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RE: MARCH UPDATE

Dear Parents/Carers

Parent Consultations

Thank you to everyone who came to parent consultations last week. We had a great turn out and I hope everyone had the opportunity to have a look at their pupils work and see their progress over this year. On the subject of pupils' work books, we kept back a few children's books back in the summer to help with our school self-evaluation procedures. These will be returned next half term, no later than the May half term.

This year, we trialled a booking system through our website for parent consultations and whilst this has worked well for most people, it hasn't been without its challenges and there have been several problems with the design of the system that haven't made for a particularly reliable process especially for the office staff, who obviously support parents with any queries, changes to booking and provide the booking information to the class teachers. Consequently, I am looking at alternative online booking products in time for the new school year.

Personalised Assessments

A few parents asked about feedback from the personalised assessments (Years 2 – 6). The individual learner feedback for this is available through your child's Hwb account. This feedback provides some indicators about skills and knowledge areas where each learner has performed particularly well as well as likely areas where they may need further support. We cannot view the actual questions / answers, so that sort of specific feedback isn't possible.

Staffing Update

We are pleased that Miss Hughes has now returned to our Year 5 team, and my thanks to Mr Tiernan for his support during her absence. Also, I am sorry to inform you that Mr Kiernan has taken the difficult decision to retire at the end of this school year. At the end of the summer, Mr Kiernan will have been with Maes yr Haul for over 20 years so I think we can all agree that he's definitely earned himself a good rest! I know you will all want to join me in wishing Mr Kiernan all the best for any future endeavours.

Governing Body

In our second spring Governing Body meeting, we were pleased to welcome our latest new parent governor, Laura Morgan, as well as Sarah Tyler returning for her second term of office. My gratitude to all our governors for their valued contributions to the life of the school. In our last meeting, there were a couple of points to bring to your attention.

1. We have agreed to alter our policy for collection of children from school and will now allow children to be collected by young people aged 16 and over (previously 18). This will be reflected in our prospectus when updated for 26-27.
2. We have updated our [Anti-Bullying policy](#) (available on the website) to reflect some changes of terminology and consistency with latest guidelines.

Upcoming Dates

Our Easter bonnet parade for Nursery and Reception children will be this coming Thursday (9:15am and 10:00am respectively. This was only confirmed fairly recently, so my apologies for the lack of notice on this – we always try, and (nearly) always do, make sure parents have plenty of notice for all our key dates!

Also next week, we have the Easter PFA disco (tickets via the online payments as this worked well last time).

The Spring term finishes next Friday, 27th March.

Summer Term Dates

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| Monday 13th April | First day of summer term |
| w/b Monday 20th April | Year 4 swimming at Ynysawdre (mornings) |
| w/b Monday 27th April | Year 3 swimming at Ynysawdre (mornings) |
| Friday 1st May | Year 6 'mini-olympics' (at Bryntirion Comp – for all pupils) |
| Monday 4th May | Bank Holiday Monday |
| Thursday 7th May | INSET Day (& polling station) |
| Friday 8th May | INSET Day (last one for this year) |
| Mon 11th – Weds 13th May | PGL Liddington Residential, Year 6 |
| Friday 22nd May | Last day of summer 1st half term. |
| Monday 1st June | First day of summer 2nd half term |
| Friday 26th June | Transition Day – Year 6 to Bryntirion Comp |
| Monday 29th June | Transition Day 2 – Year 6 to Bryntirion Comp |
| Monday 29th June | 'Moving Up' Day – MyH pupils to visit new classes/teachers |
| w/b Monday 6th July | End of Year Reports (staggered over the week) |
| Wednesday 15th July | Year 6 Leavers Assembly (afternoon) |

Please note, whilst I'm not encouraging families to take term time holidays, the children are only in school for two days in the first week of May...

Wishing everybody a Happy Easter,

Kind Regards



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