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Dear Parents / Annwyl Rhienni

### Emails

Please note that our email address has been changed to [nemail@hwbcymru.net](mailto:nemail@hwbcymru.net). Flintshire County Council has changed all the schools email systems and we are not receiving emails that are addressed to our old email address as they are having problems with the forwarding facility. If you have emailed us at all since we have started back to school and we have not responded then this will be the reason why so many apologies.

### Invitation

I would like to invite new parents of pupils in the **juniors**, and any other parents of junior pupils who may be interested, into school this **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2016** at 3.15, when we will be going through the routines and expectations within the juniors.

### Junior Homework

Today the juniors were given a 'homework planner'. This is to record any homework they have been given and the date it is due in. There is space for a parent to sign and this is useful in case homework is misplaced following completion. This way pupils will still be awarded their house points (2 for each sheet completed). We will try to give out homework each Tuesday. Please do speak to a member of staff if there are any issues regarding homework.

We always encourage the pupils to 'have a go' at their homework, and then speak to a member of staff if they are having difficulties. Breakfast club is a good time to do this and also allows access to computers and printers.

*Spellings* - Pupils have spellings to learn. There are 3 sections A, B and C. This week the juniors have been told to try all of the sections, but can parents please let us know if you think this is too many for your child to learn and in future they could learn just one or two sections rather than them all.

*Timetables*- In addition to spellings, there will also be regular times table tests. All juniors have been given the 2s, 5s and 10s to learn this week. If individual pupils achieve a certain pass mark, they will move on to the next sheet.

### School Council and Eco - Committee

All the juniors have been asked to complete a 4 minute presentation outlining the reasons why they think they should be selected for the school council and eco-committee. The presentation could be PowerPoint or however else they would like to present. The years 3's will have the option to complete their presentation to a smaller group as we appreciate it is a little more daunting for them. If pupils don't want to be on either committee, then they still have to do a presentation but this is to be about the environment. We will be using the presentations to assess the children's oracy so please encourage them to use the slides as aide memoirs rather than reading it out. Thank you

### Music Tuition

- ❖ Cello and Cornet will continue to be on Tuesdays
- ❖ Guitar will continue to be on Fridays
- ❖ The fee is £132 for the academic year. Elaine has set up an account on Schoolcomms gateway to enable to make a payment.

Yours sincerely / Yr eiddoch yn gywir

Janet Meaden, Headteacher



BASIC SKILLS QUALITY MARK