



# Johnstown Primary School Ysgol Gynradd Tre Ioan

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Dear Parents/Carers,

It would be usual for me, writing the last newsletter of the school year, to say goodbye to our Year 6 pupils. We are disappointed that we have not been able to give them the usual send-off and end of term social events. For some of our pupils and families, this will be the end of a long history with the school; particularly if there have been older siblings who have also passed through the school. We have shared some wonderful memories of their time in school in a Year 6 leavers' book. This includes a song that was composed by the pupils – please see the link below:

### [Year 6 Leavers' Book](#)

As always, our Year 6 pupils take on roles and responsibilities in helping me to run the school. They are School Council leaders and good friends who encourage and develop others through their leadership roles and by being helpful – these attributes will ensure they are successful in their lives. As a result, the pupils know and appreciate how significant they are in our school as role models and we will certainly miss them. I enjoy hearing of the pupils' successes, whether it is through brothers and sisters, reading the newsletter from Queen Elizabeth High School or hearing from proud parents of what they have achieved since leaving Johnstown. Certainly, no one will ever forget their transition from Primary to Secondary school in the Summer of 2020.

Many thanks to the wonderful team of staff here who have worked so very hard since 20th March, through our emergency childcare provision, setting and providing feedback to online home learning, contacting families by phone, delivering work to homes and preparing school for our reopening on 29th June. We have to say a special thank you to Mr Malcolm Walters, our Premises Officer, whose service to the school has been exemplary – he has kept the school operational every day, has supported the school leadership and families from across Carmarthen in the Emergency Childcare Hub. It has been a wonderful team effort with the intention of every one of us to do the very best for the pupils of our community.

I would also like to thank you, as parents, for your hard work and commitment to learning over the last few months. Johnstown School has not been the same without our busy playgrounds, chatter and daily news from you all. You have all been missed very much but we are all excited and ready to start again in September.

We welcome back our Deputy Head Teacher, Mrs Laura Reynolds, from maternity leave this week. She is very happy to return to the Johnstown Community and I am sure she will see you during the Autumn Term. We also welcome back Mrs Sarah Driscoll who will be teaching Year 3.

We say a fond farewell to Year 3 Class Teacher Mr Tom Davies as he leaves the teaching profession and becomes a Manager in the Royal Mail. Tom will be missed by all the staff and pupils and we wish him the very best following seven successful years at the school. Our Art Specialist, Miss Gaby Blenkinsop, also leaves us to train as a teacher and, once again, we wish her good luck in her chosen career.

On the behalf of the school staff and Governors, we would like to thank parents and pupils for their support this year. We still have challenges ahead but, working together, we can achieve so much. I hope you have a wonderful Summer break and we look forward to seeing you in September.

Yours sincerely

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Head Teacher