

# Bryn Offa Newsletter

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## **Parents Evening**

Next week we will be attempting our first ever parents evening by telephone and we want to make sure it is successful. We have tried out the system at school and did come across a few things that could cause problems if you have given a mobile number as the contact. As we are using software to make the calls, the number will appear on your phone as a private number. If your phone is set to block private numbers, it will block the call and it will be missed. The best way to check this is to make a call to your own phone, but to withhold the number to see if the call goes through. You can do this by calling your phone via a landline using 1471 before the number, or from another mobile using 141 in front of the number. This will allow you to find out if your phone will accept or block a private number. If it blocks the number, you must turn off this setting in order to be able to accept the call from us. I would be grateful if you could check this prior to your parents evening appointment to avoid any problems with the call being blocked.

## **Extra layers**

There are a number of things we have chosen to do ourselves to keep the children safe, but there are also guidelines we have to follow that have been given to us by the government. One of the things we have to do in school is to have all the windows open to ensure the rooms have a high airflow in them. This has very good scientific basis in that it dilutes the volume of air in the room and so dilutes any possible airborne virus in the room. However, it does mean that the classrooms in school are colder than normal and as we move into winter they will become even colder despite the heating being on maximum. The last thing we want is for the children to be uncomfortable in class so they need to make sure they have appropriate clothing to keep them warm. This may mean an extra t-shirt or vest, an extra top or fleece or even an extra hat for when it gets really cold. It is not ideal to wear coats inside as they can be very bulky and the children need something extra to put on when they go outside.

## **Christmas Art Project for Schools**



The Christmas art work created by the children will be coming home to parents next week with details of how to order. Please keep an eye out for this.

## **Next week**

Tuesday during school – Guitar lessons (pm)  
Tuesday evening – Parents Evening phone call appointments  
Wednesday evening – Parents Evening phone call appointments  
Thursday during school – Class 1 Forest School session (pm)

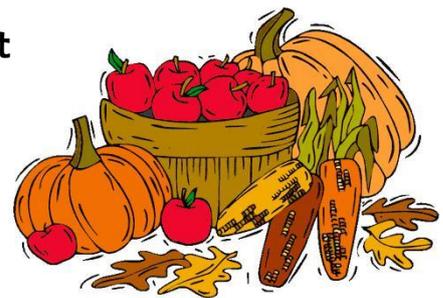
Please remember to check the class blogs and class homepages on our website regularly for class updates and photographs!

## Harvest donations

We would like to say a huge thank you to you all for the donations we have received this week for the Oswestry Food Bank. We have been absolutely overwhelmed by your generosity and kindness. These donations are going to make a big difference to people and families in Oswestry and the surrounding areas. Thank you so much!



**H**arvest is almost here  
**A**t a park, trees are bare  
**R**ead combine harvesters will come and cut the wheat  
**V**ery many people gather to celebrate Harvest  
**E**very person enjoys Harvest  
**S**electing the vegetables from the farmers  
**T**hank God for our food at Harvest time



(Hector Owen, Class 3)



## Stars of the Week



**Bethany Hill** for writing a fabulous list of what a baby needs, using her phonics knowledge brilliantly with very neat handwriting. Simply amazing! Well done Bethany!

**Paisley Davies** for producing some fabulous writing in the Class 1 phonics lesson this week. Paisley was super quick and used her phonics knowledge brilliantly! Well done Paisley!

**Sophie Ahlberg** for being a pleasure to have in Class 2! Sophie has a great attitude to learning and always has a huge smile on her face. Well done Sophie!

**Thomas Allen** for working his socks off since starting in Class 2! Thomas has a fantastic attitude to learning and tries his best in everything he does. Well done Thomas!

**Henry Owen** for working really hard in all of his subjects! Henry shows great perseverance and is always keen to know his next steps. Keep it up Henry, well done!

**Freddie Woodcock** for being an absolute super star! Freddie is conscientious, caring and great fun. He has a wonderful sense of humour and makes Class 3 laugh all of the time. His work is beautifully presented and he always tries his best. Well done Freddie!

**Esme Jones** for being a fantastic member of Class 3! Esme is working really hard on her handwriting and is doing brilliantly in Maths. She always wants to do her best and is very kind and helpful to her friends. Well done Esme!

**Drew Edwards** for being such an enthusiastic member of Class 4! Drew always tries his best and is working with increased independence particularly in the afternoons. Well done Drew!

**Emily Borthwick** for consistently trying her best and for working with increased independence! Emily is making Miss Hyde very proud. Keep up the hard work, well done Emily!

**Jack Humphreys** for approaching everything in Class 5 with real enthusiasm! Jack is both driven and passionate towards his learning. On top of all this, his 'guruing' skills are superb. Well done Jack!

**Olivia Lambert** for producing some exceptional writing this week! Olivia always thinks and takes her time to produce incredibly detailed and descriptive pieces of work. Keep up the amazing effort. Well done Olivia!

**The whole of Class 5** for impressing Mrs Hartland with their exceptional artwork this week! The tessellations they have produced linked to M C Esher have been both accurate and creative. Well done Class 5!