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Dear Parent/Carer,

I would like to inform you of some dates of when the school will be closed between now and the end of the school year. We have received confirmation of an additional training day. **Monday April 17th will be a staff training which will therefore mean that the school will be closed for pupils.** Here are some other important dates.

Friday February 17th - school closes for the half term.
Monday February 27th - school re-opens for staff and pupils
Friday March 31st - End of term-school closes for Easter
Monday April 17th - Staff Training Day - closed for pupils
Tuesday April 18th - School re-opens for pupils
Monday May 1st - Bank Holiday
Monday May 8th - Bank Holiday
Friday May 26th - School closes for half term
Monday June 5th - School re-opens for staff and pupils
Thursday July 20th - End of term - School closes for Summer

Absence / Attendance - Pupils' attendance is always a priority not only for the school but also for the Local Authority. The Local Authority in partnership with the school will be monitoring pupil's attendance levels and contact will be made with parents/carers when attendance levels become a concern. It is vitally important that pupils attend school daily, and parents/carers are encouraged to avoid taking children out of school during term time for holidays. If your child is unwell, we ask that you contact the school on the first day of absence. **Please ensure that you notify school before 9:30am.** For all requests to take children out of school during term time, we now ask you to complete the relevant school form which is available from the school office. Requests should be presented at least a fortnight in advance.

Healthy Schools Scheme - As a school we are committed to the Local Authority's Healthy Schools scheme. This includes encouraging healthy eating and healthy lifestyle in school. For children who bring their own snacks for morning break to school, these should be healthy snacks such as fruit, yoghurt, cheese. Snacks such as chocolate, crisps should be avoided, as well as fizzy drinks, pop and energy drinks. We ask the children to bring water or fruit juice drink in a suitable water bottle or flask labelled with his/her name.

Bringing toys, teddies and other items from home to school - Please can all parents/carers ensure that the children do not bring toys, balls and other personal items and belongings from home to school unless there has been a specific request to do so from the class teacher. It can often cause disruption to the school day as items can often be lost or damaged causing distress to the child and can also take up much of the class teacher's time during the busy school day when staff are required to investigate incidents which can be avoided if such items are kept at home.

Communication - The school website (www.hooson.cymru), e-mail, Schoop, the school app, and the school's Twitter account is currently the main sources of communicating for parents/carers. Therefore, please ensure that these are regularly checked

Thank you for your continued co-operation and support.

Yours sincerely,

Rhodri Jones
Headteacher