Ysgol Craig y Don School

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Annwyl Rieni/Dear Parents 8 January 2016

Croeso yn ol! Blwyddyn Newydd Dda! **Welcome back!** Happy New Year!

Gobeithiaf eich bod wedi mwynhau cyfnod y Nadolig ac yn edrych ymlaen at flwyddyn newydd hapus a llewyrchus.
I hope you all had an enjoyable Christmas and are now looking forward to a happy and successful 2016.

TEXT SANTA – We raised £111.56 on 18th December by wearing Christmas jumpers.

Years 2 to 6 – NATIONAL READING AND NUMERACY TESTS
This year's statutory tests for pupils in years 2 to 6 will take place between the **3rd and the 10th May**. These tests are statutory, that is to say every child in the relevant year groups must sit them and they can only be administered during the official time period above. Therefore, we do not expect any children in years 2 to 6 to be on holiday during the period from April 25th to May 11th. The school will not authorise holidays taken by pupils during this period. For further information about the national tests, visit the Welsh Government's Learning Wales Website at www.learning.gov.wales.

Attendance and Punctuality.
There is clear evidence that good attendance and punctuality go hand in hand with educational progress and attainment. We know that on the whole, our families here at Ysgol Craig y Don make every effort to ensure that their children attend school regularly and punctually.
Attendance here at Ysgol Craig y Don is good. But this does not mean it can't be better. We are aware that some absences are inevitable; for example due to illness or family bereavement. We also appreciate that you make every effort to avoid organising family holidays during term time, but very occasionally this simply is not possible. Please be aware, we are under constant pressure from the authority not to authorize holidays taken in term time.
Our daily monitoring of the school's attendance figures is a very useful tool for us in many ways. We can recognize patterns of absences and lateness, we can check if pupils are absent without reason and this monitoring enhances our child protection procedures. For example, if a child is absent in the morning without a message from a parent or guardian, then that is a cause for concern because we do not know where that child is. **Therefore, every time your child is absent from school, you must contact the school and leave a message with a member of staff in the office or on the answering system by 9.30am.** If we do not receive a message then we will contact you by text message asking for an explanation why your child is absent. If we do not receive a reply from the text message, we will telephone the contacts listed on the child's records.

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Telephone 01492 878906 (if a member of staff does not answer the phone, please leave a message on the answerphone)
Text - if you are the Priority 1 parent on the Schoolcomms system (text and e-mail) you can text school on 01492233018 or if you have received a text message from school in the past, you can reply to the text.
E-mail – please e-mail swyddfa@craigydon.conwy.sch.uk
IF YOU HAVE CHANGED YOUR MOBILE PHONE OR CONTACT DETAILS RECENTLY, PLEASE LET THE SCHOOL KNOW.

Our attendance figures are monitored by the Authority's Education Social Work Service. Any regular patterns of absence or lateness, or if a child's attendance dropped beneath 85%, are picked up by them and queried with us.
If you bring your child to school late, as is occasionally inevitable, please report to reception and your child will be registered there.
Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Arrangements for bringing your child to school in the mornings.
May I remind parents very kindly that we expect pupils in KS2 to be left at the school gate from 8.50am unless they are attending Breakfast Club. There is absolutely no need for parents to wait with them on the school yard.

AFTERSCHOOL CLUBS – will commence next week (w/c 11/1/16)

YEARS 3 TO 6. Llandudno Football In the Community has provided the following information. Sessions will be on Wednesdays 3.30 – 4.30pm on the following dates – 13th Jan, 20th Jan, 27th Jan, 3rd Feb, 10th Feb – payment of £12.50 needs to be paid on the first session – forms need to be completed and are available from Class Teachers or Reception. Any queries contact 01492 860945

Dates for the Diary
Glanllyn Year 4 Residental 1 Night Trip – Thursday 14th and Friday 15th January.
Caerdydd Year 6 Residential 2 Night Trip – Wednesday 27 to Friday 29 January.
Please ensure that all forms/payment are completed on time.

Half term dates – Monday 15th February to Friday 19th February.
Easter dates – last day in school Thursday 24th March, back in school Tuesday 12th April
All school holiday dates are available on the Conwy County Borough Council website simply type in school holiday dates in the website search box.

Urdd Eisteddfod Dates (Singing/Reciting) – details of Arts/Crafts Competitions to follow
Area. 27 February, Ysgol y Creuddyn
County 19th March, Ysgol Dyffryn Conwy, Llanrwst
Urdd National Eisteddfod - be held in Flintshire between 30 May – 4 June.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your kind donations to our Christmas concert collections this Christmas. We raised a total of £545-18p which will be split between Diabetes UK and Breast Cancer Research. Thank you all again.
If you want to follow my progress in preparing for the London marathon, check out my blog at www.runlondon2016.com.

Yours sincerely

Iwan Ll Jones, Headteacher