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End of Half Term Letter

Dear parents and carers

At the end of a very short but very busy half term, I write with an update and to touch base before the end of the half term. I would like to start by offering my sincerest thanks to parents and carers for their continued support for the school. It was great to see so many at the PTA film night which demonstrates just how important our school community is to everyone.

We've continued our work on developing the curriculum and assessment processes in school. We have discussed at length the purpose of target setting and we are currently finalising some work to ensure this process takes a person centred approach and focusses on what matters for learners. As previously mentioned, we are also looking to enhance our use of SeeSaw so it becomes a 'Learning Journey' of the progress each pupil makes whilst in Trinity Fields School. This is exciting work!

We've also been working hard with our continued recruitment drive and since September, we have made multiple appointments within school. I've been delighted to welcome new staff to the school and we look forward to working with them. There will shortly be some additional adverts going live on the e-teach website.

At the same time, we've had chance to review the timetable and created some additional and dedicated time for our suite of interventions. I'm really excited to see how these interventions continue to impact on the lives of our pupils. These include but are not limited to:

- Physical Literacy and Sport
- Music, Drama and Expressive Arts
- Communication
- Sensory Curriculum including Touch Trust
- Nurture Provision
- Forest Schools and Outdoor learning
- Travel Training
- MOVE programme
- HI/MSI/VI provision
- Work Experience opportunities
- Digital Competence and ICT
- Positive behaviour Support
- Home Support



I'm also really pleased with the work of our various student councils. I continue to be proud and impressed with just how central our pupils are to everything we do in school. In summary, the following pupil councils have met to discuss important school issues:

- Main Student Council – Focussing on developing new school rules and reward systems
- Digital Leaders – Focussing on e-safety policy and guidance
- Eco-Schools Committee – have received yet more awards in recognition of their work and also had some case studies produced recently.
- Criw Gymraeg – Have plans to meet really soon to further improve our Welsh Language Development and experiences

Finally, the building extension continues to remain on schedule. A new car park located at the opposite side of the Rugby Pitch is also nearing completion (end of March) which will relieve significant transport pressures at the start and end of the day.

I'm also delighted to inform you that in collaboration with Caerphilly Council and Heolddu Comprehensive school, we will be opening a 3rd satellite class in September. This is yet another very exciting development for the school.

It only leaves me to wish you a very happy and safe half term break. Pupils start back to school on **Monday 19th February**.

A reminder that we have an INSET day on Monday 8th April (after Easter) where school will be closed to pupils but open for staff training.

As always, if you have any ideas, concerns or suggestions, please don't hesitate to raise them with me or any member of the leadership team.

With very best wishes



Dave Jenkins
Executive Headteacher

