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Friday 7th December 2018

Foundation Phase Christmas Celebrations

The Foundation Phase Christmas Celebrations will take place as follows:

9:45am 11th December - very limited availability

1:45pm 11th December - limited availability

9:45am 12th December - limited availability



Tickets are available from Mrs Jones at the cost of £2.50 each. Please send the money in an envelope clearly stating your child's name and which performance. Tickets are limited to 2 per family due to lack of space in the hall. Each performance is exactly the same. NO PUSHCHAIRS or PRAMS in the hall due to fire regulations. Admission is by ticket only.

Key Stage 2 Christmas Liturgy

The Key Stage 2 Christmas Liturgy will take place in St. Helen's Church at 6pm on Thursday 13th December 2017.

Please ensure your child arrives at the Church on **Thursday** evening dressed ready for the Liturgy at 5.30pm (Year 3) & 5.45pm (Years 4 to 6). All family and friends are welcome. There will be a bucket collection for the S.V.P. at the end.

Nursery Christmas Celebration

The Nursery Christmas Celebrations on Friday will take place on **Friday 14th December** at following time:

10:45am Morning Nursery

2:30pm Afternoon Nursery

Tickets are available from Mrs Brookes at the cost of £2.00 each which will include a tea or coffee at the end of the performance.

Please send the money in an envelope clearly stating your child's name.

Tickets are limited to 2 per family due to lack of space.



Mobile Phones - Polite Reminder

We do not encourage our pupils to bring a mobile to school with them.

Please note that if they are brought in to school they will be kept in the office @ KS2 and handed back at the end of the day.



Pantomime @ The Memorial Hall: 19th December 2018

We need final numbers for the Pantomime by Wednesday 12th December. If you have not yet paid for this but would like your child to attend, please ensure you pay on ParentPay or send the cash in with your child. £7 per ticket.

Please note this optional as we are aware that some families take their children to see this Pantomime themselves. Your child will remain in school and be supervised if they are not attending the Pantomime.



The Big Wrap 2018

This Advent, children in Foundation Phase will be supporting the Big Wrap, a campaign to provide gifts to disadvantaged children in the local area who are at risk of receiving nothing or very little this Christmas. Each child will have received a letter this week with this year's wish list. If you would like to donate a gift then please send your donations into school by **Wednesday 12th December**.



CHRISTMAS JINGLE BELLS DISCO



Foundation Phase - Monday 10th December

Reception, Years 1 & 2 - 4:30 - 6:30pm

Tickets £4 (includes a hot dog, Christmas choc & drink).

Please pay on the door @ FPH

KS2 Phase - Tuesday 11th December 5 -7pm

Tickets £4.00 (includes a hot dog, Christmas choc & drink).

Tickets available from Mrs Champ in KS2 office.

Tuck Shop will be open @ KS2 site

New telephone number for School (both sites) :01446 700034



Class Attendance week ending 30th November 2018

Dosbarth Derbyn	82.7%
Dosbarth Melyn	90.9%
Dosbarth Oren	84.2%
Dosbarth Gwyrdd	95.2%
Dosbarth St. David's	96.5%
Dosbarth Tregaron	92.6%
Dosbarth Harlech	92.3%
Dosbarth Efail Isaf	93.2%
Dosbarth Lampeter	94.5%
Dosbarth Ewenny	99.0%
Dosbarth Narberth	95.5%



Congratulations to Dosbarth Gwyrdd & Dosbarth Ewenny!

Ten minutes extra play for all of you!

Key Stage 2 After School Clubs w/c 3rd December 2018

- Monday: No Clubs
- Tuesday: No Clubs
- Wednesday: No Clubs
- Thursday: No Clubs
- Friday: No Clubs

School Clubs Timetable



After School Clubs will resume after the Christmas Break.

Ymadrodd yr Wythnos / Phrase of the Week

Every week we will be focusing on a Welsh Phrase of the Week. Please encourage your child to use this phrase.

Beth wyt ti'n feddwl o [noun/verb/person/book etc]?

What do you think of [noun/verb/person/book etc]?



Foundation Phase Showcase

Parents/Carers are invited to attend our Foundation Phase Showcase afternoon at 2.30pm on Monday 17th December. The children will share their learning with you in their classrooms. We look forward to celebrating the end of our topics with you.



Christmas Fayre 3:30pm-5pm Friday 7th December 2018

Don't forget to come our annual Christmas Fayre which will be held at the Key Stage 2 site (Tynewydd Road) later on today(Friday 7th December). See you later! **Late Donations Welcome!**

Advent Boxes in KS2

This Advent, each class in KS2 will be collecting an 'Advent Box' for a different organisation. The idea is that each child will bring in at least one item (they can bring more if they wish!) to place in the Advent box on their designated day. Each child will have brought home a letter this week explaining which organisation their class is collecting for, a list of suggested donations and the date of their designated day. Please help us make a small difference this Christmas by brightening someone's day with a little gift.

The organisations we will be supporting are:

- Helping Others Around the Globe (Homeless Charity) **Tregaron**
- Llandough Hospital (Dementia Care) **Lampeter**
- Bella Vista Nursing Home **Narberth**
- Rondell House Day Care Centre **Ewenny**
- Children's Hospital of Wales **Harlech**
- Vale Foodbank **Efail Isaf**
- O'Sheas Chip Shop Christmas Day Appeal **St. Davids**



Thank you for supporting us in helping others.

Advent boxes

Lampeter are donating to Llandough hospital. Donations of: boxes of tissues, biscuits, soft chocolates, flannels, towels, soaps, etc.

Efail Isaf are donating to the food bank. Donations of tinned and packet food would be welcome.

Year 6 WW2 Experience - Wednesday 19th December (pm)

Parents welcome to come along and find out about the fantastic learning that we have completed this term.

Could the children bring their Evacuee/ WW2 costumes in a carrier bag as we will be at the panto in the morning?



Start the Christmas Holiday with a Festive Treat @ Techniquet.

Join us on Friday 21st December from 3pm where you can explore our two floors of exhibits, enjoy a warm spiced apple juice and a mince pie before settling into our Science Theatre for a screening of family favourite — ELF!

Ticket Type	With donation*	Without donation
Per person	£9.40 + 66p booking fee	£8.50 + 60p booking fee

Tickets are limited & not available on the door, pre book online

<https://www.seetickets.com/event/festive-cinema-elf/techniquet-cardiff/1291870>



Dosbarth Derbyn (Reception) Parents:

Please can Reception boys remember to bring in a plain t-shirt to wear underneath their costumes for the Christmas celebration.

Foundation Christmas Celebrations

As stated in last weeks newsletter a polite reminder to please bring any additional clothing requested for the concert e.g. white tights & vests etc, by Monday 10th Dec ready for our final dress rehearsal.

Christmas Cards

This year we are asking you to support our decision to ask the pupils to bring just one Christmas Card for their class and instead make a donation to the class fund for a CAFOD World Gift. Everyone's participation in this alternative to sending everyone Christmas Cards will support both the work of our Mission Ministry but also our Environment and Sustainability Ministry.



Family Information Service - Free Christmas Party!

Vale FIS would like to invite you to join the fun at the Christmas Party: 11th December 1-5.30pm @ The Memo Art's Centre, Barry

1-3pm - Preschool/babies & their parent/carer

3.30-5.30pm - School aged children & their parent/carer

There will be a range of activities, crafts & games. For further info, please contact Kelly Hughes 01446 704704



Great Exhibition

A huge thank you to all family members who were able to attend the Great exhibition event last Friday. I am sure that you would agree that the children presented their work fantastically. It was a pleasure to hear the children talk enthusiastically about their learning from the topic of Revolution. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day: 20th December

Lunch will need to be ordered in advance and not on the day, so we will need final numbers by Monday 10th Dec to allow cook to order the correct amount of food.

Christmas Lunch costs £2.25 just like any other day. Payment can be made on PARENTPAY ONLY looking for the 'School Meal Payments'. If your child is usually free school meals, their entitlement will stand just like a normal day. Don't forget to start collecting decorations for the KS2 children to decorate their tables.

Live Nativity @ St. Mary's Church

The children will be watching the Live Nativity at St. Mary's Church on 13th (FPh) and 14th (KS2) December. The Nativity starts at 10.30am and lasts for approximately 30 minutes.

If you are available to help with walking the children to St. Mary's Church on either (or both) of those mornings, all help will be greatly appreciated.



Diary Dates

- 10/12: FPh Christmas Disco, 4:30-6:30pm **Can you help?**
- 11/12: KS2 Christmas Disco, 5-7pm **Can you help?**
- 11/12: FPh 'Angel Express' Christmas Concert, 9:45am & 1:30pm
- 12/12: FPh 'Angel Express' Christmas Concert, 9:45am
- 12/12: Christmas Liturgy @ St. Helen's Church, 1:30-3pm
- 13/12: Christmas Liturgy @ St. Helen's Church, 6-7pm
- 13/12: Foundation Phase attending Live Nativity @ St. Mary's Church
- 14/12: KS2 attending Live Nativity @ St. Mary's Church
- 14/12: Nursery Christmas Concert 10:45am & 2:30pm
- 19/12: Billboard Pantomime @ Memo
- 20/12: Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumper Day
- 21/12: Last day of term
- 7/1: INSET DAY



Tuesday 8th January 2019: First day of Spring Term

- 10/1: Google Classroom Drop-in Workshop for KS2 Parents, 9am-10am & 3:30pm-4:30pm
- 7-14/5: National Testing Period
- 17-28/6: Year 4 Swimming Lessons @ Cardiff International Pool
- 24-28/6: Year 5 Residential Visit to Llangrannog