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Dear Parents

I would like to take this early opportunity to share the news that I will formally retire at the end of the Spring Term 2018.

This has not been an easy decision but, after reaching the grand old age of 60, I feel it is time for me to step down.

Sir Alexander Fleming Primary School, the staff, children and families have been at the very centre of my life for the last 12 years, and my priority has always been to improve outcomes for our children here on Sutton Hill.

I am extremely proud of everything this wonderful school has achieved through the sheer commitment, dedication and determination of an amazing team of professionals, which it has been my privilege to lead and manage.

I have many months left and please be assured that it will be 'business as usual' - I look forward to our continued working partnership.

School Visits: I am aware there are a growing number of planned visits across the school and will remind you all to take advantage of our payment system to help spread the costs. If any parent has any queries/ concerns I will be happy to meet and discuss these with you.

European Languages Day: Tuesday 26 September: As the school will be getting involved in this event, Mrs Jones is swapping the lunch menus around on Monday 25 September/ Tuesday 26 September. On Monday, it will be burgers/ hotdogs (and the usual range of choices for the children) and on Tuesday she is planning to have an 'Italian' based menu which will include pasta, pizza, lasagne and panacotta desserts. ('Grazie' Mrs Jones)

Social Media Comments: After reading some disgraceful and quite shameful comments regarding the school and staff, posted by a small number of parents, I have now shared all comments with the Police and taken advice regarding the offensive nature of the language used on this public forum.

I would draw all parents' attention to the article which appeared in the Shropshire Star last weekend and I have included it on the reverse of this letter for your information and consideration.

Our school has always advocated an open door policy, and we make ourselves available to discuss any concerns in a mature and professional manner, it is a great shame that the adults involved could not do the same.

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Shropshire Star Article 5 September 2017

The headteacher of Ysgol y Waun in Chirk has warned that he will take “appropriate legal action” should more negative or derogatory comments be posted online.

Parents at the school have been sent letters from headteacher John Roberts saying there have been negative comments about the school or staff posted on Facebook and other social networking sites.

Mr Roberts has asked parents to refrain from posting malicious or derogatory comments and has warned that if it continues he will liaise with Wrexham Council’s solicitors so that appropriate legal action can be taken.

The letter which has itself been posted on Facebook by some of the recipients, asks parents to reply to acknowledge its receipt.

In it Mr Roberts says that a ‘very small’ number of parents or carers from school have been posting negative comments about the school and/or staff on social networking sites.

“It is a source of great concern to all staff and the governing body because the school truly has an open door policy,” he says.

“Writing a letter of this nature is most disappointing but it has been necessary for me to do so to safeguard pupils, responsible parents, the staff and the school.

“When any derogatory or malicious comments about the school are posted on websites by parents this will be reported to me. I will liaise with the county council’s solicitors so that appropriate legal action can be taken.”

