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Dear Parent/Carer,

As we approach the end of another term, and the start of the Christmas holiday, I would like to thank you all for your continued support of both the school and your child. Maesteg School pupils continue to impress me with their compassion for one another and their determination to succeed. As parents you can read of pupils' achievements in our termly newsletter and regular Twitter updates to help us celebrate their successes. If you know of any achievements that we may not already be aware of, please contact the school's publicity officer, Mr Daniel Shaw.

'The Addams Family' rehearsals are now taking place in earnest. The 'Family' looks forward to inviting you to come along and experience this, our 4th annual school show on the **19th and 20th of February 2019.** Please support our pupils by purchasing tickets for one of these performances when they become available.

School will end for pupils at 2:00pm on Friday 21st December. I look forward to welcoming pupils back to school on Tuesday 8th January 2019 when it will be WEEK 2 of the timetable.

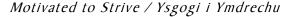
January 2019 will, no doubt, bring numerous New Year's Resolutions'. Can you please support ours by not allowing your child to bring unhealthy, sugary drinks to school? It is a basic human right to have access to water throughout the day, but our children should not be encouraged to consume these 'energy' and/or 'sports' drinks. Drinks with high sugar content lead to a rush of energy soon after consumption, but a lack of energy soon after they have been consumed – not conducive to effective learning at all.

As we enter into the season for inclement weather, it is worth reminding our community of our expectations regarding school uniform. Jumpers are a compulsory element of school uniform and hoodies are not permitted in school. 'Hoodies' do not keep pupils dry or warm in such weather and are not a suitable alternative to coats. Please support us in our efforts to instil in our pupils a sense of pride in our uniform; they represent everything that we, as a school community, stand for when they wear it.

The new term also means more exams for our KS4 and 5 pupils. Year 10 and some of year 11 pupils will be sitting the **English Literature exam** on the morning of **Wednesday 9th January 2019.** Good luck to you all but please remember to revise 'Of Mice and Men' and perfect your poetry techniques in between all of the festivities.

Our year 11 pupils will also receive the results of their GCSE Maths or Numeracy exams on **Thursday** 17th January. We have everything crossed for you.

At the beginning of the term we had a vacancy for a Parent Governor. This position was filled by Ms Nadine Edwards. However we now have another vacancy. If you feel that you would like to be even















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more involved in developing our school, then please volunteer for the Parent Governor role. We need parents who can bring different viewpoints, experiences and skills to our Governing Body and fresh or interesting ideas will always be listened to. If you think that you can spare the time (2 hours per term at the least), have a voice and an interest in influencing children's education, then we would love to hear from you. Please register your interest by following the instructions below:

If you wish to be considered for election, please submit the following information to the school by :

Monday 21st January (Any applications received after this date will not be taken into count).

Your 1. Name

- 2. Address
- 3. Telephone number
- 4. Child's name

You must also include a short statement of **no more than 100 words** which will be included in the ballot form. Please sign and date the information you submit to the school.

If you would like more information on becoming a governor and what the role entails please contact Governor Support on 01656 642637.

May you all enjoy a very merry Christmas and take time to enjoy the festive period with family and loved ones.

Yours faithfully,

H Jones (Headteacher)











