18th July 2017

Dear Parents,

Your child has brought home today a copy of their school report. If you need to discuss it, please make an appointment to see your child’s class teacher or myself.

Thank you for your support this year, it is always a challenge joining a school half-way through a year, but it has been wonderful working at Eyton Church in Wales Primary School and I look forward to my first full year with you from September.

Next year looks to be an exciting year, with lots of initiatives planned. Sharing time will continue and we will try to have it every half-term; we will also have an open morning for parents, grandparents, friends and neighbours to come into school and see what we do.

This year, we have started implementing some of the purposes of The Donaldson Report, and even though the new curriculum has not yet been released, we have been updating our planning to make our topic broader and more cross-curricular. You will see more of this next year; staff already have lots of plans and exciting ideas.

We will be continuing with our steps of learning in books, enabling the children to have clearly differentiated work, broken down into achievable tasks. Work will continue to be response marked regularly, but we will introduce DiRT time which is Direct Response Time, where the children have timetabled opportunities to respond to the teacher’s careful marking and close the gap between their work and the learning outcome.

Pupils who need a little extra boost will be supported by Mrs Hughes three afternoons per week. She will take pupils on a small group or 1:1 basis to help with reading, writing and mathematics skills. For mathematics, we have signed up to the SAFMEDS maths intervention project, which is a new way of boosting children’s mental maths strategies. We will be having a half-termly Eyton Maths Champs competition, with each year group competing to win the challenge cup; learning should be fun!

Next year’s reading challenge will be linked to the World Cup. As there are more countries, we will do it for the whole of the Spring term, so there will be opportunities for lots of extra varied reading and the chance to write some super book reviews too!

We have ordered resources to ensure that our more able and talented children are challenged in mathematics, reading and writing. We ensure that the children are all making progress with half-termly pupil progress reviews with myself and the teachers in school; these will continue next year.

We will be planning dates for the whole year in September, so we will get these out to you early on next term, so that nobody misses any of the exciting things we have planned. The Year 5/6 residential to Pentrellyncymer has already been booked for 11th-13th July.

I would like to write a huge thank you to you as parents for your support, and also to the wonderful staff at Eyton Church in Wales Primary School. Everyone has worked so hard this year in all areas of the school.

May I wish you a happy, safe summer holiday, and we’ll all see you back on Tuesday September 5th.

Mrs Louise Whitgreave (Headteacher)