



Ebbw Fawr Learning Community

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Dear Parents/Carer

Thank you all for your continued support throughout the first term of this academic year. The next edition of the newsletter will give you a real flavour of just how busy it has been.

Can I take this opportunity to update you on a few issues:

1. There will be no extra-curricular clubs during the last week of term, therefore there will be no late buses running at 4:30pm from school that week. Late buses will return on Tuesday 6 January 2015.
2. It is very important that all students attend every day during the last week of term.
3. As we move into the winter months please see below a summary of our adverse weather policy.

Our main communication system to parents during inclement weather will be our new texting service called Call Parent, or by statements issued on School and Council websites.

Call Parent will send a text message to the mobile phone numbers we have within your child's record on our SIMS system. Therefore it is vital we have the correct contact numbers for you. Please let us know if you have changed your number.

Please note we do not have an official Facebook page and no official statement from the school will be authorised to be used by any person on Facebook.

The decision to open or close either of our buildings is made very early after a senior member of the management team has visited each site to assess the Health and Safety implications and the safety of grounds around each building. We also take into account the availability of staff that have a considerable distance to travel. With the new secondary building being on a main bus route the road should be cleared by the local council. The safety of students and staff on site is of paramount importance to us.

I would ask that parents do not ring reception asking for news and use the Call Parent option instead. I would therefore encourage parents to ensure we have their current mobile number so that you can receive the messages.

4. Please remember that the school will close on **Thursday 18 December at 3:10pm** for the Christmas Holidays and will **reopen on Monday 5 January 2015**.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a happy and relaxed Christmas and best wishes for the New Year.

Yours sincerely

P Collins
Phase Director (Secondary)

