

## PONTLLANFRAITH COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL

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Dear Parent / Carer,

This half term has been a very busy and successful one. Year 7 pupils have settled in very well, as have pupils who have joined us in other year groups. However, please contact us if you have any worries or concerns. As well as letters and phone calls we use text messages and voice mails to keep you well informed. Please take a few moments to look at our website.

There have been many activities taking place during September and October, and the highlight was a visit by the Minister for Children, Education, Lifelong Learning & Skills, Jane Hutt, who said **“Congratulations to Pontllanfraith Comprehensive School on achieving the Active Marc Cymru award. I fully welcome the scheme’s emphasis on high-quality provision and learning experiences for children and look forward to seeing more schools across Wales achieving the same excellent results.”** We are very proud to have achieved this award and to be recognised by the Minister in this way.

Future events you need to be aware of are:

- **10th November:** Showcase Evening for parents of children currently in years 5 & 6 in primary schools. Please tell neighbours and friends who have children of this age.
- **12th November:** Year 11 Tutor review Day. This is to update parents about progress of their children early on in the year so we can work together to ensure every child reaches their potential.
- **25th & 26th November:** The school play—more details to follow.
- **Year 11 mock exams** will start during the week beginning December 7th and will run until the last day of term. Timetables will be issued to pupils soon.
- **14th & 15th December:** Tutor review days for years 7 to 10. This will give you an opportunity to visit the school to have an update on the progress of your child. There will be other similar days during the year which will serve to develop a vital link between us.

**We will be making an alteration to lunchtime on Wednesday 21st October. Lunch will be from 12.25 to 1.15pm on this day only.** Friday 23rd October is a Staff training day and pupils must not attend school on this day. The following week is the half term break. Pupils return to school on Monday 2nd November. The term will end on Friday 18th December.

I have been asked by the Chief Constable of Gwent police to issue this statement: ‘Halloween and bonfire night are supposed to be fun. They should not provide an excuse for anyone to roam the streets harassing people. Such action could be an offence for which they are arrested. Please ensure your children act sensibly and do not cause distress to members of the community and for everyone to have a safe and enjoyable time.’

Finally, congratulations to Mr J Kendall, deputy head, who has been appointed Headteacher at Risca Comprehensive school. We wish him every success in his future role.

Yours sincerely,

R. Davies, Headteacher

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