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## Happy Easter

Dear Parents/Carers,

In many ways, I have been waiting to write this letter since I started at Trinity Fields just over 2 years ago. From day 1 (September 2023), the school has shared its site with a large building contractor to provide significantly improved facilities to the main site of our school. Since September, contractors have worked through perhaps the wettest winter that I can remember to ensure the roof works are completed. Although a little later than scheduled, the finished product is wonderful. I would like to acknowledge, Jarod, Brian, Elys and Graham from Wilmott Dixon who have worked so hard throughout the project. I would also like to thank Caerphilly County Council officers and Welsh Government for the funding of such an important development in the school's history.

I am humbled, proud and amazed by what we have all achieved together. We now have a building fit for the future and we can be confident that we won't have any leaks (fingers crossed). It has been an unbelievable privilege to oversee the development whilst also driving our school improvement agenda.

I would like to offer my sincerest thanks to staff, Governors and parents/carers for your amazing understanding, support and kindness. Most of all, huge thanks to our amazing pupils who have been so resilient in the face of almost constant change, noise and unfamiliarity. They have been an inspiration and I am so proud of their resilience, attitude and determination.

The roof works will conclude during the Easter holidays (apart from snagging). Therefore, when we return after the holidays, we will **not** be sharing the school with building contractors. This will impact positively on many aspects of the school day including transport management, break times, lunch times, use of facilities and the feeling of more space.

After Easter we will have the following facilities created/re-opened. These are intended to be used by pupils on main site and our satellites:

- Hydro therapy pool – for use by designated classes and specific pupils
- School hall (with a new floor) – for PE sessions, lunchtime, assemblies and special events
- New admin block – providing more meeting spaces, dedicated PCP room and SLT rooms
- Family Room/Training room – for use by parents and for staff training
- 2 x further classrooms returned to us having been re-decorated
- Café Oren – which we hope to re-open as a community café ASAP
- Learning Recovery Suite – a space for pupils who need some extra regulation, space and support
- Brand new wheelchair accessible playground for primary age learners and a wheelchair accessible swing for all learners
- Brand new forest school area
- Brand new Memorial Garden and associated outdoor classroom

It is very important to us that we welcome parents into school as often as possible. I will write soon after Easter to arrange tours of both buildings and to provide information of more curriculum awareness sessions. We hope you will be able to join us.

In other news, the school continues to go from strength to strength. Sincerest thanks to all parents/carers who completed the perception questionnaire earlier in the term. We had the most responses in many years and the results are really positive and indicate clear improvement and high levels of satisfaction on nearly every question.



It is clear that pupils, parents and carers really value the increase in the number of educational visits taking place. I too am delighted with this improvement. Most recently, we have enjoyed sessions at a Boccia tournament, Rugby tournament, Football tournament, Duke of Edinburgh, Caerphilly Adventurers, Colliers Farm visits, Softplay visits in the community and shopping visits to name but a few.

I would like to congratulate our e-sports team who have recently reached the final of the e-sports competition in the Principality Stadium. We're hoping to go one better than our 2<sup>nd</sup> place finish last year, but just reaching finals day is a wonderful achievement.

Members of staff from the Maths and Numeracy working group have developed a new numeracy strategy which need some final tweaks before being implemented across the school. This scheme looks to support pupils' progression throughout their time in school.

All teachers across main site and satellites were engaged in our peer observations recently where they had the opportunity to visit other classes to identify best practice. This has been a really valuable experience and was attended by members of the Governing Body to add further rigour. These processes are really important to ensure we constantly improve the provision for pupils.

The new Youth and Leisure Service Manager has also been working hard with Care Inspectorate Wales (CIW) to register as the new Service Manager. Apologies this is taking so long, but the process is outside of our control. I will update you as soon as I have more information.

We've also been working hard with the LA and Governing Body to receive our new budget and begin to plan for the new financial year. As always, we would really appreciate you spending a view minutes to let us have your thoughts. Please click on this link to access the survey [Budget Planning Consultation – Fill in form](#)

## Diary Dates

- Pupils return to school on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April
- Pupils finish for half term on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May and return on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June
- INSET Day – Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June (school closed to pupils)
- Last day of school year for pupils – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July

<b>April</b>	20th	Welsh Week
	20 <sup>th</sup> -27 <sup>th</sup>	Scholastic Book Fair – books available to buy
<b>May</b>	20 <sup>th</sup>	National Numeracy Day/Maths Enrichment
<b>June</b>	5 <sup>th</sup>	Seren a Sbarc Day
	8 <sup>th</sup>	Sports Day
	17 <sup>th</sup>	'Fields of Rhythm' festival/ MOVE Celebration Day/Diversity Day
	23 <sup>d</sup>	Y6 Prom evening
<b>July</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	Pupil Progress Evening
	Across July	Going for Gold Celebration Assemblies
		Leavers' Prom
		Leavers' Assembly

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to express our sincerest congratulations to 2 of our grandparents who celebrated 60 years of marriage earlier this month. They received a message from the King and Queen...Maureen and Dorian, we salute you.

Happy Easter to our wonderful school community. We'll see you all on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April



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