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Respect, respond, be brave, rejoice!  
Pardwch, ymatebwch, byddwch ddwr, llawenhewch!

## Newsletter/Cylchlythyr

### Friday 17th November 2023

### Dydd Gwener 27 Tachwedd 2023

Dear Parent/Guardian/Annwyl Rieni/Gwarchodwyr,

### Headteacher's Update

I'm glad you all had a lovely half term the children have been telling us all about their holiday adventures with Trick and Treating and Bonfire Night. It seems so long ago now.

The children have returned to school ready for a busy half term. Practises are well under way for the Christmas performance and tickets have been selling fast. The PTA contributed to the purchase of the new staging so thank you it looks fabulous.

On 14<sup>th</sup> November all children had a session on Mindfulness with LouNur which they all enjoyed. She was developing strategies of relaxation and self-esteem affirmations. In the Spring Term she will develop this further.

There is lots of information listed below. To keep up to date please keep following twitter and facebook.

The new website design is looking good. We are just trying to iron out the last few glitches and then that will keep you updated too.

### Parents Questionnaire

In September I sent you out a parent's questionnaire and it was exceptionally positive so thank you for your support. I intend to address the 'negative' and 'don't know' responses on the newsletter to keep you informed.

I believe the school deals with bullying	13	Don't know 6
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Fortunately we have very few bullying incidents in school and unless your child is directly affected you may not be aware of the procedures in place.

- School has an anti bullying policy that sets out clear expectations.
- School has a behaviour policy that all staff and children work through together.



- Jigsaw lessons in school cover sensitive issues such as bullying
- PC Mc Manus covers topics such as bullying with each year group
- Children have sessions about online behaviour and bullying in their Health and Wellbeing sessions
- School collective worship focus on the Christian Values of Friendship
- Please remember if you believe your child to be upset about any aspect of school to speak to their class teacher

The policies listed above are available on request from the school office and will be published on the website once it's up and running.

Many thanks,

Mrs O'Neill

## Reflective Space

We are trying to create a reflective space for the children. We have had some lovely statues and wind chimes donated for our reflective space. **If any one would like to donate any scented bushes such as lavender, lilac, honeysuckle they will be greatly received. We also need some outdoor paint for the wooden benches.**

## Christmas Concerts – Lights, Camel, Action!

All pupils will be taking part in the Christmas Concerts on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 6.00pm and Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 1.30pm and 6.00pm. Tickets are available on School Gateway. 2 tickets per performance per family, initially. Any remaining tickets will then go on general release, on a first come, first served basis on 27<sup>th</sup> November. Please check the additional information box on the payment request to see how many tickets are available before making payment. This will be updated daily.

## Christmas Hamper Raffle – 'Own Clothes' Day Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November will be an 'own clothes' day in exchange of an item for the Christmas Hamper Raffle such as bottles of wine, chocolates, non- perishable goods and gifts. Raffle Tickets have been sent home for you to please sell at the cost of £1.00 per number. More tickets are available from the school office. For every full sheet of tickets sold we will add your child's name to a separate children's raffle, so the more you sell the more chance they have of winning.

This year, we also have two family passes for the Winter Wonderland at Bolesworth to raffle.

The raffle will be drawn at school on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December. Winners will be notified by text or a telephone call.

## PTA

## PTA & St Michael's Church Christmas Fair – Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 1pm to 3pm

The Christmas Fair is on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December at St Michael's Church. Lots of stalls and fun activities are planned. They are hoping to have a pre-loved **Christmas Jumper** Stall. If your child has out grown their barely worn jumpers, please can you donate them for the stall. There will also be a stall of the children's craft that they have made at school. Any donations please for the bottle stall (alcohol, pop, bubble bath,



shower gel etc and cakes for the cake stall would be very welcome. Many thanks for your support. Please come along and join in the festive fun.

## Caerwys Christmas Advent Countdown Fund Raiser

Local resident and parent, Kate Lloyd-Jones has created beautiful stained glass windows for each day of advent to brighten up the dark evenings and bring a little magic to your Christmas countdown! These can be seen opposite Church Walk. Please go along each day and if you can make a donation to the church and school. <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/CaerwysAdventCountdown2023>.

## Children in Need

Thank you to everyone who supported Children in Need today by wearing something spotty and bringing in pennies to decorate Pudsey. We will let you know the total amount next week.

## Attendance

If your child is unable to attend school due to illness, make sure the school office is informed at the earliest opportunity. Children do suffer from coughs and colds, however unless they are running a temperature they can still come into school. Children need to remain at home for 48 hours after the last episode of a tummy bug! Late marks will be given to children where they have not arrived before registration. Please remember in an effort to maintain Welsh Government attendance recommendations any holiday requests must be submitted to the office for approval.

Our attendance for this term so far is 92.2%

## Parent/Guardian Contact Information – Adverse Weather

In the event of adverse weather, we will always do our best to open. However, we are obliged to consider and must ensure the safety of pupil, staff and parents. If road conditions are unsafe and staff are not able to get in then we will have no alternative other than to close. The decision is made as soon as possible in the morning, but does depend on the amount of snow and road conditions where staff live.

If the decision is made to close you will be notified by text message on School Gateway and by email as soon as possible. If you have problems receiving text messages then please use email as the first point of contact if it snows. The information will also be put on the Flintshire School Closure Website. If you do not hear from us, then please assume school is open.

Should the weather deteriorate during the school day and we have to close early, it is vital that we have the correct contact details for you and an additional emergency contact, perhaps a friend/neighbour preferably local to school who can collect your child on your behalf. It will need to be someone who can collect children within an hour. Please help us by keeping us informed of any change of mobile number/email address and advise us of an additional emergency contact if this applies to you.

## Tuck Shop for Years 3 to 6

A healthy snack will be available each day for pupils in years 3 to 6 for the cost of 20p.

Please note that the office is not staffed full time. Mrs Tandy works from 8am – 1pm. If it is urgent please leave a phone message as we will not pick up School Gateway until after school or the next day.



## PE

Wednesday afternoon for Reception and Year 1.

Year 2-6 have PE every Thursday with Aura sport please ensure the children come to school in their PE kit with the appropriate footwear.

## Dates for the Diary – (may be subject to change)

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November – ‘Own Clothes’ Day in exchange of an item for the Christmas Hamper Raffle

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December – Christmas Fayre

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Play Evening Performance at 6pm

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Play Afternoon 1.30pm and 6pm Evening Performances

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December – Panto at Theatr Clwyd 1.30pm

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December – Christmas Carol Service at St Michael’s Church time to be confirmed but hopefully 1.30pm

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December – Christmas Party – Newydd will be providing the party food for lunch **(Reception to Year 4 are free as usual. Year 5 & 6 will need to pay £2.50 on School Gateway in the usual way).**

## Residential Dates

Year 3 – Trip to Kingswood Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2024

Year 4 & 5 – Trip to Plas Menai – 19<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> June 2023

Year 6 – Trip to London – Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July – Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2024

## School Lunches

Week commencing 20.11.23- Week 3 – Free for pupils in Reception to Year 4. Year 5 & 6 need to pay £2.50 per day on School Gateway in advance for the coming week. No school meal will be permitted if the dinner debt exceeds one weeks dinners, £12.50.

## Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club will be open from 8.00am to 8.15am for those who pay £1.50 per day, £7.50 per week, payable on School Gateway. **Please pay in advance and state clearly the day the payment is for.** The FREE Breakfast Club runs from 8.16am. Doors close at 8.30am. **Please remember children are not permitted to bring their own food to Breakfast Club.**

## Wrap Around Care

CBB runs wrap around care from 11.30am to 3.00pm for children 2.5 years old up to Nursery age. It also runs an after school club until 6.00pm. This is a new secure unit that provides safe, enjoyable care during the working week. Any correspondence or contact needs to be made directly to Holly either by email or mobile. 07748 464833. Email [clwbbwthynbach@gmail.com](mailto:clwbbwthynbach@gmail.com).



## Team Dates for 2023/24

Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December	School closes for Christmas
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> January	School opens for children
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	School closes for half-term
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February	School opens for children
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	School closes for Easter
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> April	School opens for children
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	May Bank Holiday
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	School closes for half term
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	School opens for children
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	School closes for summer
<b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024</b> <b>Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2024</b> <b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2024</b> <b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2024</b>	<b>Training Days (School closed to pupils)</b>

Kind Regards

**Mrs O'Neill**

**Acting Headteacher**

