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Dear Parents/ Guardians,

Welcome back to the summer term, I hope you all had a great Easter! Also, as usual, a special welcome to our new parents. Once again, here are a few friendly reminders of some important school procedures at the beginning of term.

- I would like to welcome Mrs Rhian Gwyon and Mr Robert Jones back after a period of absence.
- **Parentmail** – In our attempt to further improve communication and to become a paperless school we will be moving our communication with parents from ‘schoop’ over to ‘Parentmail’. This online service is also the chosen way of communication in the Secondary School. This system will allow the school to text and e-mail parents as well as allowing parents to make online payments for visits etc. (Something many parents have been requesting). In order to prepare sufficiently we need to ensure that we have the correct e-mails and mobile numbers for all parents. Please could you fill in the attached form.
- **Punctuality** – It is VERY important that all pupils arrive at school for **9am**. The school doors will be open from 8.45am until 9a.m. promptly. Arriving at school regularly after 9:00 a.m affects the activities in which your child partakes first thing in the morning it can also affect the rest of the class. We will also endeavour to ensure that children are released punctually.
- **Attendance:** Our attendance levels are significantly lower than similar schools. We are being monitored very closely by the local authority for this reason. Therefore, if your child is ill could you please let us know **as soon as possible** to enable the teachers to complete the morning register appropriately. All pupils with attendance of lower than 92% are monitored by the Local Education Authority.
- **Parking** – We remind you that Min y Môr have asked parents not to park in their car park. Thank you. Also, can parents please ensure that you park and drive sensibly around the school.
- If you have any concerns, our teaching staff are available every Wednesday afternoon between 3.30pm and 4.00pm, and of course you can make an appointment to see me at any time.
- **National Reading and Numeracy tests** - these will take place for years 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 between the 7<sup>th</sup> and the 14<sup>th</sup> of May. Information on the tests can be found on our website and also on the Welsh Government website.

You will be receiving the term diary and a timetable of school clubs soon. Once again, we look forward to working closely with you to ensure another great term full of exciting learning and opportunities for our children. Please remember if you would like to discuss any of the above you are welcome to contact the school at any time.

Thanks again for your continued support and co-operation,

Catrin Thomas

