

Dear Parents and Carers

October, 2014

We have been delighted to hear from so many of you regarding your desire to support your children at home with many different aspects of their education. With an ever increasing emphasis on pupils making clear progress in their acquisition and application of **literacy and numeracy skills**, we thought this would be an ideal avenue for teachers, parents, carers and pupils to embark on a collaborative adventure!

We would like to invite you to join us for a fun workshop-style session on **Wednesday 12th November from 5.30 to 6.30pm in Neuadd Celyn**. The title of the workshop is 'How To Help Your Child At Home' and its aim will be to 'unpack' some of the most important numeracy and literacy skills and strategies, and demonstrate how we teach them in lessons here at Cardiff High School.

The flavour of the workshop will be lively and interactive, and we are keen to assure you that it will be empowering, rather than a dry 'going back to school' approach. You will be able to try out different ways of **solving problems, using punctuation and grammar, practising spelling, calculating with numbers and constructing graphs** and, working in small supportive groups, you will be able to ask lots of questions!

We hope you will be keen to come to the 'How To Help Your Child At Home' workshop, and we are including a survey with this letter so that your response will help us make plans for even more specific support in future. Please fill in the survey and return it **either** to Mrs Esseen (Literacy) at ME@cardiffhigh.cardiff.sch.uk **or** Mr Taylor (Numeracy) at STA@cardiffhigh.cardiff.sch.uk . Alternatively, you can complete the survey during the evening of the workshop.

So that we can organise some refreshments for 12th November, we would appreciate you letting us know if you will be attending the workshop **either** by filling in the reply slip below and returning it to school, **or** by dropping Mrs Esseen or Mr Taylor a quick e-mail (see above) with numbers and names.

We look forward to seeing you!

Mrs. M. Esseen and Mr. S. Taylor

Re: How To Help Your Child At Home – Wednesday 12th November at 5.30 pm

Name (s) of parent (s) or carer (s) attending:

Name of child: _____

Child's Form: _____

HOW TO HELP YOUR CHILD AT HOME SURVEY

- 1 How confident do you feel about supporting your child with
 - Maths homework (Very Quite Not really)
 - English homework (Very Quite Not really)

- 2 Which of the following after school workshops would you prefer to attend in future (please tick)
 - a) Numeracy activities only
 - b) Literacy activities only
 - c) Numeracy activities for half the time followed by Literacy activities

- 3 We can offer workshops / masterclasses on any of the following aspects of literacy and numeracy. Please tick any that you would be interested in attending:
 - Tips on punctuation
 - Grammar guides
 - Easy to remember spelling tips
 - Ways in to addition, subtraction, multiplication and division
 - All about graphs
 - Finding your way around area and volume
 - Getting to grips with algebra

- 4 Would you appreciate being given access to any of the following (please tick)
 - Recommended reading lists
 - Worksheets used in classes
 - Helpful websites
 - Study guides
 - Audio-visual demonstrations