental workshops cover the basics of learning to read, acquiring basic number, Big Writing, Little Big Maths and Big Maths, Internet Safety and how the curriculum fits together. We also offer a termly Sharing Day, to which you are invited. We offer refreshments and an opportunity for you to spend



quality time with your child and their work - where you can read together, discuss their learning and where my senior management team and myself are available to answer any questions you may have.

We also hold several performances a year, Christmas concerts, a year 6 Shakespeare performance; as well as dance and drama performances throughout the year.

If you have any questions at all, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Worried? Don't be...come and talk to us.

We understand that, as parents, you want your child to be the best they can be, and we want that too. However, sometimes, our pupils need a little additional support - either to move forward or to broaden their horizons in the case of the More Able and Talented. We have a full time ALNCo & LSA, so why not come and see us - we can and will help.